

Welcome to **DATer!**

This program is pretty basic and self explanatory.

It was written because I make a lot of DAT (digital audio tapes) and writing the labels on those small inserts was quite difficult. Moreover, I don't (ie. can't afford) FrameMaker so I wrote this program to help me create the inserts.

Installation: place it in ~/Apps or ~/LocalApps if you want to use its service. Otherwise, place it anywhere you like!

Usage:

DATer! contains two windows:

1. The "Input" window.
2. The "Output" window.

First I will describe (1). Where it says "**Type the title here**" you may type the title you would like your DAT label to have. When you press "**Set**" it will show up correctly rotated on the "Output" window. You may re-edit it as many times as you like. Just be sure to press "**Set**" when you are finished.

"Scale" rescales the output window "X" times. Typing a number and hitting "<return>" or pressing "**Set**" will cause the new scale to take effect. The output window resizes itself appropriately.

"Print" causes the program to print what appears in the "Output" window.

Now, onto the "Output" window. There are two text fields here. One for the contents (the larger one) and one for the title. Both are editable. Type whatever you like!

It should be noted that all the text fields (in both windows) can use rulers, can center and justify the text, and use any font in any size. Explore the menus.

The last feature to mention is that **DATer!** will be listed as a service if you place it in ~/Apps or ~/LocalApps. (Note: If you want it to show up right away without having to reboot, then open a terminal window and type make_services). I use this by typing my DAT contents in WriteNow, selecting them, and hitting "**Create DAT Contents**" from the services menu. The selected text then appears in the "Output" window.

Bugs: None known at this time.

Enhancements: Obviously this is not a full featured program. It was a hack that "gets the job done". Possible enhancements would include:

1. Variable sized templates. (You could then label cassette tapes, for example. I don't listen to cassettes, though, so I didn't think that this feature was necessary! :-))
2. Load/save.
3. ??Something I haven't thought of.

Legal stuff: This program is Freeware, with one stipulation. If you decide to modify and redistribute it, you must give me credit as well as redistribute the source code. Otherwise, do whatever the hell you want with it.

I highly doubt that this program will be useful to anybody else but me, but if it is, please please let me know! Send bug reports, and enhancement requests to hinds@camis.stanford.edu.

