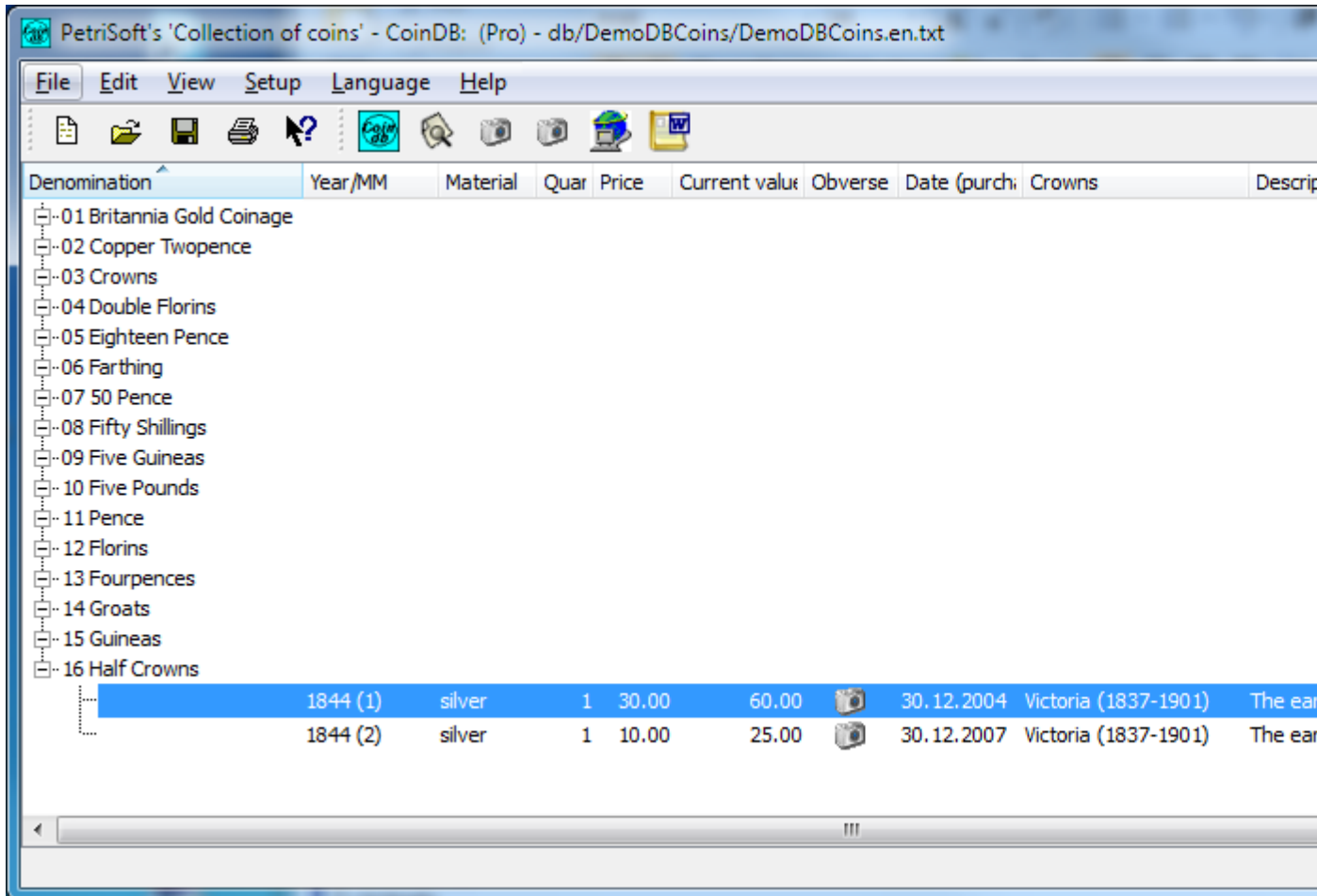


## Getting started with CoinDB (Collection of Coins- and banknotes) - A program from PetriSoft



Figur 1 Starting CoinDB for the first time

### Short about CoinDB:

**CoinDB** is a Windows (98/NT/2000/Me/XP/Vista/Win7) program which can be used to archive/register one or more collection of **coins**, **banknotes** and **stamps**..

