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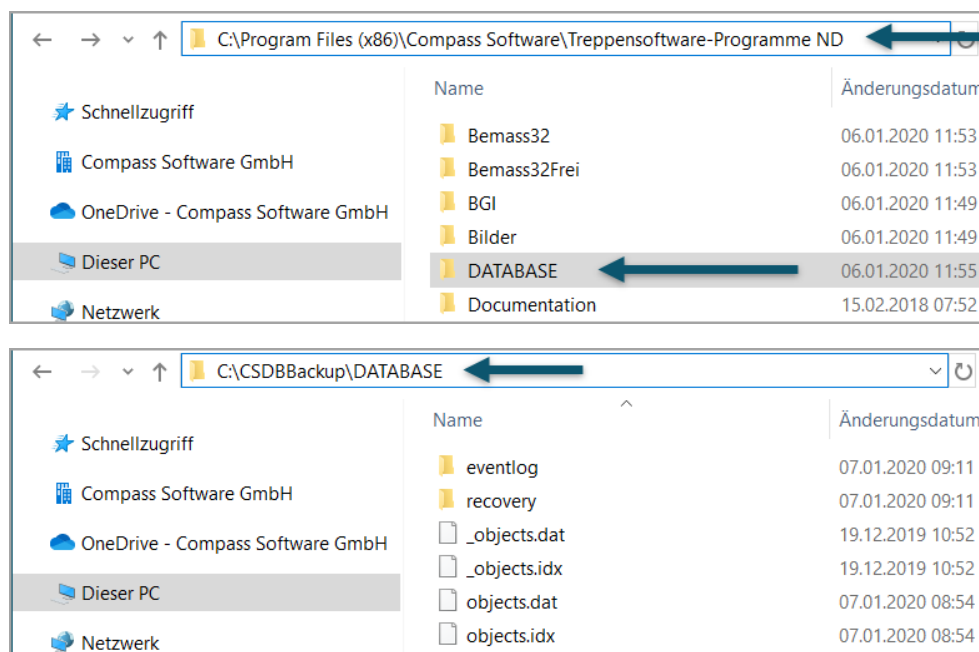
The backup of the stair or machine data consists of three parts: 1. backup of the database in which the stair data is stored, 2. backup of surface settings, such as the colours of the treads/stringers during design, and 3. if a CNC machine is available, backup of the machine data. This manual will explain how to proceed step by step to transfer all data from an old PC to a new PC!

1. Backup and Restore the Compass Software Database

As a general rule: please ALWAYS make sure to save a backup of your current Compass Software database before attempting to make another backup!

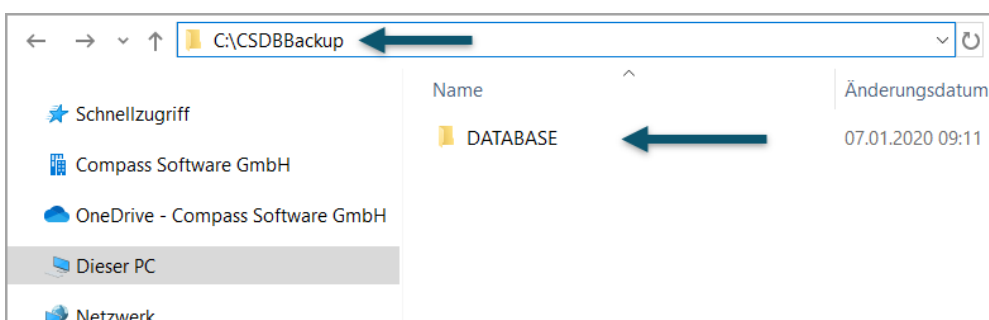
Navigate to your Compass Software installation path and copy the "DATABASE" folder to a backup folder, e.g., "C:\CSDBBackup\".

The DATABASE folder contains all your Compass Software data (stairs, predefinitions, etc.).



