

ORGANIZERS DATABASE 1.0

FEATURES LIST

Cost and Licensing

- Free (open source) software
- GNU GPL, can be modified with VB5 or VB6
- Free upgrades via the Internet
- Phone and setup support and training available for a fee
- NO EXTRA CHARGES for import/export or for multiple users

Basic Requirements

- Windows 95/98/ME/2000/XP
- 15Mb free disk space and RAM
- Quick (3mb) download
- Local network speed of 10Mbits/second or higher

Basic Specifications

- Can handle databases of up to 100,000 records or 200,000 donations
- May be networked locally (one site has an ODB network of 12 computers, more are possible)
- Includes 75-page user manual

Mailing List Management

- Prepare mailing labels and email lists
- Easily notate expired or incorrect addresses, phone numbers, and emails
- Copy lists of emails in different formats
- Check for duplicate names, emails, or addresses

Donor and Member Management

- Set default dues amount, assign donation categories that affect or do not affect membership
- Track the success of fundraising appeals
- Generate customized thank-you letters and reply slips
- Power to select expiring members or donors
- Track payments using three customizable sets of categories
- Support for title, salutation, and suffixes
- Pledge tracking
- Ability to print to laser or tractor feed labels

Volunteer and Constituent Management

- Track volunteer interests and skills
- Generate calling sheets
- Rate contacts using up to 20 "VID" codes

Security and Automatic Backup

- Ability to set automatic backups to monthly, weekly, or daily
- Ability to protect donor information from volunteers

Organizing and Relationship Tracking

- Up to 32 customizable codes to track activities, issues, and constituencies or custom activities
- Unlimited number of "event" attendance codes
- Easily select and print records based on codes
- Track organizations based on geographic scope
- Search to find people in same email domain/state/city/street
- Easy interface for mass updating or removing of tracking codes

Integration and Web Features

- Built-in ZIP Code lookup, Mapquest/Yahoo/Anywho/Google searches
- Easily generate lists of email addresses without duplicates
- Easily exclude individual from bulk email lists
- Supports two email addresses per contact record
- Ability to hook up scripts to retrieve web data
- Ability to save searches or import specifications
- Ability to integrate with OBCD, VCARD standards

Ease of Use

- Ability to learn to input data in under half an hour
- Automatic entry of city and state based on ZIP Code
- Automatic parsing of addresses and pasted emails and phone numbers
- One-click exporting of data in a form useful for Word mail merges
- One-click printing of labels in preferred format
- Ability to alter codes even while other users are logged in.
- Keyboard Equivalents for accessibility, including Shift-F10 for context menus
- Advanced key filtering and field validation to eliminate errors
- Straightforward use of screens to minimize learning curve (less screens)
- Automatic detection of incorrect screen resolution

Community

- New features developed through four years of community testing and feedback
- Installation base of over 300 sites
- One-way and two-way 'support' email lists available
- Online bug-reporting service
- Ability to share your customized database template with online community forums

Reports and Searches

- Engine provided to enable reporting or mail merging using Access, Open Office, etc.
- 10 built-in printouts, three built-in reports, and unlimited capacity to add reports
- Eight built-in "presets" for common donor searches
- 19 built-in types of payment, note, or pledge listing searches
- Ability to do customized searches without programming
- Subquery capability
- Ability to develop more advanced searches using SQL
- Ability to omit individual records from chosen set

Reminders

- Ability to enter dated comments with reminders (to call, email, etc.)

Adaptability

- Over 160 user-configurable settings organized in 11 categories and 35 subcategories
- Intuitive customization screen with on-screen documenting for all settings
- Ability to turn on fields such as fax number or country
- Ability to turn off US-specific address and phone number parsing
- Ability to hide fields in the main ODB forms

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