A lot of metadata information about a coin, banknote or stamp can be saved along with obverse- and reverse- pictures of the items, a description, external documentation, web-links and a lot more.

CoinDB is available in 3 different versions:

**CoinDB Std (Free)** is freeware software and can be used to evaluate most of the facilities of the software. A limit of 25 records exists in this free version.

**CoinDB Std** (license required) is typically used by the private user. Max 15 user defined coin or banknote types and 15 groups of "crowns" can be defined - no limits in the number of records you can save.

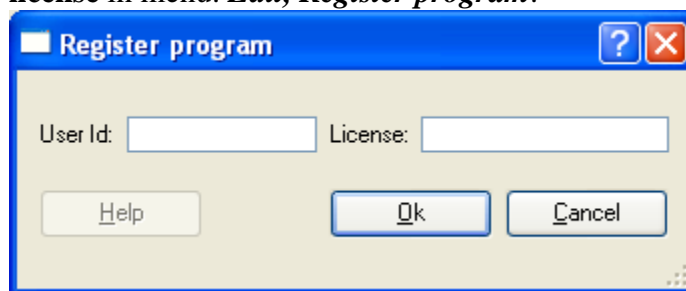
**CoinDB Pro** (license required) is for the “professional” collector with high demands of freedom to customize groups of coins etc.

In this version there is support for XML output and no limits at all !!.

Tip: Fields can be renamed freely by the user.

### Creating your own collection register – step by step:

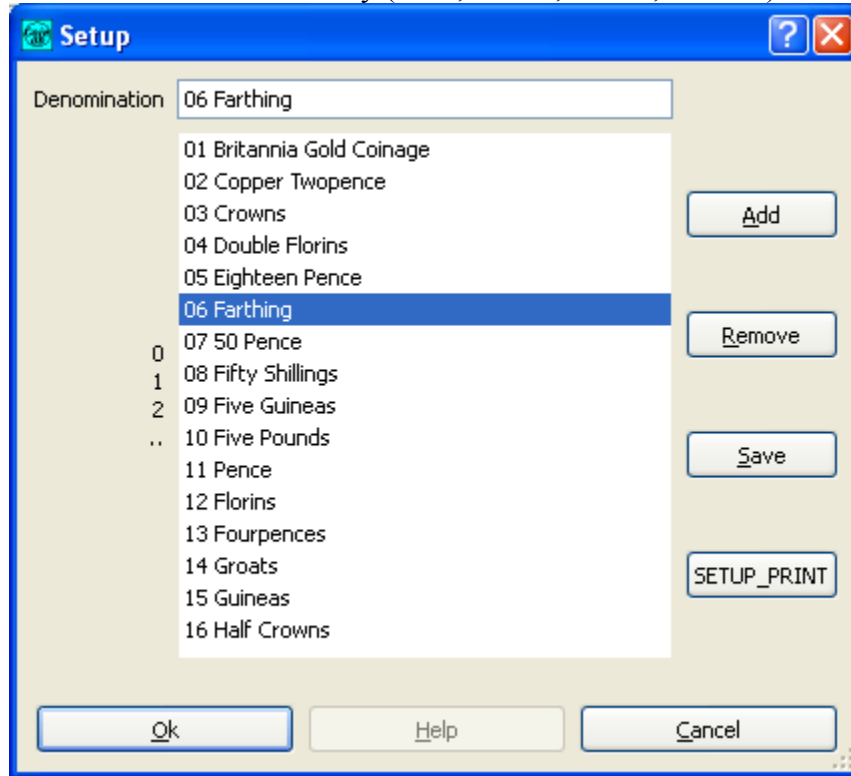
1. If you have not already installed CoinDB - Download the program here: <http://www.petrisoft.dk/Download/download.html> (select the english ikon ☺ )
2. Unzip the CoinDB.zip file and run setup.exe.
3. When CoinDB have been installed you can start the program from Windows: **Start, Programs, PetriSoft, CoinDB** (or from the CoinDB icon on the DeskTop)
4. If the User interface is shown with Danish language – select menu “**Sprog**”, **Engelsk (en)**” and restart the program.
5. The CoinDB program should start-up with English menu a small demodata base with a couple og british coins (see picture 1).
6. Start the program and if you bought a license enter User **Id** and **license** in menu: **Edit, Register program**.



