

DBF2ASC

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Chapter 1

DBF2ASC

1.1 DBF2ASC © 1996 by FR-Softworks

The »DBF2ASC« package consists of the following utilities:

DBF2ASC

dBView

All files are placed in the public domain. To enable you to add ↔

dBASE

support to your own applications, the HiSoft Basic 2 source codes and a description of the dBASE file structure are included.

1.2 Using DBF2ASC

The following file types will be recognized:

- Ashton Tate dBASE III, III+, and IV 1.x
- Borland dBASE IV 2.0, 5.0, and dBASE for Windows 5.0
- Lotus Approach 3.X for Windows and Approach 96 for Windows 95
- Microsoft FoxPro 2.X
- SoftMaker DataMaker

Visual dBASE 5.5 and Visual FoxPro 3.0 haven't been tested yet.

To convert a dBASE file to a sequential file, perform the following steps:

- 1 Select a file (Extension "*.DBF")
- 2 DBF2ASC will now process all fields. If a field cannot be converted, an error message will be displayed.
- 3 You can select if you want the IBM-ASCII character set to be changed to ANSI. This is necessary if you process an MS-DOS file, but Windows usually uses the ANSI character set, too.

4 Then, all records will be converted.

5 Finally, the number of the processed records and of the records deleted by dBASE will be displayed.

To see if the file was converted correctly, use the
dBASE viewer

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»DBF2ASC« will create a sequential file which can be read by almost every application.

You will be asked to type in the following information:

- the "field separator" (usually ','): Type in the ASCII code of the desired character. Each field will be succeeded by this character.
- the "field delimiter" (usually: '"'): This character will proceed and succeed each field.

Each record will be succeeded by a line feed (ASCII 10).

Restriction

- the maximum field length is restricted to 4096 bytes
- the number of fields is restricted to 256
- the number of records is restricted by AmigaDOS only
- the following field types are not supported yet: MEMO, PicturePlus, Calculation, and variable fields.

1.3 The dBASE viewer

This utility will display a dBASE file.

The following keys are recognized:

q	QUIT
+	go to next record
-	go to previous record
*	increase record # by 10
_	decrease record # by 10

See

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for details.
