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DataTools Launcher User's Guide



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About This Manual

This manual leads you through the operation of the DataTools Launcher user interface. The Pervasive DataTools Launcher allows you to:

- 1 View your active and expired DataTools license subscriptions
- 1 Download any new or missing DataTools license file to which you are subscribed
- 1 Launch any of the DataTools products from a single window

- 1 Quickly navigate to the DataTools web site to renew or purchase license subscriptions

Refer to the license.txt file in the default installation directory for disclaimers and information about trademarks and credits.

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Introduction to DataTools Launcher

DataTools Launcher is an application used to manage your Pervasive DataTools product licenses and to launch the variety of products available within the Pervasive DataTools suite.

Each DataTools license is a subscription to a specific product with a specific set of features.

DataTools Launcher consists of two tabs: one for managing active product licenses and one for viewing inactive licenses. Inactive licenses are either licenses that have expired or licenses that have been super-ceded. When you extend a product license, you receive a new license for the same product that has a new expiration date. This more recent, extended license supercedes the old one, and the old license file is archived and is moved to the Inactive tab.

Application Startup

DataTools Launcher looks for licenses within the Active License Directory. The default Active License Directory is located under the Windows shared application data folder. On Windows XP, the location is: C:\Documents and Settings\AllUsers\Application Data\Pervasive\DataTools\Common800\License. On Windows Vista (32-bit), the location is C:\ProgramData\Pervasive\DataTools\Common800\License. You can change the Active License Directory in the Preferences menu.

After installation and at first startup, the DataTools Launcher will prompt you to enter your user ID and password. Enter the same login credentials you used to order your license(s). The DataTools Launcher will then connect to the Pervasive license web service and download any new licenses or licenses missing from your Active License Directory. NOTE: It is important that you use the same user ID and password used to order your Pervasive DataTools licenses from the DataTools e-commerce web site.

After a successful log into the Pervasive web service, you will be notified if new or missing licenses exist. See below:

- 1 If you click No, DataTools Launcher will load and display all non-expired and non-superceded .slc files in the Active License Directory.
- 1 If you click Yes, you will be given the opportunity to add any of the new or missing license files to your Active License Directory.

Check the box in the Add cell next to the license you would like to copy to your Active License Directory. After selecting the licenses you wish to add to your Active License Directory, press the OK button. The licenses will be added and the Active tab will display.

Preferences

Under the preference menu, you have the ability to change the Active License Directory, the web service connection information, and the display font.

Changing the connection information includes changing the login information (User ID and Password) and changing some connection default behavior. Every time the application starts up, it will log into the Pervasive license web service to look for new or missing licenses. If you wish to turn this off, you can uncheck that preference. You can then select the Refresh command any time you want to look for new or missing licenses. You can also select to automatically download new or missing licenses any time they are found. The default is set to tell you how many were found and allow you to view and manually download the ones you want. Check the preference box to automatically download these if you want that behavior.

What Do You Want to Do?

For each task, we have provided a quick link to the section of the DataTools Launcher documentation that describes how to perform the specific task.

Task	Help Topic
Find your DataTools licenses	Go To Active Tab > Find
View licensed features of an Active license	Go To Active Tab > View
Purchase additional licenses or extend an existing license	Go To Active Tab > Purchase
Refresh the active license list	Go To Active Tab > Refresh
Launch one of the DataTools products	Go To Active Tab > Launch
View licensed features of an Inactive license	Go To Inactive Tab > View
Uninstall DataTools	Go To Uninstall DataTools

Introduction - Active Tab

The Active tab displays a list of the Pervasive DataTools licenses in your Active License Directory. DataTools licenses are files that have an .SLC file extension. First time users will be prompted for login information so that DataTools Launcher can download your active licenses from the Pervasive license web service. If the list is empty, it means no licenses exist under the login credentials provided. Use the Find command to locate and copy your license files into the Active License Directory if you have license files in other file storage locations.

To purchase additional licenses, use the Purchase command to access the e-commerce website where you can buy additional licenses or extend the subscription for a license that is about to expire.

The display grid on this tab and the Inactive tab shows some identifying information about each license.

Use the View command to view the license feature details.