Figur 2 Register CoinDB

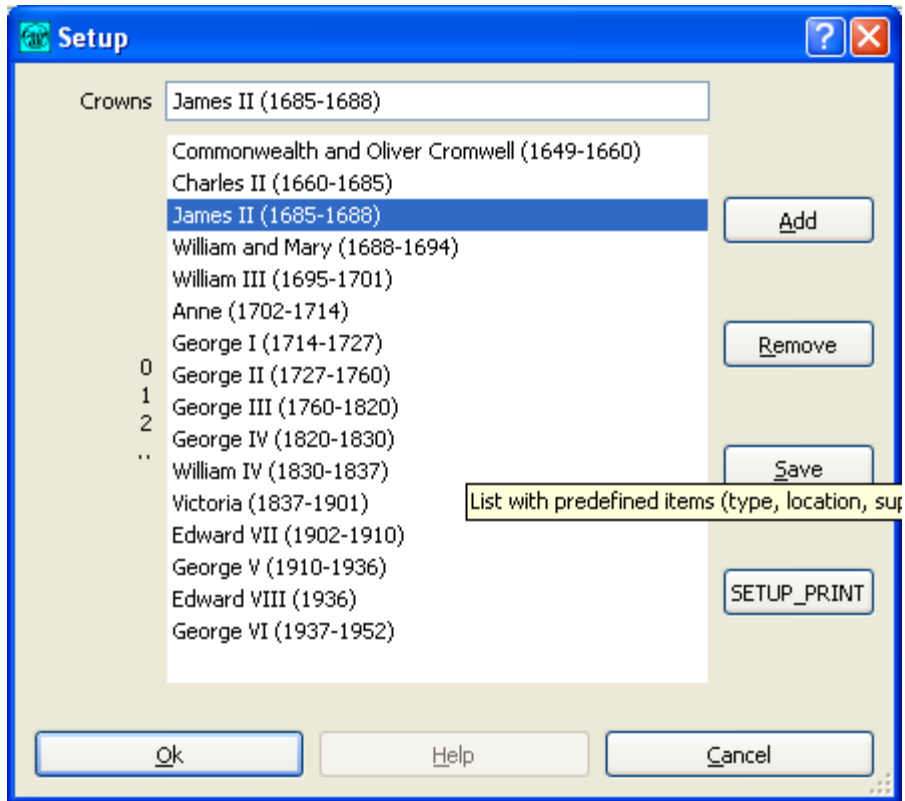
7. The program is now ready and you can start making your own database. The program shows from start a demo database. You can investigate the features playing with this or you could make your own from scratch.

8. Setup groups: The step to make your own setup of your database you should start making your own groups - simply select '*Setup, Denomination...*'. This enables you to create, change or delete in the list of existing groups (remember to select *Save*). Note: the example below show a danish collection. For other country it would be other values and currency (Euro, Dollar, Pound, cents...)

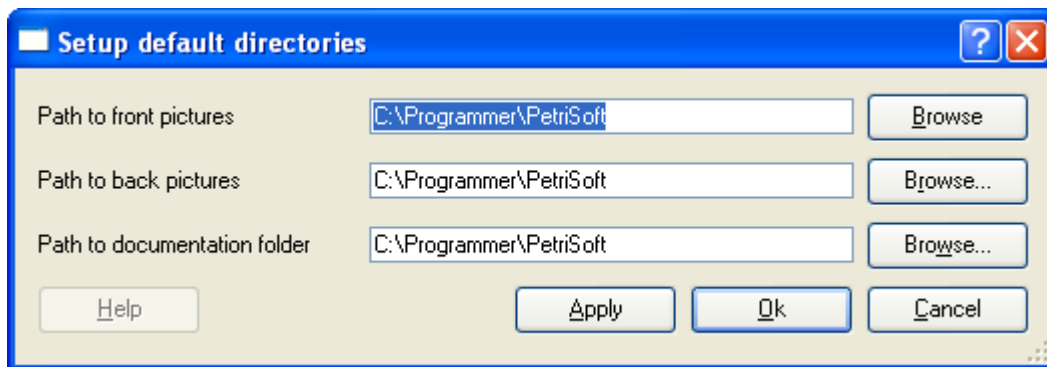


Figur 3 Setup groups in CoinDB

9. Setup locations: Select Setup, **Crowns** enables you to create, change or delete in the list of predefined kings (remember to select *Save*).



