ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This document summarises the changes made between Chronolator Versions 4.0 and 5.0.

Version 5.0 builds on the support for the browser tools at tools.chronolator.com that was introduced in Version 4.0.

It is signed with a new digital signature, and also includes some minor changes.

BROWSER TOOL INTEROPERATION

The *Chronolator Browser Tools* at tools.chronolator.com use a web browser (e.g. Chrome) to process chronologies. It is important to note that **ONLY THE SOFTWARE RESIDES ON THE WEB. YOUR CHRONOLOGIES STAY ON YOUR COMPUTER, COMPLETELY UNDER YOUR CONTROL**. Their confidentiality is not compromised.

The *Chronolator Browser Tools* use simple text files. They are less susceptible to being flagged as Spam when exchanged by email than *Chronolator for Word* documents.

Web access is only required the first time a tool is used, as the software is cached in the browser.

They will be updated in March 2023 (also to Version 5.0 for consistency), and a new tool introduced that allows you to create a new Internal Chronology.

The available tools at that time will be:

- *Define*, which provides a means for people to define a new Internal Chronology. The form it uses is almost identical to the Case Details Wizard in the Chronolator Online Workbench.

  Chronolator for Word Version 5.0 recognises a licence in converted documents that were created in the *Define* tool.

- *Data Entry*, which provides a means for people to enter events into a chronology. Events are checked for errors as they are entered, meaning that the resulting chronologies have fewer errors than with *Chronolator for Word*, which relies on people using and acting on the *Check Tables* feature.

  Using *Data Entry* also provides a robust way to avoid any problems circulating Chronolator Documents by email.

- *Reviewer's Tool*, which provides a number of features useful for reviewers, such as graphical timelines.

The Browser Tools perform common features, such as checking for errors and highlighting and reviewing a chronology, much faster than *Chronolator for Word*.

Work has already started on a new *Integrate* tool, which will merge chronologies together. When that is complete, there will be little need for *Chronolator for Word* (though it will continue to be available for some while).

DIGITALLY SIGNED MACROS

Chronolator for Word Version 5.0 macros use a newer digital signature than Version 4.0. If you made Berrick Computing Ltd a Trusted Publisher under 4.0, you will need to do so again for 5.0.

AUTHOR NOTES

Authors and Reviewers can annotate a chronology with special 'events' called **Author Notes**. To create one, start the **Source of Information** column with one of the characters **# ^ ¬ ~** . Author Notes bypass all event validations except Date and Time.

To add an **Author Note** at the start of a chronology, you can use a date in the year **0100**.

BUG FIX

A bug which prevented the Conversion Tool from recognising a licence if it was not the first Word document to be opened has been fixed.

COMPATIBILITY WITH EARLIER VERSIONS

- Chronolator 5.0 is compatible with documents created with Version 3.3 upwards.
- Chronolator 5.0 is not compatible with documents created with Version 2.1 and earlier.