

Datarec Shareware Version 1.10.02 Release Notes. August 1998.

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Information on How To Register.

Registration is now available via the Internet. For further information on the various ways you can now register Datarec, please see the help file accompanying the program.

Once you register via email I will be notified immediately with your personal details. If you provide an email address then you will be sent a registration code to remove the Shareware limitation from your current copy of the program. This will let you continue using the program until your proper registered version arrives in the post.

Windows 3.10 Users Please Note:

If you are running Windows Version 3.10 (not Windows for Workgroups 3.11) and are experiencing problems opening databases you may need to load the file SHARE.EXE. This file enables file sharing, and may be necessary on your system for Datarec to function properly.

Datarec installs this file on your system in your Windows/System directory. To activate it you need to add the following line to your AUTOEXEC.BAT file:-

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C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\SHARE.EXE /L:500 /F:5100.
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This should be placed before the statement **WIN** or **WIN.COM** if it exists in your autoexec.bat file. If the file is not in your Windows\System directory it can be manually decompressed from the installation disk. To find out how this is done please see the topic *Manually Extracting Individual Files from the Start-up Disks* within the Datarec help file.

Important Note Regarding the 'Error 53 - File Not Found' Message.

(See fix history for 1.10.00 release in the Datarec help file)

A possible cause for the 'Error 53 - File Not Found' message being displayed whenever you attempt to open a Datarec database, or start Datarec with the Load Default Database option checked may have something to do the version of the file VBDB300.DLL on your system.

Datarec shipped with version 03.00.0528 of this control, and of course this is the one that works best with the program. Sometime later a compatibility layer came out which made some use of the Access 2.0 database format. Along with this came another version of this DLL namely 03.00.0529. Not a lot of different, you may say, but enough to cause this problem to occur.

The only solution to this is to make the 0528 version accessible within your WINDOWS/System directory. In doing so though you may then prevent the program which installed the 0529 file from working correctly. So it may be a matter of switching between the two files depending on which program you are currently using.

I could of course update Datarec to make use of the 0529 file, however the problem will still remain if there are other files on your system which use the 0528 version. It's a no-win situation here. If you do come across this problem then let me know about it. I'll see what I can do. Hopefully thought it won't be too much longer before the next version of Datarec will be released, and will do away with the need to have this file present.

Datarec Features.

- Build-in Automatic Formatting options Like - Taking 'The' or 'A' from the beginning of an entry and attaching it to the end. For example The track 'The end of the innocence' would become 'End of the innocence, The', or the track 'A walk in the park' would become 'Walk in the park, A'. When it comes to sorting your data, these options help to spread out all tracks beginning with 'The' or 'A'.

Also, Initial Capitalisation of Album, Track and Performing Artists fields, as well as an option to automatically capitalise the first character of each word in these fields - All options can be switched on or off.

- You've also got the option to Reverse these formatting effects when creating reports, J-Card inserts or Recording Lists. Our example track above would be resored to it's original appearance 'The End of the innocence'
- Intuitive easy to use interface.
- Size of database files only limited by disk space available on your computer.
- Effortlessly create Cassette Inlay Cards (index/J-Cards) for you cassette cases, by dragging tracks from the database and dropping them onto the Inlay module.
- Full control over typeface information (including colour) for Inlays and reports. If your have a colour printer, use it to full effect within Datarec.
- Print Face Labels for your tapes / cassettes and Divider Cards for your compact disc's / cassettes.
- Create your own Recording Lists easily by dragging tracks from the database and dropping onto the Cassette Recording List dialogue. This helps to insure that when you are recording a tape, tracks are not cut short at the end of each side.
- Create comprehensive catalogues / reports (pre-defined and customisable).
- Preview reports on screen before printing.
- Print just the selected pages that you require from within a report.
- By using a CD-ROM drive, you can read album information directly from CD - number of tracks, running times etc. Saves a lot of input time!
- Specify you own particular Media formats – Reel to reel, DAT, 8-track, 78's! and not forgetting that old classic– LP.
- Effectively search the database for information that you require. You can also save your most frequently used searches for instant recall again and again.
- Comprehensive range of sample files to get you up and running with Datarec.
- Complete on-line documentation available at the touch of a button or the click of a mouse. Whichever is the quicker.
- Export data to ASCII text files - Allowing you to bring the information into other packages.
- Transfer album information between computers using Exchange Data Format Files, or directly from one database file to another.