10. Setup default folders: Select **Setup, Default folders...**, this enables you to define the default start-up folders for placing front and backside pictures, and documents describing your collections. **Tip:** Make a sub folder **Pictures and Documentation** direct under the folder where you want to store you collection database(s)



11. Restart CoinDB program: **File, Exit**. When CoinDB is restarted with your current setup you can next create your own database.

12. Select **File, New register**

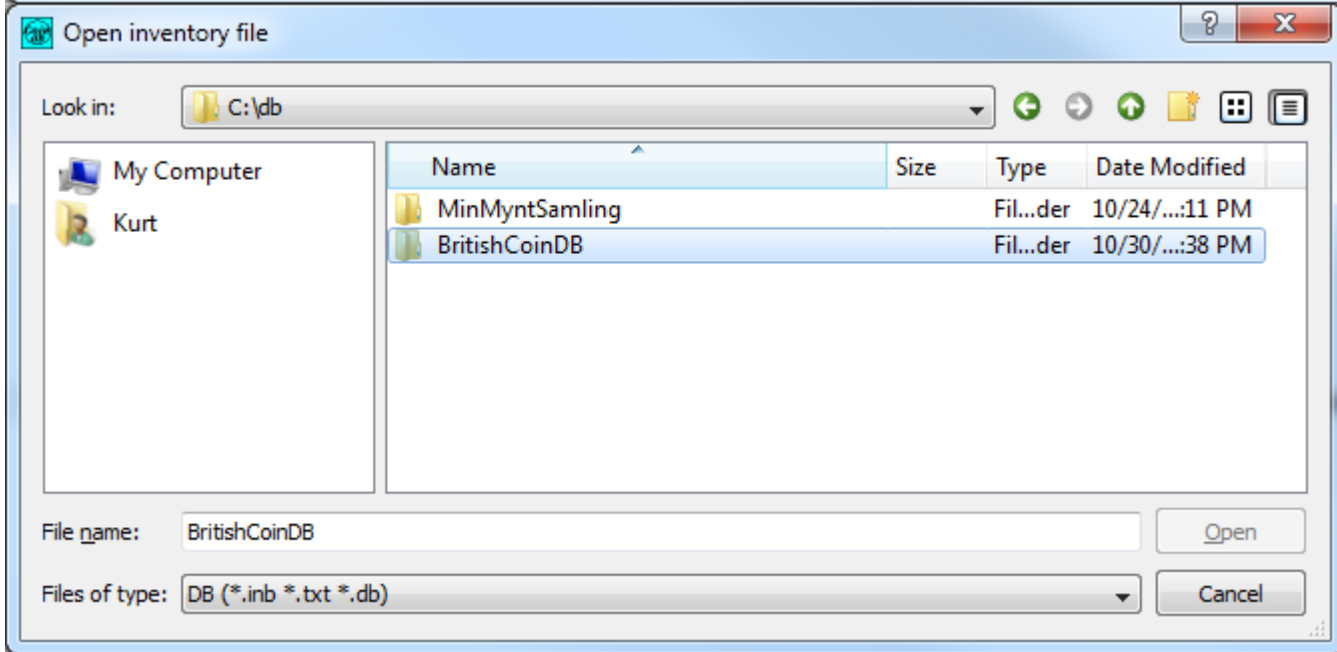
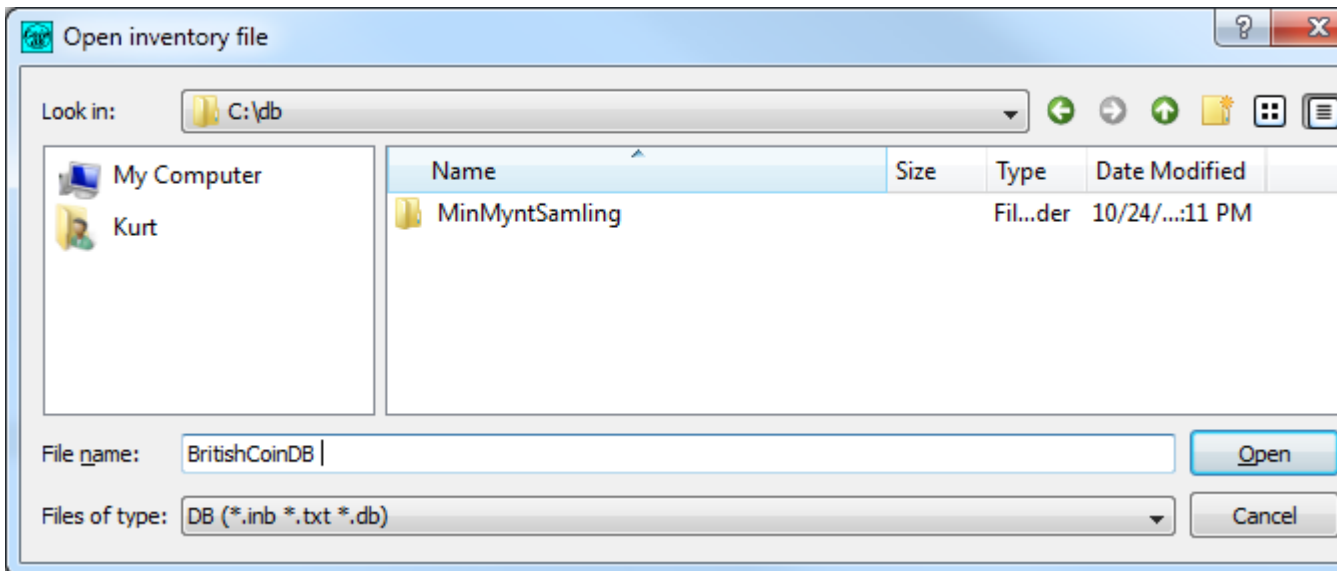
**Tip:** If you select statmp you should open the stamp demo database instead: 'File, Open' and select the 'C:\Programs (x86)\PetriSoft\CoinDB\db\DemoDBStamps\DemoDBStamps.en.db' and save it in your own folder.