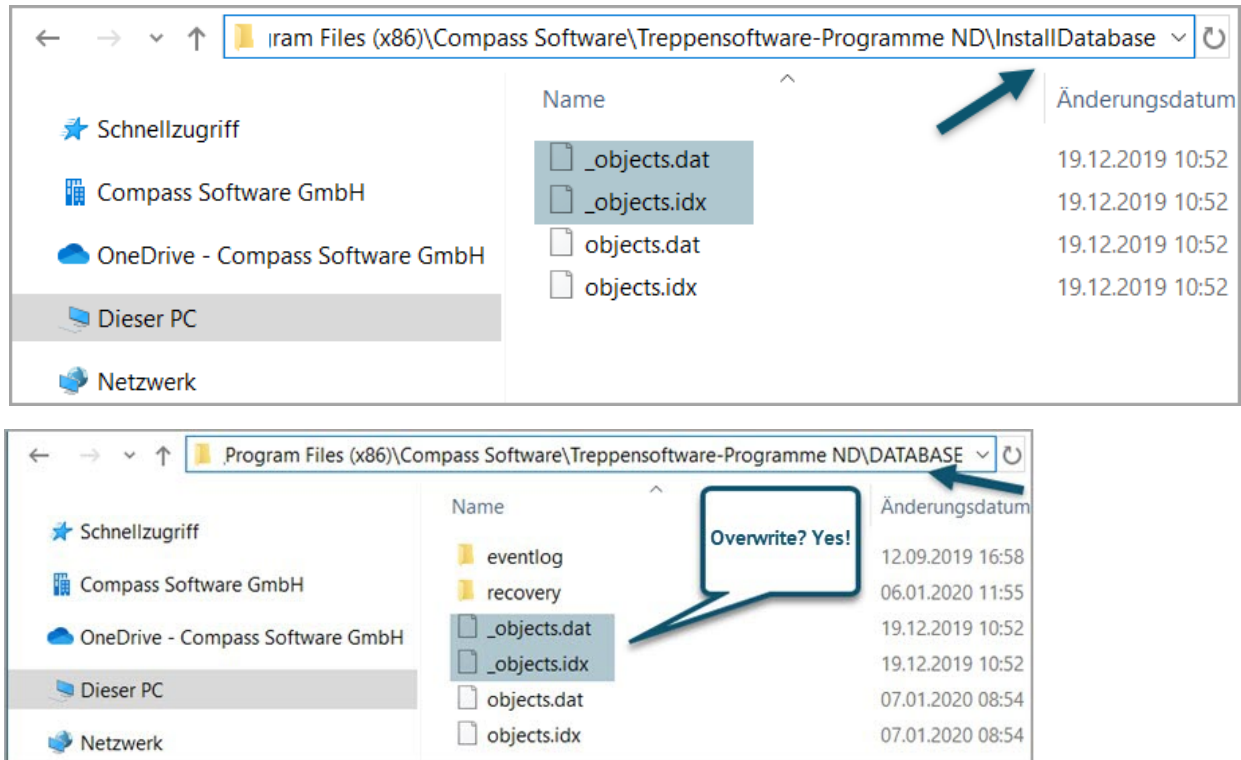
How to install an old database backup to a new version of Compass Software

1) Navigate to the folder where you saved the backup of your Compass Software DATABASE, e.g., "C:\CSDBBackup\DATABASE". Copy the "DATABASE" backup folder into the installation path of Compass Software ("C:\Programme (x86)\Compass Software\Treppensoftware-Programm ND") and overwrite the existing files!

