



Dear VHF-DATABASE friends,

Since 1989 the formerly known "VHF-DX-Group DL West" was trying to have a tool where all active VHF Stations will be listened. Norbert, DL1EFJ, was building up a logbook program within an intelligent DATABASE. Later on, Guy, DL8EBW, did separate it and maintained the VHF-DATABASE as an stand alone tool. Meantime the VHF-DATABASE is in use all over the world in logbook-, contest-programs and as well implemented in the genius "WSJT-program" of Joe, K1JT...

Since March 2007 we did start to merge DL8EBW's VHF-DATABASE with around 50000 data entries with some other BASE (e.g. DK3XT-Base) and implement it as an online tool at our VHF-DX-Portal "**Make More Miles on VHF**" (www.MMMonVHF.de). Nowadays it will be at our MMMonVHF-Server and the registered User are not in need to update their info anymore by mail – all can be done online (use LOGIN to your MMMonVHF Account and click on VHF-DB Update). Some VHF-DATABASE extracts (CALL3.txt, MS_DATABASE...) are updated daily! They are free to download!

Still once per year there is a time the USER-VHF-DATABASE will be given out as a dbf-formatted file to interested USER and also to the DX-Cluster sysops ("**DXC-DATABASE's**" are free of charge). To obtain the full USER-VHF-DATABASE-File we are able to provide you with a dBase, WIN-Zipped file. You are able to implement this .dbf File into VQLog (EA6VQ logbook program), UCX-Log (written by DL7UCX) and contest programs like OHTest (written by OH6HFX) or TUCNAK (written by OK1ZIA). In this case please do send a small nominal fee of min. 5 EURO or 6 USD (PAYPAL: 5.50 EURO / 6.50) – use: <http://www.mmmonvhf.de/dbaseexport.php?usrdb> to pass us your wish...

Since April 2007 we are also proud that the VHF-DATABASE will be now also available as a VISUAL-Base! The VISUAL-VHF-DATABASE can be found at <http://www.mmmonvhf.de/vdb.php>

Now enjoy the history and the VHF-DATABASE, Guy, DL8EBW

Please do use the following links for more info or tools around the VHF-DATABASE:

<http://www.mmmonvhf.de/minibb/index.php?action=vtopic&forum=3>

The "HISTORY" of the VHF-DATABASE , by Guy, DL8EBW, VHF Portal MMonVHF

BASIS (1989...)

First there was our idea to have a good overview about all active stations on the VHF bands according 50MHz and higher. The first VHF-DATABASE was included into the VHF-logbook-program from our group, written by DL1EFJ, Norbert, in the time between 1989 to 1993 was all our DX results (and of course the data out of DUBUS...) was given into a file called callbook.dat. After Norbert got qrt from the amateur radio in 1994, I decide to follow up these DATABASE file and built up a new system for the future:

VERSION 1.00 (1995)

We collected a lot of data from other DATABASE´s (like DF7IT etc.) compared it and tried to get it as actual as possible. In 1995 the first concept (Version 1.00) was born and several disks were spread around.

VERSION 1.03 (07/96)

Of course we received many corrections and due to a lot of work around checks, newsletters, amateur reports and expedition results, we got the Version 1.03 at life in middle of 1996. It was the first time when we requested to bring these files also into the PR-DX-Clusters or into any logbook programs, but up to today only 2-3 DX-Clusters got it included into there systems! (no logbook author has shown us his interest up today!)

VERSION 1.10 (08/97)

Begin of 1997 it came the time to correct again a lot of data due to changes through Europe. We was able to spread around an actual version called 1.10. from up august 1997. The most interesting was, that these new disk included first time also some new data files (MS-DATABASE and an overview of the digital vhf-net...).

VERSION 1.20 (03/98)

We proudly spread around the new version 1.20 after receiving lots of updates compared to the 1.10 version. Special thanks this time will go to F5MSL and G0KPW who have send us complete correction files about their area! Lets hope we will find also some persons in other countries to get these parts as actual as necessary!

VERSION 1.25 (08/98)

Only a short outburst from a lot of data around the MS-DATABASE. It was only to spread actual info into BBS/Internet for the MS group - no total output of VHF-DATABASE that time.

VERSION 1.50 (11/98)

Again a lot of call changes have been made in past months.

Specially the sporadic E openings on 6 and 2 meter gave us a lot of new calls in the eastern parts of Europe! Meantime we have a download of 6 and 2 meter log from the DXC DB0XO-9 (tnx Angelo, DC9KZ). A lot of these data are out of use due to call errors and missing locators but some percents are good for our database! And also a big thanks to Bernd, DK3XT! Since august 98 we are in direct exchange for all incoming updates to the DK3XT "Make More Miles On VHF"

Internet page: <<http://www.ilc.de/sites/gap/>>

Also new will be, that from up these version we also make the DATABASE available via the digital way - we decide to do this, because a lot of users do not wants to get it on disc anymore...