13. Create a new record by selecting menu function: '**Edit, Edit...**'
14. In the '**Collection Maintenance**' dialog: Select Denomination (=group) and fill all mandatory fields like Year, Price (Amount paid, Date and other wanted information.

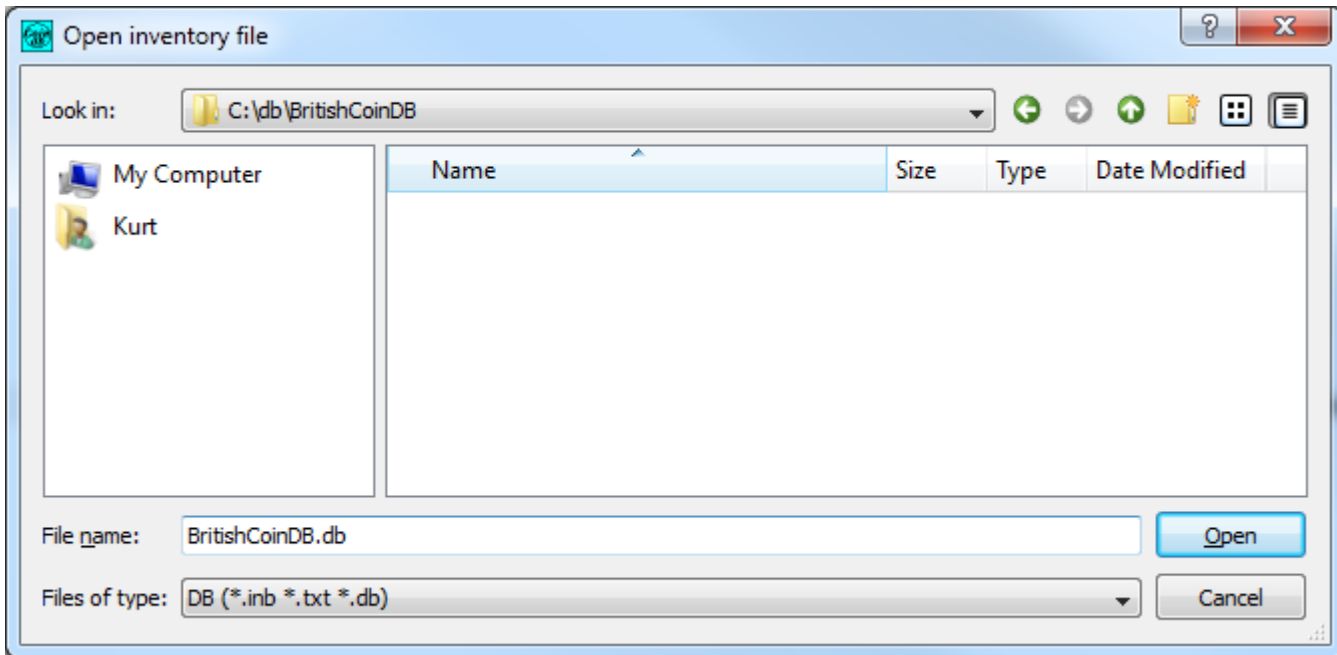
The screenshot shows the 'Collection Maintenance' dialog box with the following data entered:

Field	Value
Denomination	16 Half Crowns
Year/MM	1844 (1)
Material	silver
Quantity	1 Pcs
Price	30.00 Total
Current value	60.00 \$/£/..
Date (purchase)	30.12.2004
Crowns	Victoria (1837-1901)
Coin Catalogue	Collectors' Coins GB 2006 (British coin price-guide)
Quality	VF (Very Fine)
Www (Url)	http://www.tclayton.demon.co.uk/halfc.html
Mintage/Other	1,999,008
Description	The early issues of Queen Victoria up to 1850 had a portrait in fairly high relief
Obverse	db\DemoDBCoins\Images\1844-front-HalfCrowns.JPG
Reverse	db\DemoDBCoins\Images\1844-back-HalfCrowns.JPG
Documentation	http://www.coins-of-the-uk.co.uk/halfc.html

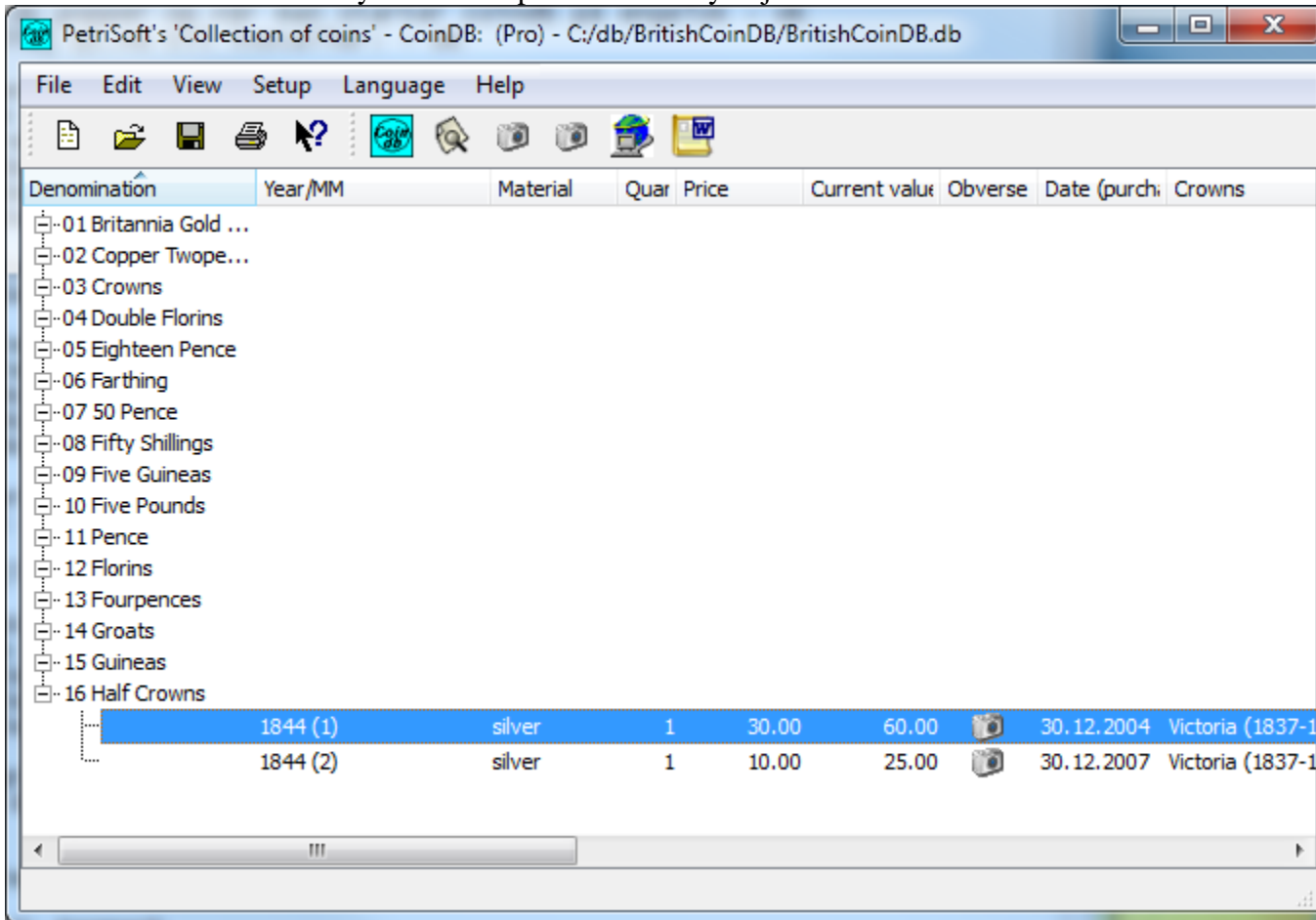
15. Select the **Save** button
16. Select **New** or **Copy**  
 Tip: The 'Copy' button makes a copy of current record – nice to have if the new item only has small changes from previous record.
17. Perform item 13) - 16) for each coin/banknote or stamp you want to create.
18. Next select **File, Save As** - Select a new folder for the database - 'Create New Folder' with same name as the database name you want (e.g. BritishCoinDB ) and click into this folder.



19. Enter a name for your new CoinDB database in this new folder (eg BritishCoinDB.db) and press **Open**:



The title bar will now show you the new path and name you just created:



20. If you wish a certain size or position of the program next time CoinDB start up, you should resize and position the main window followed by **File, Save settings**
21. You have now saved your own database and CoinDB will load this database next time you start CoinDB.