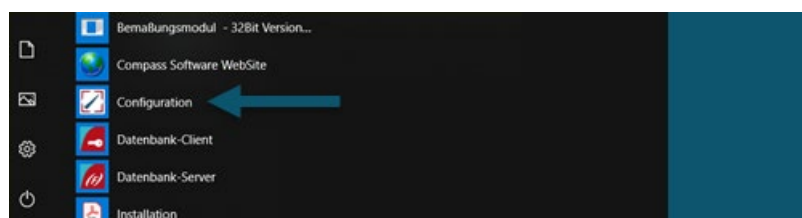


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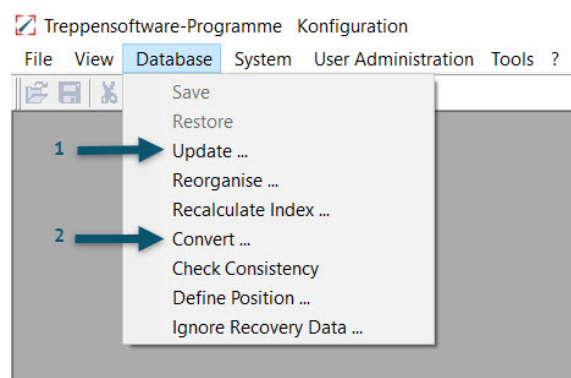
2) Now navigate to the subfolder "InstallDatabase" in your Compass Software installation path. In this folder you will find two files named `_objects.dat` & `_objects.idx` (Important note: Watch out for the underscore `_`!). Copy these two files to your DATABASE folder in your Compass Software installation path. Overwrite the files when Windows prompts you to do so!



3) Start the Compass Software **configuration** tool (Windows Start menu / Programs / Compass Software / Configuration).



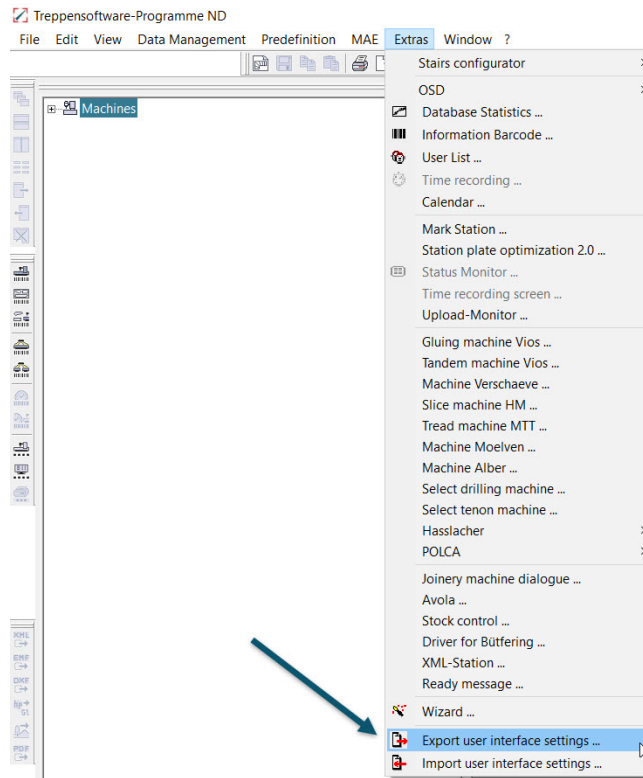
4) First you have to **convert** your database (1) and then **update** it (2).



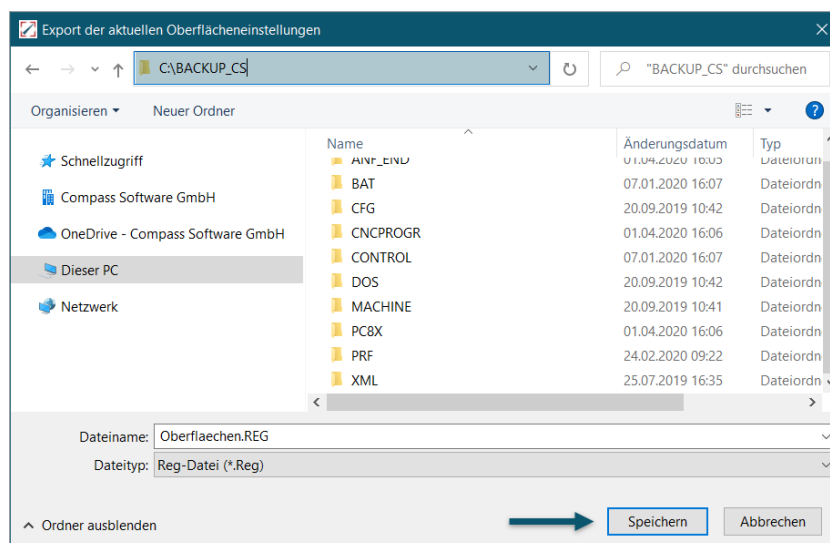
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2. Backup and Restore the Surface Settings

1) In order to export and save your **surface colour** settings (colours of the treads/stringers/handrails, etc.) go to the construction mode in Compass Software. Navigate to Extras -> Export **surface settings** and select this menu item.

