

DataShareAPS Software Installation Notes

Thank you for downloading the DataShareAPS Evaluation Software. The following multi-stage automated installation is designed for minimal impact on your existing Windows configuration and can be easily removed at any time with the Uninstall wizard. Depending upon the speed of your hardware and internet connection, the installation should take 5-10 minutes.

Installer Philosophy: The primary design goal of the DataShareAPS installer is to have minimal impact on your existing Windows configuration. Because we hate it when automated software installers feel entitled to make arbitrary and sometimes irreversible adjustments to user system configurations, our installers try not to make any changes to your existing software or settings (1). As a result, the installer leaves a few program features for you to personally configure, as discussed at the end of these notes.

The installation steps and software installed include the following:

- **DataShareAPS_Installer.exe download:** You must be registered on the AppraisalShareware.com website to download the DataShareAPS installer. It is a standard Windows installer which is about 24MB in size and should download in a few seconds with basic cable broadband. As detailed in the download instructions, the downloaded installer should be saved to the Windows desktop from an administrative account where the software will be used. The following installation process is initiated by double-clicking the screen icon of the installer.
- **Evaluation:** Your existing computer hardware and operating system configuration will be evaluated relative to the installation requirements of our software. If minimum requirements are not met, software installation will not proceed.
- **License agreement:** By downloading and installing the DataShareAPS Evaluation Software, you will be granted and must agree to our Evaluation Software License, the first in a series of three software licensing levels. The Evaluation Software License is free and allows you to install and evaluate the functionally-restricted demo software for a limited time. If you like what you see and decide to purchase an Activation Software License, a 6-month Software Support License will be included at no additional charge. If you choose not to activate your demo software, you can uninstall the software with no continuing obligation except for the non-disclosure provisions of the Evaluation License. In the following dialog, you can quickly review and print out a copy of this agreement, or access the document online from <http://AppraisalShareware.com/Licensing> for more legible large-font review. Please note that in the installer you must scroll to the end of the document before checking "Accept".
- **Prerequisite/feature software download and installation:** The DataShareAPS software uses several Microsoft component libraries, some or all of which which may already be installed on your computer. The initial stages of this installation

insure that the following prerequisites are present, and display the pre-install status of the prerequisites on your system before downloading and installing any missing components from Microsoft's official download website:

1. Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 and 4.0: This may be a large download, depending on your operating system and Framework components which may already be installed for other Microsoft applications. Typical installation time is 3-5 minutes. Accept the Microsoft license agreement and follow the onscreen prompts.
2. Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services: Small download required for rendering reports to printer, Word, PDF, Excel.
3. DataShareAPS and supporting assemblies: Small download containing our proprietary software, supporting assemblies, and the Microsoft SQL Server Compact Database. Typical installation time is under a minute. Accept the license agreement and follow the onscreen prompts as describe in these notes.
4. Adobe Reader v9.5+ (1): See Update Footnote 1 below. Small download which will be installed only if the required Adobe drivers are not already present on your system.

Downloading and installing the Microsoft prerequisites can take much longer than the DataShareAPS software, so please be patient. The computer may automatically reboot after installation of Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 and proceed relatively quickly with installation of the remaining software.

- **Initial execution:** The first time you run DataShareAPS, the software will recognize that it is a new installation and create a demo library folder on your desktop with some sample data. You may modify the demo configuration by moving or deleting this data at any time, or retain it for training purposes. (If you decide to move the demo library from the desktop, remember to tell the software where its libraries are by clicking Tools > Configure from the Action Menu.)
- **Demo registration:** After installation, we recommend that you register your demo software and synchronize with your AppraisalShareware.com website account. Demo registration is free and provides automated access to context-sensitive help and training videos from the website. (Demo registration is accomplished by clicking Tools > Register from the Action Menu.)

After the core software is installed you can download a variety of configurable extensions which work with DataShareAPS. We do not install this software automatically in order to prevent interference with software already configured on your system. User-configurable extensions include one-click integration of your favorite PDF reader client, image editor, and many other freeware, shareware, open source and commercial software utilities.

PDF Reader Client: DataShareAPS is compatible with both the free Adobe and SumatraPDF Readers, but we intentionally do not want to install or configure for the free Adobe Reader if you have Professional Acrobat installed. (1)

Image Editor: Likewise, our recommended imaging helper is IrfanView, but you may prefer to use Photoshop, Gimp, Paint.Net, or something else. So we leave the

configuration of these extensions up to you.

Configuration of software extensions is accomplished at the Action Menu by clicking Tools > Configure, and detailed instructions are provided in the DataShareAPS configuration forum. DataShareAPS should be compatible with many different extension utilities, so if you configure something new, please let the community know about it by posting in the forums. Please refer to the website forums and videos for more details.

Update Footnotes

1. In order to provide PDF compatibility with both of the free Adobe Reader and SumatraPDF utilities, we discovered that it is necessary to require Adobe Reader as a prerequisite for our software (especially on Windows 7 and 8 systems). If you already have a free or purchased Adobe product installed, this should satisfy the prerequisite. We apologize for the inconvenience to SumatraPDF users.