

Genealogy...Square One

What you'll want to know to get yourself started

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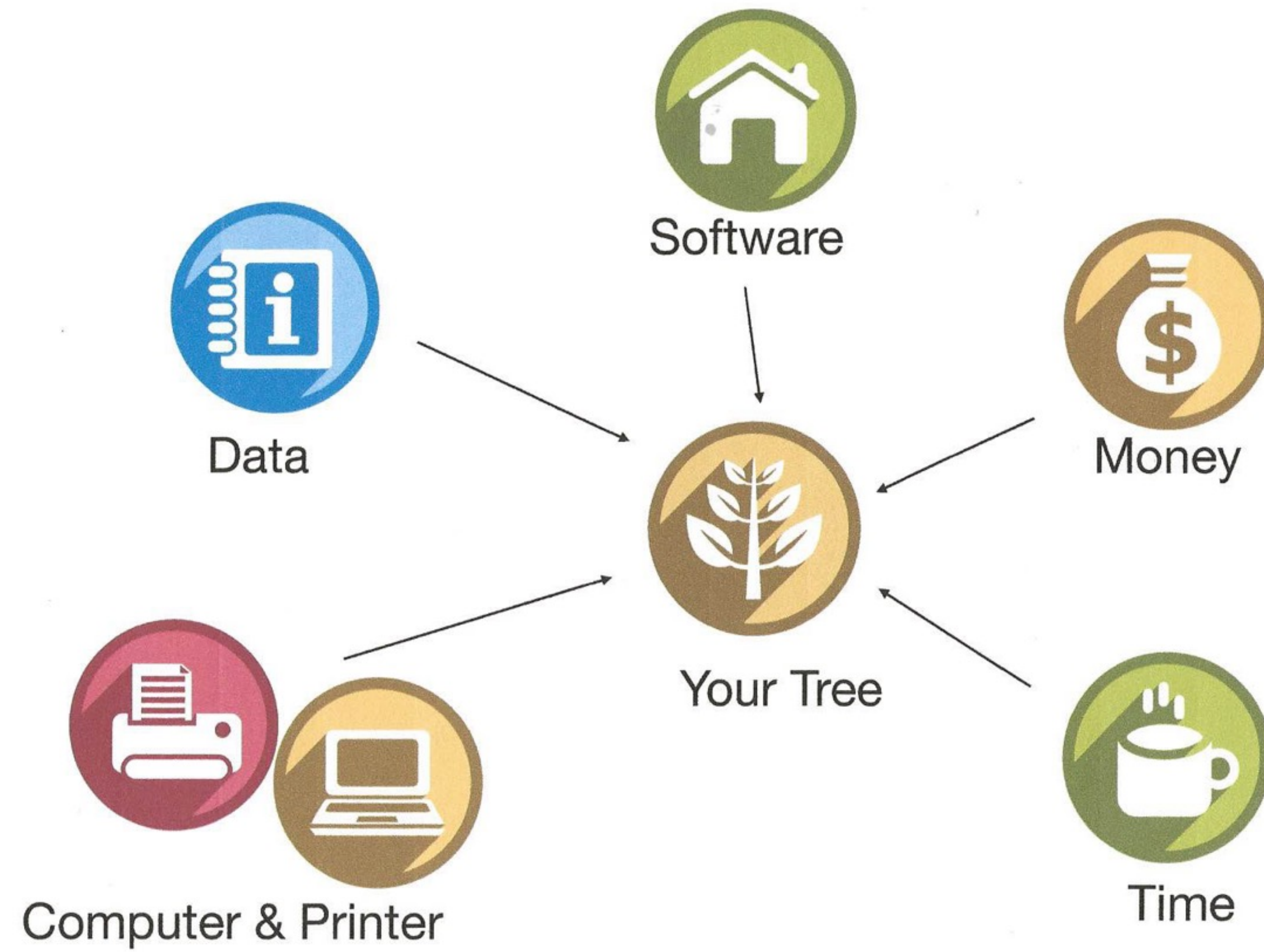
...but first a little history...

if you weren't interested in history... then why in genealogy ?

- Wikipedia calls genealogy “the making of a pedigree”
- First tree by Louis III Duke of Württemberg (ruled 1568-1598)
- PAF by Mormons in 1983 for \$35, DOS based
- Grown to a \$5.4B/yr industry
- DNA first introduced to general public in 2005 by NatGeo & IBM
- Dozens of DNA test sites..hereditary diseases, crime solver, genealogy

probably outcompeted their predecessors, gradually pre-empting the food supply. Within a few thousand years the Neanderthals had dwindled and vanished, leaving no living trace behind.





Genealogical Software

Runs on either Windows & Mac unless noted

- MacKiev FamilyTree Maker 2017 \$80-\$100..best overall..expensive
- Roots Magic 9 \$15 on Amazon.. most popular among genealogists
- Family Tree Heritage 16 \$48 on Amazon..top choice by BuyersGuide
- Legacy 9 \$40-\$100 Win onl..Best set of reports & charts
- My Heritage Family Tree Builder...best free
- FamilySearch free..limited to one tree..offered by Mormon Church

What kind of computer?

and a printer is helpful too

- Most software runs on either Windows PCs or Mac
- Laptop better than a desktop
- Used refurbished MacBook and Windows machines available for residents
- Windows PCs are the most popular, MacBooks less so

So where will my data come from ?

...this is where it gets expensive

- Maybe you have living relatives. Family Bible? Photo Albums?
- Maybe somebody has created a typewritten tree
- Ancestry has 30B records..Best choice but most expensive..DNA too
- FamilySearch has 18B records
- Newspapers dot com has 25K newspapers 1700s-2000s \$8 to \$20/mo
- Library of Congress
- Internet archive.org 839B web pages Free
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