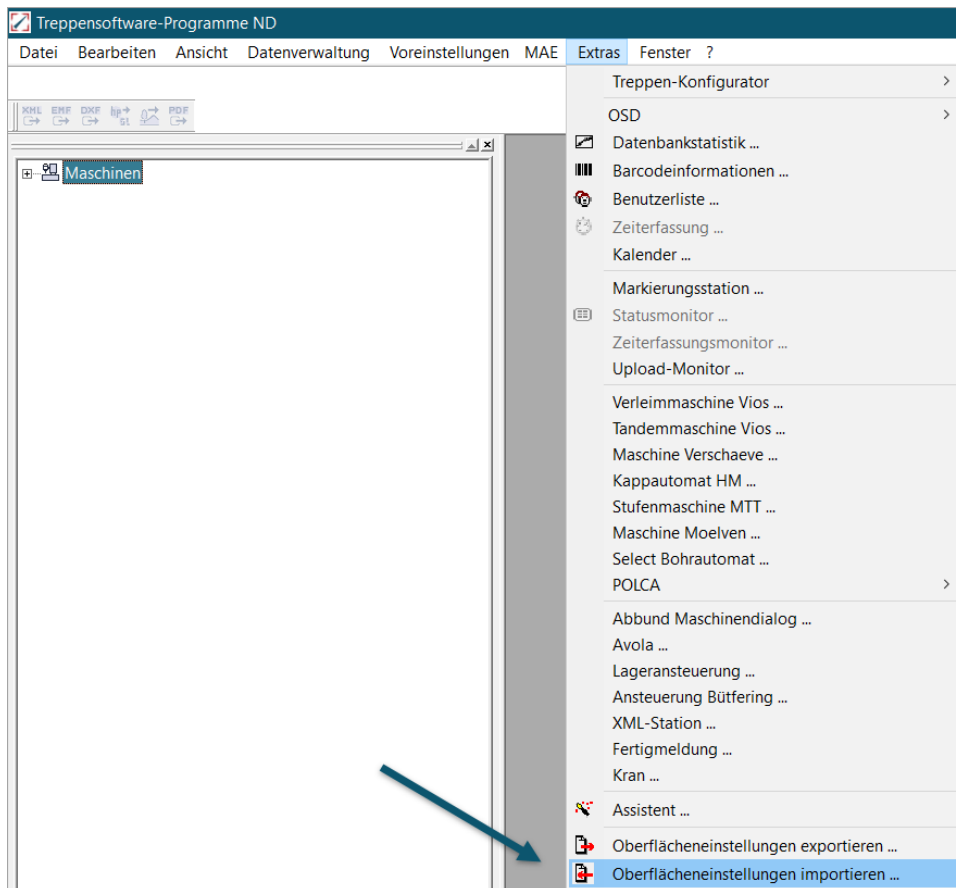


2) A window opens which prompts you to enter a name for the .reg file. Name this "Oberflaechen.reg". Save this file on an external medium (USB drive) or in a network folder!