VERSION 1.55 (06/99)

Only a little extract for the MS community - no output as a complete VHF-DATABASE, due to less time on my side!

VERSION 1.60 (11/99)

Output of a new complete issue. I was asked from several DXC-users why their dates was not updated after giving me information....(easy answer: the cluster system have no online update service!) So it was time to set up a new file... This VHF-DATABASE (1.60) include a lot of new calls and lot of changes from the last few months. Also the ES season gave us some new initials from the eastern regions, where it is still difficult to get the latest news from. We will pass 1.60 to the (CLX-)DX cluster system (many thanks on these way to Ben, DL6RAI for his effort around the input-routines), to Gabriel, EA6VQ for his excellent VHF-Logbook-Program: VQ-Log 2.0 (please check for download at) Internet page: <http://www.qsl.net/ea6vq/vqlog.html> and for a brand new service: to the homepage of the VHF-DX-Group-DL-West, where Winfried, DH3YAK built up an ONLINE search and update service!!! Internet page: <http://www.rue.net/vhfdx/> also links are available from the VHF homepages of DK3XT www.qsl.net/dk3xt and DK5YA www.qsl.net/dk5ya . As we start in last issue, we also will spread out the DATABASE via e-mail or diskette, to everybody who wants to get it on his own PC. But - I still do not agree to open it on an general place it the internet because of too much personal work behind these base! Please do accept it!

VERSION 1.65 (05/2000)

Again a little refreshed output of the MS-DATABASE again for the start into the new ms-season 2000.

VERSION 1.70 (10/2000)

Meantime we have three different kind of DATABASE-files sorted out:
type 1 USER - for private USERS and to re-load it into EA6VQs VQ-Log
type 2 CLX - for DX-Cluster-sysops using it into Cluster type CLX
type 3 AK1A - for DX-Cluster-sysops using it into Cluster type AK1A
So also the text files which are given with these 3 different bases will depend on each user-group (e.g. sysops will receive no ms-database or USER's will not receive info how to include file into DXC....)
Now some words around the real data of the new version 1.70:
after these great ES- season (in my opinion one of the best I ever seen in my 15 years of vhf-work) we had the opportunity to collect a lot of new calls/locators for our database. Meantime it is a figure of abt. 40000 calls/loc. Never mind I know that there are peoples running DATABASE over 50000 calls, but lot of these calls are doubled due to contests qths etc. Again: we are NOT collecting all QTHs from a specific station. If a station has got its home and his 2nd or 3rd QTH in same locator (e.g. JO31nf - JO31of - JO31pg), it makes no sense to count it three times! Our database shall give an overview where you have to find the station or in which locator-square it might be, and than it is useless if its -nf,-of,-pg or whatever the last two figures are.... (for calculations you are able to use "mm" as the last two figures to have the middle distance of these square).
Due to the implementation into the growing cluster system, the great database work on the internet pages of DK3XT and DH3YAK and due to the updated logbook of EA6VQ we received also a lot of corrections and were able to change failures... many thanks to all of them for their effort!!!
So enjoy your vhf-work, but don't forget in all the fights around the DX: it shall be a hobby with lot of fun!!!

VERSION 1.75 (04/2001)

Again a refreshed output of our MS-DATABASE for the start into the new ms-saison 2001.

VERSION 1.80 (10/2001)

These new version will be the regular yearly update of our VHF-DATABASE. Meantime we are collected more than 43000 calls and it will be more day by day! EA6VQ, Gabriel, is still the only logbook editor who use our VHF-DATABASE, but meantime OH6HFX, Johannes, have had written a contest program which use the base and also an update form! Our online VHF-DATABASE (<http://vhf-dx.scam.de/>) will have newest techniques (thanks to DH3YAK) since august and also we still have daily alignments with the DK3XT VHF-DATABASE. All at all, enjoy these new version 1.80 !!!

VERSION 1.85 (05/2002)

Again a refreshed output of our MS-DATABASE for the start into the new ms- season 2002. Since these time we spread 2 files (one for direct use with K1JT's program WSJT)

VERSION 1.90 (10/2002)

These new version will be the regular yearly output of our VHF-DATABASE. Still a lot work around the base day by day! We saw a big increase on VHF activity past year, due to new tools (e.g. WSJT). So a lot changes have been done and I think have to do in coming month. The internet VHF-DATABASE as well as the page of DK3XT will give us a lot of updates. So enjoy our new output!

VERSION 1.95 (05/2003)

Again a refreshed output of our MS-DATABASE for the start into the new ms-season 2003. We do spread 2 files (one for direct use with K1JT's program WSJT) again. Please do also use the new program from DG0KW, to view our MS-DATABASE - download:
<http://www.user.fh-stralsund.de/~dl0hst/software.htm>

VERSION 2.00 (10/2003)

These new version 2.00 will be the regular yearly output of our VHF-DATABASE. A lot work around the base day by day and specially after some countries allows changing callsigns! We have had around 3000 updates over the past year and also several 100 new calls signs after these great ES season - thanks to DK5YA to send me all data inputs! Meantime we are able to spread out 4 different packages: USER package, DXC-CLX, DXC-SPIDER and DXC DX-Net. The online VHF-DATABASE, as well as the pages of DK3XT and DK5YA will give us a lot of possibilities. So enjoy these new output!

