

## Re: dBase 3 to FoxPro or ???

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On Tue, 16 Nov 2004 20:18:34 -0300, YD wrote:

> *On Mon, 15 Nov 2004 06:57:08 GMT, Robert Baer*

> *<robertbaer@earthlink.net> wrote:*

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>>*Tim Shoppa wrote:*

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>>> *Robert Baer <robertbaer@earthlink.net> wrote in message  
news:<419091B0.82C58320@earthlink.net>...*

>>> > *I have a dBASE 3 application that must remain in true, pure DOS*

>>> > *(Windows not allowed even if quiet).*

>>> > *The size of the database files is getting large and dBASE is slowing*

>>> > *down, and at times "stutters".*

>>> > *Does anyone have FoxPro for DOS or any other decent database language*

>>> > *for DOS (ie: Paradox is excluded)?*

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>>> *It depends on what you're doing in dBase3, but the most logical rehosting*

>>> *to modern tools would probably be either to a BerkeleyDB implementation*

>>> *(good for embedded stuff where the database is accessed in the same way*

>>> *over and over again) or to a free SQL implementation (good for when a*

>>> *wide variety of queries are run) like MySQL.*

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>>> *BerkeleyDB: <http://www.sleepycat.com/>*

>>> *MySQL: <http://www.mysql.com/>*

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>>> *Since you say Windows isn't allowed I won't go into all the evils of*

>>> *MS Access and why you should never ever touch it :-).*

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>>> *Tim.*

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>> *Thanks for giving the possibility; sending a query to them for more*

>>*pertinet info.*

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> *Go Linux and MySQL. You can export the dBase files as tab separated*

> *text files and import them to MySQL. I've done it in DOS/Win without*

> *too much of a hassle except for getting the syntax just right on both*

> *sides. Those were rather small files, at most a couple thousand*

> *entries, so I can't say what happens when they exceed humongous.*

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- > *Linux isn't that hard to get to grips with, especially as you won't be*
- > *using the GUI. FreeBSD is better documented, has all the needed apps*
- > *and is optimised for servers. Install PHP and Apache for a web*
- > *interface to the database, use Samba to set up a file server on a*
- > *Microshaft Network.*

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I can't speak at BSD, but I use Slackware 10.0, and am totally happy with it. The thing is, you can use a GUI if you want to, without screwing everything up a la MICRO\$~1. And, of course, you do have the option of staying with a completely textual system, and still get some real work done.

If you (OP) have enough savvy to be looking into porting DBlimp files to FoxPro, then installing and running Slackware will be a snap. I tout it mercilessly, because I'm a full-on Slacker, who has even earned a couple of BOZO points, and an acolyte to the Church of the SubGenius. ;-)

But go ahead and install something that no real Linux user has ever even heard of, if you must, heretic. ;-)

Have Fun!  
Rich