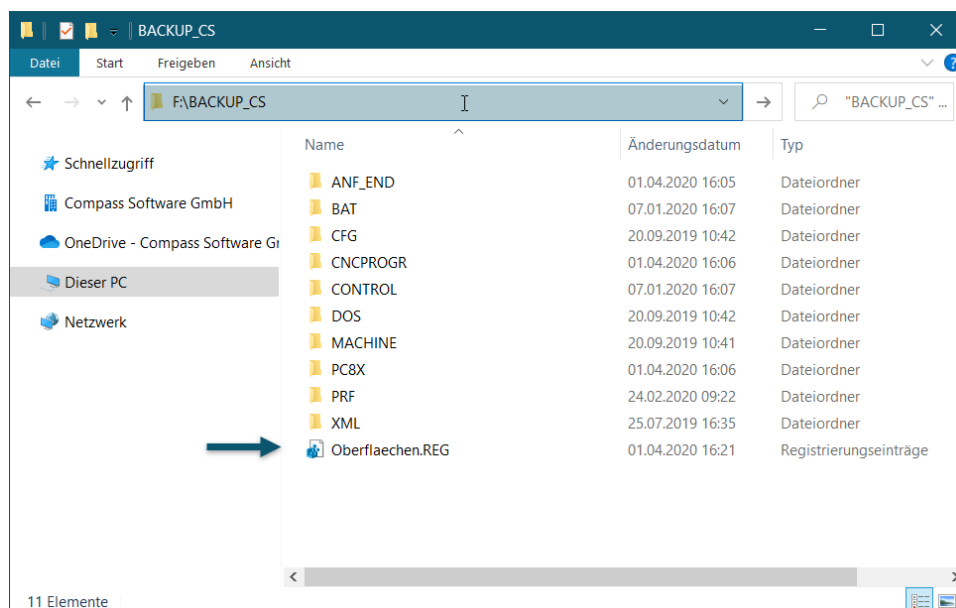


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3) To import the saved surface settings, navigate to the same menu item (Extras) and click on **Import user interface settings**.



4) A window opens. Please navigate to the folder on the external medium (or the network folder) where you previously saved the file "Oberflaechen.reg" and select it.



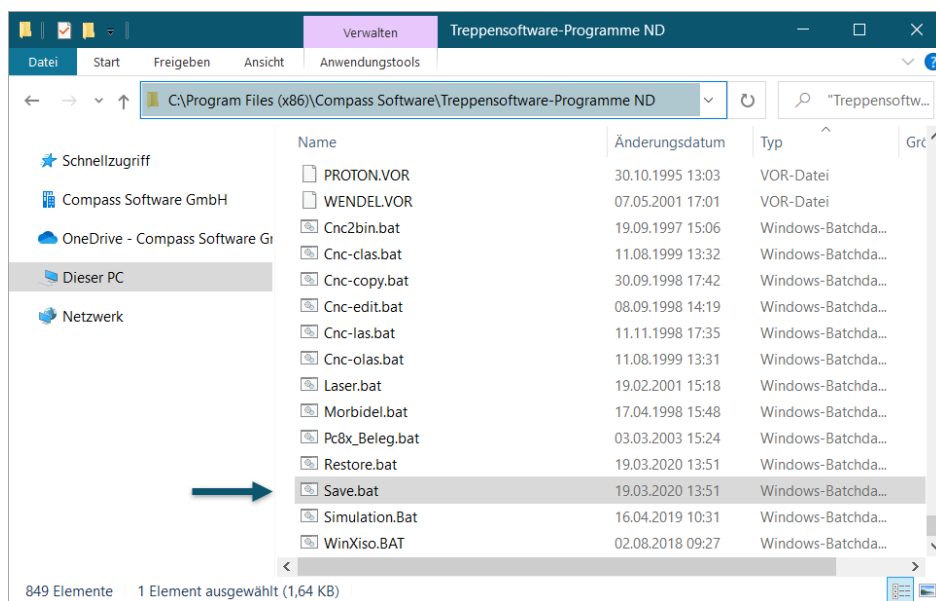
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3. Backup of all machine data

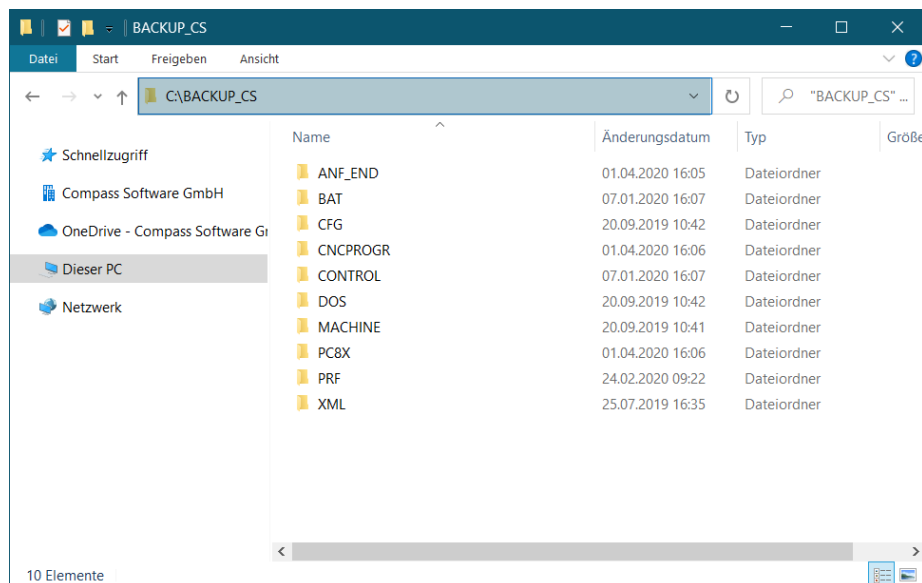
Not all machine data is saved during the regular database backup (chapter 1. Backup and restore of the Compass database). (Start/end sequences, drilling cycles, and sub-programs are missing because they are stored in other folders). To ensure that these are also transferred to the new PC, please follow the steps below.