VERSION 2.05 (05/2004)

Again a refreshed output of my MS-DATABASE for the start into the new ms- season 2004. We do spread again 2 files (one for direct use with K1JT's program WSJT). a lot of new calls are integrated due to the very high activity on WSJT past months....

VERSION 2.10 (10/2004)

Will spread around the new yearly output of the VHF-DATABASE. Again I have about 2000 new entries and around 5000(!) changes. Due to again big activity increase, there are lot of updates implemented against 2.00 version. Specially the ON4KST-CHAT gave me lot of new locators and names behind the callsigns. Also we have a new contest program (tucnak from OK1ZIA <http://tucnak.nagano.cz/>) which is able to operate with my VHF-DATABASE, tnx Lada. From up now its also possible to obtain the DATABASE from my FTP-Server - please ask for password/adress if you wanna use these way...

VERSION 2.15 (05/2005)

Again a refreshed output of my MS-DATABASE for the start into the new ms- season 2005. I do spread meantime files (two for direct use with K1JT's program WSJT). A lot of new calls are integrated due to the very high activity on WSJT past months....

VERSION 2.20 (10/2005)

The next issue of my DATABASE with all minor outputs of MS-DATABASE's.

A lot of changes in several countries, made also a new updates in the DATABASE necessary. In DL a lot of clubstation could get one letter suffix calls for contests and so I collect a lot of them since may.

Also a lot of people got more and more interested to work with the new WSJT versions via moon and so the entries have added with EME flag meantime... what comes next...?

VERSION 2.25 (05/2006)

Again a refreshed output of my MS-DATABASE for the start into the new MS- season 2006. I do spread meantime 3 files (two for direct use with K1JT's program WSJT). A lot of new calls are integrated due to the very high activity on WSJT past months....

VERSION 2.30 (10/2006)

Again a new issue of my DATABASES with all minor outputs of MS DATABASE's. A lot of changes due to the high activity in these years great ES-Saison, as well as new DXCC's, gave me also a lot of input in the DATABASE. Also still a lot of new people got more and more interested to work with the new WSJT versions on VHF and so the entries have added. EME stations will have EME flag meantime and so WSJT can direct use it for the deep search decoder.

Within past month my own interest was high to get the Make More Miles on my VHF expedition homepage: <http://www.dl8ebw.de/ACTUAL/Expeditionen/expeditionen.html>

as well as the new created mailing list for the MMM on VHF:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MMM_on_VHF/ as active and up to date as possible. A lot of people do use these service meantime...So next project will be to go on tour again - so lets see, where we will meet on VHF together again!

VERSION 2.35 (05/2007)

Again a refreshed output of all 3 MS-DATABASE for the start into the new ms- season 2007. Meantime the VHF-DATABASE Project is integrated into the VHF DX Portal MMMonVHF.

VERSION 2.xx (since issue 10/2007) and the future issues ...

Since 10/2007 you are able to download the three different MS-DATABASE's

free of any charge and **daily up to date** after a LOGIN at <http://www.mmmonvhf.de> !

As usual the USER-VHF-DATABASE will be issued one time per year around autumn!

We will be also able to spread out the 4 different files (USER [for VQLog, UCX-Log, Ham Office, OHTest and Tucnak...] and the DX-Cluster Files) if any need. PLEASE do remember – all those DATA are also available via our Webpage and you be able to use a lot of sort and visualisation tools! If this is not enough for you, the DX-Cluster-VHF-DATABASE and the USER-VHF-DATABASE can be requested with a form at our homepage (for the USER-VHF-DATABASE we do ask for small fee...)

VERSION 3.xx (since issue 10/2010) and the future issues ...

From 2010 on, we will set as well an information of the issue (year) at the version number:

3.10 means 2010 issue, 3.11 will be 2011 and so on...

As spread out in earlier publications these VHF-DATABASE's can only be as good as the stations which are sending updates. It will be a living project and of course we will do our best to keep it as actual as possible... Make your UPDATES here: <http://www.mmonvhf.de/dbase.php> !

A DX-Clusters itself will have NO online update function until now. It will be necessary time to time to for the Sysops to implement a new issue into the DX-Cluster area. Sysop's will be informed by mail and several DX-Cluster mailing lists!

All info, links and download around the VHF-DATABASE's you are able to find at the homepages:

<http://www.mmonvhf.de/dbase.php>

Wish you gl with our MMonVHF VHF-DATABASE's and hope to hear from you time to time...

73 de Guy, DL8EBW
on behalf of the Team of MMonVHF



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