All licenses that have expired will be automatically archived and display on the Expired tab. Licenses that are two weeks (or less) from expiration have a red expiration date.

Only one license within the display grid can be selected for further operations. Once a license is selected, you can use the Launch command to open the licensed product.

You can click any of the column headings within the grid to sort the grid by that column. The sorted column will display an up or down arrow depending on the sort sequence: Ascending or Descending.

View - Active Tab

Use the View command to open a selected license and view the licensed features. Any features that were licensed but have expired will have an expiration date in red. If the entire license has expired, all features that were licensed have an expiration date in red and the Licensing tab in the view is also red.

Find

Use the Find command to locate and add licenses to your Active License Directory. DataTools Launcher automatically logs into the Pervasive license web service at start up to download any new licenses, so the find command is for locating licenses you have on your local disk or network and copying these license files to your Active License Directory.

Adding licenses to the Active License Directory copies the license to the Active License Directory, leaving the original license in place. To search for licenses, type the path (including drive) you wish to search and press the Search button. You may cancel your search at any time if you already see the license you want to add in the found license list.

Select the licenses you wish to add, and click the Add button. As you add licenses the grid on the Active tab is updated to reflect these additions. Close the dialog when you are finished searching for and adding licenses.

Purchase

Use the Purchase command to access the Pervasive e-commerce site and purchase additional licenses or extend a license that is about to expire. After purchasing additional software, you will need to click the Refresh button to download your newly purchased or extended licenses.

See also: [Refresh](#)

Before the e-commerce site is launched, you will see the following message:

Note: No additional software installations are required after purchasing more licenses unless additional features have been added to the Pervasive DataTools product family since your last installation.

To extend a license, you simply go to the e-commerce site and purchase more time on a product you already own. You will be sent a new license file with the extended expiration date. You will need to download this new license into your Active License Directory. If you have 2 or more licenses for the same product in the Active License Directory, the one with the farthest out expiration date will be displayed and all others will be moved to the Inactive directory.

Refresh

Use the Refresh command to access the Pervasive license web service to check for new or missing license files. Your stored login userid and password will be used to see if new or missing license files exist. If any exist, you will be notified how many and be given the opportunity to add them to your Active License Directory.

If you click No, DataTools Launcher will load and display all non-expired .slc files in the Active License Directory. If you click Yes, you will be given the opportunity to add any of the new or missing files to your Active License Directory.

Check the box in the Add cell next to the license you would like to copy to your Active License Directory. After selecting the licenses you wish to add to your Active License Directory, press the OK button. The licenses will be added and the Active tab will display.

Launch

Use the Launch command to launch the graphical user interface application associated with the selected license. DataTools Launcher understands which application to launch based on the product name and serial number of the selected license. Each launched product has its own set of documentation. Besides documentation, there are samples and tutorials for learning how to use Data Tool applications. You are able to run only the applications licensed within the file selected within DataTools Launcher. If you are unsure as to which license you are using while in one of the launched applications, select Help > About within the launched application.

Note: It is recommended that you launch and work within only one application at a time. The suite of DataTools products uses a single copy of a configuration file (dj800.ini) needed for Pervasive products and engines to run. The license file being used is a part of this configuration file. Launching multiple applications could cause licensing errors.

Introduction - Inactive Tab

The Inactive tab displays a list of the Pervasive DataTools licenses that have expired or have been super-ceded. These licenses are in an archived state. DataTools Launcher archives expired and super-ceded licenses automatically at startup. Licenses in an archived state have an .archive file extension.

The display grid on this tab shows some identifying information about each license. Expired licenses have an expiration date in red. On this tab, you can choose to view license feature details. You can click any of the column headings within the grid to sort the grid by that column. The sorted column will display an up or down arrow depending on the sort sequence: ascending or descending.

View - Inactive Tab

Use the View command to open an archived license and view the licensed features. Any features that were licensed but have expired will have an expiration date in red. If the entire license has expired, all features that were licensed have an expiration date in red and the Licensing tab in the view is also red.

Uninstall DataTools

To uninstall Pervasive DataTools, open the Windows Control Panel. Go to Add/Remove Programs and double click on Pervasive DataTools to remove it.

Note: If you plan to upgrade your version of Pervasive DataTools, you must uninstall it first, then install the new version.