On the old PC from which the data is to be transferred:

1) In the Compass installation path ("C:\Program Files (x86)\Compass Software\Staircase Software Programs ND") there is a file called "save.bat". Please execute this file once. The file saves all necessary local files!

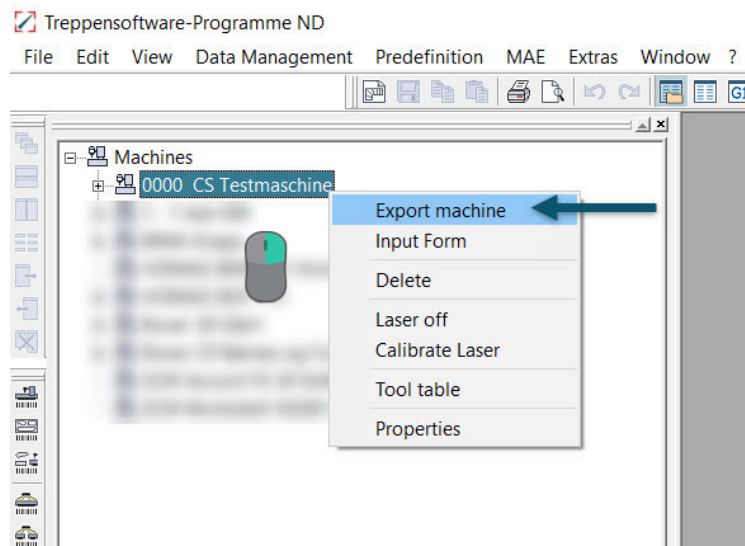


2) Copy the folder "C:\BACKUP_CS" to a USB drive or to a network folder to which the new PC has access.



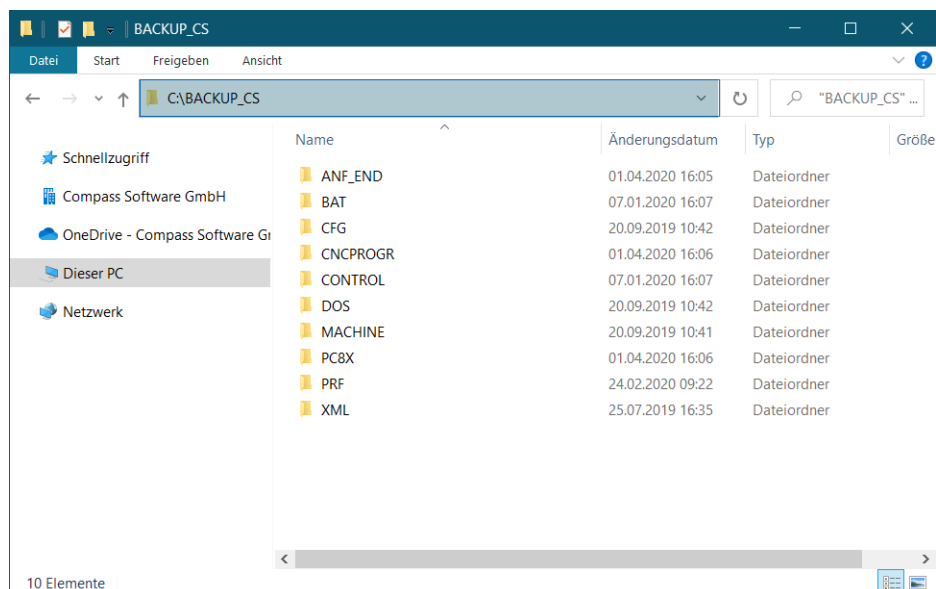
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3) Start Compass Software and export your machine to the folder C:\BACKUP_CS\MACHINE\.



