

Version 7 Upgrade Notes

Vista

Due to complications backing up MS Access database files with Vista I recommend that you install Version 7 in c:\mibase or any folder in the root (C:\ Drive) Directory.

Do not install in c:\program files\mibasev7 as in previous versions.

Another issue I have come across in Vista when networking 2 computers, is that once MiBase is opened on one computer it will not open on the other computer or visa versa. This is usually linked to Vista security settings. Make sure the you have set up an exception in your firewall settings to allow MiBase to run from a networked computer. I recommend using Free AVG so far this Virus / Firewall protection hasn't caused any issues.

Backing up MiBase

In version 7 I have merged the version 6 History and Mibasev6.mde data files to combine all working data into a single file mibasev7.mde. Therefore any backup procedure will only require the backing up of mibasev7.mde, all other files, (even those specific to your library e.g. baglabel.mdb and setup.ini) can be duplicated from an initial backup after install. Purging of data older than 3 years – or a user defined Archive date (as any data older than this starts to become irrelevant) can be deleted from the “Setup Registration” form. Information older than 3 years can still be accessed by opening a backup file.

Refer to Version 7 User Manual for instructions on how to backup your data.

MS Access Runtime 2007

Although Version 7 has been written in MS Access 2000 (to cater for older computers) I have also included MS Access 2007 runtime on the install CD, and if required I can convert your database file to MS Access 2007 format, this will enable you to create your own reports using the MS Access report IDE.

However, MS Office 2007 **is not a requirement** to running MiBase, it is just an extra if you have the expertise available to write MS Access reports. I have found that the MS Access 2000 runtime uses less “room” at the top of screen for pull-down menus, looks a bit “cleaner” and performs just as fast as MS Access 2007.

Reporting in Version 7.

After 2 years of pulling my hair out, I have decided to move away from separating the reports from the main working file. I have introduced 3 main query screens to Query Members, Toys and Loans. These query screens filter the data and allow the option to print. The history information is also contained in this file. Please read version user manual for more information on query screens.

Support in 2009

Due to lack of time and the increase in the number of libraries I have unfortunately introduced support payments this year, and libraries that have paid for support will get priority. I will endeavour to help as many libraries as possible, but when it gets really busy I will help those libraries that are up to date with support payments **first**.

File Conversion

As in the version 4 to 6 upgrade you will need to zip and email the files **mibasev6.mde** and **history.mdb** for conversion. This is required to be done when the library is closed, as any information recorded in the upgrade period will be lost. Instructions on how to email these files can be found in the help manual or on the website. http://www.mibase.com.au/Help.htm#_Toc230595365

IF I have sent you an install CD for version 7, there is **NO NEED TO DOWNLOAD** any extra files from the web. After installing version 7 from the CD, just replace the blank mibasev7.mde with the one I email to you after conversion. **There is no longer a history.mdb file** in version 7. *Please email me or register on-line to request a CD if you haven't already received one.*

I hope you benefit from all the improvements in version 7, any suggestions / comments would be appreciated.