MarbleBase.Docs

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1.2 Marblebase

MarbleBase is a database which is easy to set up and use.
The special features of this database are that, once a field has
been setup it can be moved around and expanded across and down the screen,
thus given you more room for text in that field. The maximum number of
fields you can have at any one time is nine.

There ia a automatic sort function from a-z plus search and print option.

Once the base has been setup, and you have finshed entering information
into the records, press ESC, this takes you to the list screen. This shows
you all the first fields in all the records in that base.
The list can be scrolled up or down by using the arrow keys at the bottom
of the screen. (The list has been automatically sorted A-Z).
To get more info about an item in the list, click on to a list name and
the record attached to that name will appear. To get back to the list
screen, simply press button list. When in the list screen, and you are
scrolling through the list, the names only move up one name, if you want
to move it more, press the righthand mouse button and it will scroll up
ten names.

MarbleBase has been tested on the 500,1500,600 and the 1200 under all
workbenches.

1.3 Menus

A rough outline of the menus in Marble Base.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS THE DEMO VERSION AND ALL THE SAVE
FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN DISABLED.

Menu Tile

CONTROL

LoadBase – Allows you to load a database.
Create New Base – Set the screen up for a new base.
Save – Save your records.
Save As – Save new database, and give it a name.
Colour Reverse – Allows you to choose black or white fields & text.
Delete Base – This lets you delete a whole base if you wish to.
Configure System – There are three options in here. i.e

  1) Discard marble background – This lets you discard the marble
     background if low on memory and just have a plain gray background.

  2) Colour Reverse – This let you save the colour reverse.

  3) Maximum Memory for Base – this let you choose how much memory you
      want to allocate for your base (10k will give you enough memory
     for about 70 records)

Save Config – This lets you save your system configuration.

Quit – Quit MarbleBase.

RECORDS

Create Record – Brings up a blank record.
Delete Record – Delete a record.
Edit Records – Allows you to edit the record you are in.

FIELDS

Creates Field – Brings up the field define screen, to create new fields.
Delete Field – Delete a field.
Edit Field –   Brings up field define edit screen.
FIELD TITLE POS
Top Left –   Places the fields title top left.
Top Centre –   Places the field title top centre.
Left parallel – Places the field title left parallel.

SEARCH

All the field names on the record are listed under SEARCH so that you
 may choose one, to search in.

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Search All Fields - Searches in all fields.
DIRECTION
-> Forwards - Searches forwards.
< - Backwards - Searches Backwards.
Continue Search - This will continue the search.

PRINT

All Fields - Print record with all field titles.
Selected Fields -  Prints records with selected fields.
Selected Print Fields - Allows you to select fields to print.
Print List - Prints out the list on that database completely.
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1.4 Define

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THE DEFINE FIELD SCREEN

Field Name - < Type in name of field >

Field Type (see below)

Text String - Tick this box if the info in this field is just text.
Real - Tick this box if the info is this field is a decimal number.
Integer - Tick this box if the info in this field is whole number.
Date - Tick this box if the info in that field is in date form.

Next - click this box if you wish to place another field after this one.
Ok -   click this box if this is your last field.
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1.5 How

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                       HOW TO SET-UP AND USE MARBLEBASE.

1) Go to control in menus, and choose create new base.

2) Go to Fields and choose create fields.

3) On define field editor,in FIELD NAME type your first
   field name.
   Then choose what the infomations going to be by ticking Textstring,
   Integer, Real Or Date. If this is your first field, the chances are
   you are going to need another, so click onto NEXT (This will auto
   bring up the field define editor when you have fished with the last
   field).

4) You should now be in the database window, with a field showing, drag
   the field by clicking onto it, to where you wish to place it.

5) To expand that field  click  and  hold  left  hand mouse button in to
   small box on the bottom right of the field. This will expand the field
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across the screen, and down the screen if you wish.

6) When you have placed and expanded your field, to where you wish it,
   click the right hand mouse button to fix in place, this will now
   bring up the field editor again, ready for the next field.

7) Once you have laid out all your fields, go to the menus RECORDS and
   choose create record, this will allow you to enter information.
   One you have entered your last field info, the next blank record will
   appear.

8) When fished entering records, press ESC, you will then be in the list
   screen. All of the records you have put in have been automatically
   sorted A – Z. If you click on to an item in the list, the record
   attached to that list item will appear.

   If you are happy with the way you have set up your base, save it, by
   going to the menus and choosing SAVE AS this will let you name your
   new base, as you save it.

   At the bottom of the screen there a box with the record number you are
   looking at, and the total number of records in that base.

   There is two arrow buttons, which allows you to scoll the list up/down.

   Then you are in the record screen, a extra button appears LIST, then
   pressed this takes you to the list screen.

 * If you keep running out of memory, go into the configure system menu
   and turn off the marble background or make the maximum memory for
   that base lower. (See the docs about the menus) If you still have any
   problems please ring Dave on 0582–481952.

   Hope you enjoy MarbleBase.

1.6 Harddrive

                    How to install on to your Hardrive.

To install MarbleBase onto your Harddrive, just drag the icon over to a
Draw on your hardrive,if you have already started a base on that disk
the base files will not be copy across by dragging. You can copy them
across by using shell or cli. As long as you place them all in the same
draw with the main program all will be well.

There is also a config file, which should also be copied across, but if
you forget, don't worry, because you can re-configure the base to how you
want it, and then save the new config file.

1.7 Credits

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        Design and Graphics        - David J Noble

        Design and Programming      - Gary Dunne
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My Thanks goes to Gary, for helping me put this database together.

I had the idea because I could not find a database that would do
what I wanted it to do, so with Garys help here is one that does.
If it was not for Garys programming skills, I would still be
searching for that database I wanted.
And I would like to thank him for putting up with me being fussy
untill Marblebase was just as I wanted it.

Gary and myself are members of LUTON AMIGA USERS GROUP

1.8 club

Luton Amiga Users Group.

At the moment, we are a mail/phone group only, until we get established.
But I can put you in touch with other members, who live in your area, if
you wish to meet them. Sometime in the future, I hope to have a meeting
every month or so, and we could make it a social event as well, so if
we wanted to, we could invite our wives/girlfriends etc.

We have members from seven different towns so far, but we are a small
group at the moment, but we are user friendly, and hope to get larger.
The idea of the group, is for you as a person, to feel that you have
somewhere to turn, when you get into trouble or have a problem with
something. And in the process if you make new friends, all the better.
We all share our knowledge, and help each other out, as best we can.

I send out a newsletter disk bimonthly, and I try and include lots of
useful utilities, and some times a demo game, along with the club news.
If you want to sell/swap anything we can advertise it for you on the
newsletter disk. Also on the newsletter disk is the Luton PD catalouge and
my own collection of software, plus some game cheats.

I have been told I have the largest collection of PD utilities and
coverdisks, that are not in a PD libary.

If you do decide to join, your membership will run from the month you
payed the fee, (£5) and will last for 12 months.

David J Noble (Chairman) (Phone 0582-481952)

1.9 order

To obtain your full version of MarbleBase, send a blank disk and a
stamped addressed label + £5 to:

                          Mr D J Noble
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                            Luton
                            Beds LU1 5SL

Please always use a jiffy type bag, when sending disks through the post
 The stamped addressed lable is, so I can re-use the jiffy bag to send
your full vesion of MarbleBase, back to you.

Please make all cheques etc out to : David J Noble