Installing Datarec.

NOTE: If you use a virus protection program or have any other programs running on your computer, close them down before using the Datarec Set-up program. The Set-up procedure may not function correctly with other programs loaded into memory. Once installed you can safely run other programs along with Datarec.

From Program Manager

- Start Microsoft Windows.
- Insert the Datarec 'Disk One - Set-up' into drive A: or B:
- From the File Menu in Program Manager, choose Run.
- Enter a:\setup or b:\setup in the dialogue box which appears on screen.
- Click the OK button or press ENTER.
- Follow the Set-up Instructions below.

From File Manager

- Start Microsoft Windows.
- Insert the Datarec 'Disk One - Set-up' into drive A: or B:
- Open File Manager by double-clicking on its icon.
- Select the toolbar icon representing the required drive A: or B:
- On the right hand side of the screen is the file list, locate and double-click on the filename 'SETUP.EXE'.
- Follow the Set-up Instructions below.

Set-up Instructions

Following on from whichever procedure used above, you will then be asked to:-

- Supply the destination directory in which you want Datarec installed. The default directory is C:\DATAREC, but this can be changed to another directory if the default is not suitable.
- Click Continue to move on.
- You will be prompted to insert the remaining disk(s) as and when needed. Just insert the required disks clicking the OK button each time to continue.
- Set-up will then create a Program Manager Group containing the Datarec Program Icon. To start Datarec, simply double-click on the icon and the application will load.

Starting-up Datarec.

If you are in DOS, start Microsoft Windows by typing Win at the DOS C:> prompt, then press [ENTER]. This will load the Windows Operating Environment.

Once Windows is loaded, locate and double-click on the Datarec icon. A start-up screen should then appear, and after a short delay two buttons will then be displayed, Click the Continue button to proceed.

At this stage the majority of commands will not be available until a database has been opened. Before proceeding to open a database you should view Navigating the Datarec Menu Structure for a short note about manipulating your way through the menu options.

Documentation.

Complete documentation is provided on-line in Windows Help format. This can be called at any time from within the Datarec program or by double-clicking on the Datarec Help file in File Manager. An icon is also created and placed in the Program Manager window when Datarec was installed.

Version History.

See accompanying help file for complete history of changes to Datarec. The following changes are specific to this update.

1.10.02

- Fixed a bug which caused the program to crash with a 'Control array element 31 doesn't exist' error message. This error occurred whenever you tried to register or play a CD that contained more than 30 tracks. This fix applies to both the CDPlayer and the ReadCD button in the main Datarec program.
- Fixed a bug in TapeMate (Cassette Inlay Module). The problem occurred whenever you tried to print a face label for an inlay that contained track listings on Side B only. If Side A did not have a track listing and Side B did then no tracks would print for either Side A or Side B. This has now been fixed and properly prints the Side B listing even if Side A contains no information.
- Fixed a problem in the Reporting Options dialogue that prevented the user from changing the Header/Footer, description details etc for different Pre-defined reports. This has now been reworked so that you can now successfully specify new details, line and column spacing, header footer details etc.
- Also in relation to the previous problem two new buttons have been added to the Include and Page Settings tab to allow the user to switch between the custom report and pre-defined report settings on either of these tabs. The buttons are named Custom Settings and Pre-defined Settings.
- Yet again in connection with the Reporting Options dialogue, the Line spacing setting was not being saved with the custom report file format. This format has now been amended to incorporate the Line spacing settings.
- The reports.pst file that resides in the main Datarec directory has also been updated to take advantage of the changes specified above. Your current file will be automatically updated the first time you call the Reporting Options Dialogue.

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