FMChecker™

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About FMChecker™

FMChecker analyses FileMaker files version 3 to 6. It unveils otherwise invisible information, like Print settings, Find requests, Sort orders, Export and Import orders, as well as count of "Not Proper Closings", Recovers and Clones.

Despite the fact FileMaker 7 is available for some time now, this version of FMChecker is still very useful when it comes to service existing databases or to convert them to FileMaker 7. You may browse through Fields, Formulas, Relations, Value Lists, Scripts, and immediately see what is used where. Click on a Field in a Formula or any other element and display its definition, where it is used and what it depends on.

FMChecker shows File references and whether the files really exists in the current environment. You don't have to move your files around to have them checked, in fact, you may check them while they are in use by FileMaker.

FMChecker is available as free Edition with a reduced feature set, which can be upgraded to the full Version by purchasing a personal cross-platform license key.

Installing FMChecker

Mac OS X (10.2 or higher):
Download and open the FMChecker disk image. Drag FMChecker from the disk image to your folder Applications or any other convenient location on your hard disk.

Mac OS 9 (9.1 or higher):
Download and unstuff the .sit file and move it into your folder Applications (Mac OS 9) or any other convenient location on your hard disk.

Windows (2000 or higher)
Download and open the installation application and follow the instructions on the screen.

To upgrade to the full version of FMChecker, start the application and select Buy License from the Help menu. You will be guided through the purchase. The upgrade will be applied instantly when you are done. A valid credit card is required.

When registered, the Buy License menu item will no longer be shown.

Basic Concept

FMChecker is a stand alone application that does not depend on FileMaker Pro or other tools. It reads FileMaker files natively without changing the modification date of the file and displays available information about it.

FMChecker is a cross platform tool for everyone who works on FileMaker® files (versions 3, 4, 5, and 6). FMChecker gathers many vital and interesting details of a FileMaker file and presents them clearly arranged. A hierarchical navigation shows information about files, fields, layouts, scripts, relationships, file references, etc. right away. The number of files to present is only limited by available memory.

What is unique about FMChecker?

You get information about your files you hardly get anywhere else, like a script's current export or import order, find request, sort order, and print setup. What date and time and on what system a file was originally created or cloned, and last used. You even see the current content of a text or numeric global field (truncated to 80 characters and first 10 repetitions only).

Find out the real size of your data contained in a file, the payload.

All is done without any other piece of software. It does not matter whether your files are open, closed, or served by FileMaker Server. You don't have to move your files around. As long as you can see a file in Explorer or Finder, even on a network volume - and have the necessary rights - FMChecker can read it.

One outstanding property of FMChecker is its speed. Drag a bunch of files onto its window and within seconds you see the results.

How to use FMChecker?

This is really simple. Drag your files onto the FMChecker icon or (when open) the Local Files pane. You also may use the File menu. FMChecker reads the files and displays a list of files and the categories of one selected file. In the right column you see the defined properties for that file.

Clicking on a category displays all instances of that category in the second column. There are Fields, Layouts, Records, Scripts, Passwords, Groups, Value Lists, Relationships, File References, and Fonts. Not all categories are always present in every file. In the right column you see a summary for that category.

Clicking on an instance (like a field name) shows information about that instance.

You may have multiple windows open to show different files or different items simultaneously.

Availability

FMChecker is available via download only. As of today, it comes in two flavors, FMChecker Community Edition and FMChecker Standard. Although FMChecker Community Edition is free of charge and does not expire (we also refrained from pop-up windows reminding you to license), it provides a vast amount of valuable information.

You may upgrade to FMChecker Standard any time via "Buy FMChecker" in the help menu. All you need is internet access and a credit card. Upgrading is automated, convenient, and a matter of usually one minute.

If you buy a license now it will remain valid for all updates of the same license level.

Please check at www.fmchecker.com for available details and updates.

Known issues

Scroll wheels are currently not supported

Is FMChecker complete? References to Layouts are still missing. Nevertheless it may be a valuable tool for you. "Better to have something useful now than something perfect to late."

Version History

1.0a2   Initial Public Release, May 11, 2004
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1.1.1   Major Update Formulas, Aug. 6, 2004
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1.2   Major Update Scripts, May 6, 2005