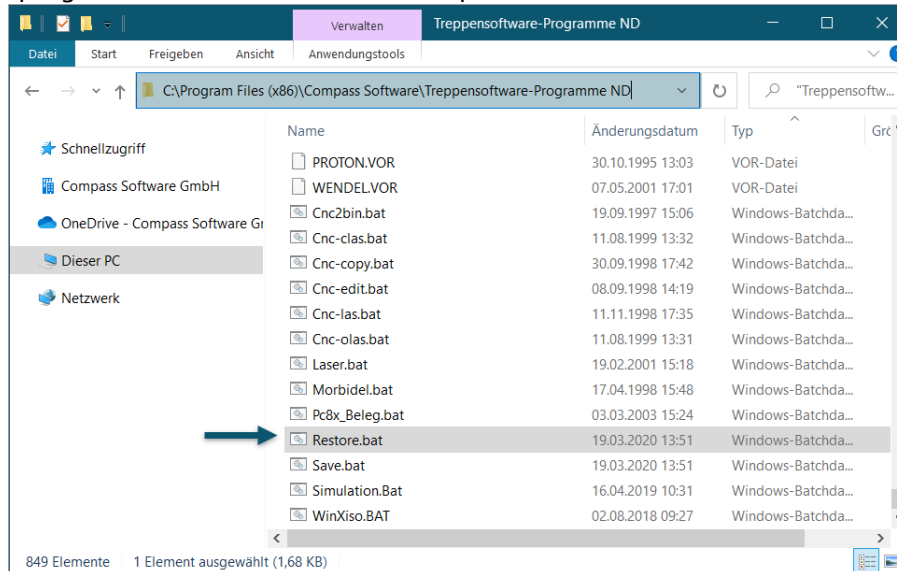
On the new PC:

4) Insert the USB drive (or open the network folder where you backed up the machine data) and move the BACKUP_CS folder to the folder where Compass Software is installed, in most cases C:\.

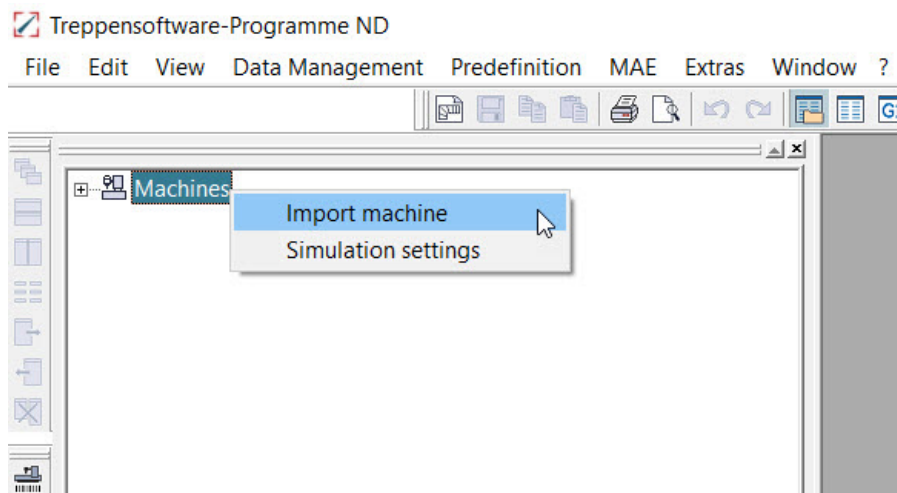


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5) In the Compass Software installation path ("C:\Program Files (x86)\Compass Software\Staircase Software Programs ND") there is a file called "restore.bat". Please execute this file to restore all data relevant to the generation of CNC programmes that were saved in step 1.



6) Finally, start Compass Software and import the machine you just backed up from the folder "C:\BACKUP_CS\MACHINE\".



Now all sub-programs, start and end sequences etc. are available and you can work and create CNC programmes as usual.