

GED MATCH: What? Why? How? Then What?

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What?

Ged Match is a third party tool that allows you to analyze your DNA results and collaborate with others. It compares autosomal only, not Y or mitochondrial. It is a free site although they appreciate donations.

Why?

1. You may locate cousins who have not tested through the same company you did.
2. Often there is an email provided to contact others, which makes for quicker communication!
3. Additional matches not identified by your company due to algorithms or limits set by the company.
4. Additional tools to look more closely at your DNA by chromosome segment size.

How? <http://v2.gedmatch.com>

1. Access the website listed above. A page will pop up to Log In or Register. Registration requires name, email, and password.
2. Download the raw data file from the company you used for DNA and save it as a zip file. (The companies that are compatible are Family Tree/FDTNA, Ancestry, We Gene, and 23&Me. How to do this is on the company site.)
3. Upload to Gedmatch (will share a bit more about this in a moment)
4. Write down your Kit#

Want to Know More About How? Particularly the upload process??

Scroll down. You will see four major areas as follows

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Information

Your Log-in Profile

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File Uploads

Raw DNA file Uploads

Click for detailed upload

Instructions for each DNA

Company

Genealogy Family Trees

GEDCOM upload, this

contains your database

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Learn More

Using GED match,

Forums, Wiki, FAQ

DNA for Dummies

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Analyze Your Data

Choose from options. First one is One to Many, enter your Kit#,

Click on display results. Chart will pop up with the following column headings...

| KitNbr | Type | List | Select | Sex | GED/WikiTree | Haplogroup | Autosomal | X-DNA | Name/Alias | Email | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Mt | Y | Details | Total cM | Largest cM | Gen | Details | Total cM | Largest cM | | |