

Open Maya files from a newer version with older versions

****UNDER CONSTRUCTION****

To open a Maya file created in a newer version (ex: Maya 2008 file need to open in 8.5)

1. Save the file as a .ma file from the newer version of maya

2. Open the file in a text editor

```
//Maya ASCII 2008 scene
//Name: myFileName.ma
//Last modified: Thu, Feb 26, 2009 11:06:07 AM
//Codeset: UTF-8
requires maya "2008";
currentUnit -l centimeter -a degree -t film;
fileInfo "application" "maya";
fileInfo "product" "Maya Complete 2008";
fileInfo "version" "2008";
fileInfo "cutIdentifier" "200708030025-704171";
fileInfo "osv" "Mac OS X 10.5.6";
```

3. Replace the version info highlighted above with the older version info (if you don't know what it should look like, save a file as .ma from your older version of maya and open it in a text editor)

```
//Maya ASCII 8.5 scene
//Name: 2008-12-21_lg2_run04-00-1315_xyzpts-setupscene.csv.ma
//Last modified: Thu, Feb 26, 2009 11:06:07 AM
//Codeset: UTF-8
requires maya "8.5";
currentUnit -l centimeter -a degree -t film;
fileInfo "application" "maya";
fileInfo "product" "Maya Unlimited 8.5";
fileInfo "version" "8.5";
fileInfo "cutIdentifier" "200708030025-704171";
fileInfo "osv" "Mac OS X 10.5.6";
```

Note: If the file utilizes new features associated with the newer version, it will not work in the older version