### **Other Hints and shortcut keys:**

To make a “**Missing List**” of Coins/Bank notes you can define the coins but set the “**Current value**” field to ‘0’. This indicates you are missing the item and it will be shown in the View, ‘View Missing list’:

**Show all (Ctrl + A):** Show (open) all groups and display all records in the list window

**Show front picture (Ctrl + B):** Show picture (if any) for current selected item

**Edit (1):** Click right mouse button => Select **Edit CoinDB** in quick menu (popup) and the current selected record is displayed

**Edit (2):** Double click left mouse button on highlighted item in list=> the current selected record is displayed

**Edit (3):** Press return on highlighted item in list=> the current selected record is displayed,

**Print** the database: Define field lengths and sorting etc in menu **Setup, Print**.

**Tip:** Select **landscape** (to use the paper more effectively).

**Copy** record: Press return on highlighted item in list=> the current selected record is displayed. Press **Copy** – change fields and press **Save**. This will give you a new record based on an existing record.

**Copy field:** Click right mouse button in “Maintenance” dialog => a pop up menu is shown with copy, paste ... functions

**Undo:** data entered in a field (Undo): press **Ctrl+Z**

**Redo** in a field: Press **Ctrl+Y**

**Copy** the whole coin/banknote database: Select **File, Save as...** (Tip: Use this whenever you want to upgrade the program to have a copy – for daily backup use **File, Backup**)



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