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Spectrum CIRC/CAT files

This appendix lists files that Winnebago Spectrum CIRC/CAT creates and/or uses. This file information may be especially useful if you back up your program using a tape backup system. *Note:* File names and purposes are subject to change without notice.

Files by location

Spectrum CIRC/CAT files may not be stored in one location. Below is a list of some locations where you should look when trying to locate Spectrum files. The list below may not be all inclusive. Some of the following files may be found in more than one location.

Files	Location
Spectrum Server computer	The server computer stores Spectrum files that client programs need to access. This includes all data files.
Spectrum client computer(s)	Each client computer stores only those Spectrum files needed by the client—for example, local preferences such as catalog settings and printing settings, if applicable.
Winnebago folder	(Windows only) By default, the installation program places Spectrum's executable files in program-specific folders in the Winnebago folder.
Preferences folder	The installation program places preference files (.prf) in a Preferences (Macintosh) or Prefs (Windows) folder.

Files by category

The Spectrum CIRC/CAT program uses many types of files. You can identify these types by common elements in their file name or extension. The list below may not be all inclusive, and files may belong in more than one category.

Type of file	Description
Program .exe is the extension	Program, or executable, files contain all of the code that makes up the Spectrum program.
Configuration .cfg is the extension	The program consults the configuration files when it needs information on a specific setup.
Circulation c_ starts the file name	Circulation files contain data on circulation activity (such as usage totals, fines, and reserves).
Material m_ starts the file name	Material files contain titles, subjects, identifying codes, key words and other details of the materials in your collection.
Patron p_ starts the file name	Patron files contain data associated with each patron such as patron name, number, address, and so on.
Visual Search v_ starts the file name	Visual Search files contain the properties set up for the Visual Search buttons.
Preference .prf is the extension	Preference files contain settings for program options.
Setup s_ starts the file name	Setup files contain program setup options. For example, the file s_calndr.dat stores your library's hours.

Type of file	Description
Help .hlp is the extension	A complete Help system designed to solve problems you encounter while working with the Spectrum program as well as instruct you on how to finish a specific task. Help includes step-by-step instructions that you follow as you work, examples that show you how to complete a process, and reference information.
Help contents .cnt is the extension	Help contents files serve as the table of contents for the Help (.hlp) files.
.dll (dynamic link library)	A small program called by another program to complete certain tasks. Do not delete these files.

Executable files

To easily identify the executable (program) files that make up Spectrum CIRC/CAT and its related programs you must understand the system used for naming the files (*Note:* Some Macintosh program files may not follow these naming conventions).

Spectrum executables are named to fit in the 8.3 format of DOS/16-bit windows. The eight characters making up the name are divided into 3 sections consisting of executable name/operating system/protocol (5.2.1).

A. Executable names (up to 5 characters)

1. Spectrum CIRC/CAT = CICA
2. Spectrum Patrons' CAT = PCAT
3. Spectrum Communications Setup = SVRST
4. Spectrum Rebuild = RBLD
5. Database Update = DBU
6. MARConnect = MARCONNECT

B. Operating systems (2 characters)

1. Windows 16bit = 16
2. Windows 95/98/NT/2000 = 32
3. Power Macintosh = PM
4. Macintosh 68K = 68

C. Protocols (1 character)

1. Single User = S
2. TCP/IP = T
3. NetBIOS = N
4. IPX/SPX = I
5. ATP = A
6. ADSP = D

Examples

CICA32S = Spectrum CIRC/CAT Single User for Windows 95/98/NT/2000

PCAT32T = Spectrum Patrons' Catalog TCP/IP for Windows 95/98/NT/2000

Preference files

Preference files store settings used by the program. They are automatically created by Spectrum CIRC/CAT. Some of these files can be manually edited with a text editor, such as NotePad or SimpleText. If the file is deleted, the program recreates it. However, the preferences you set are then lost, and the program uses the default settings for that part of the program.

Some of the preference files are created after a function is performed, so not all of the listed files exist when the program is installed. Also, some of the files are only used by Patrons' Catalog and Circulation. If you do not use both, some of the files are not applicable to your program.

File name	Description
amoption.prf	Stores settings entered in the Material Import Options window.
catlevel.prf	Stores local reading and interest levels.
catlimit.prf	Stores local material type limits.
catsetup.prf	Stores local Catalog Setup options.
def_svr.prf	Stores the default server information.
defhold.txt	Stores the default holding record.
defmarc.txt	Stores the default MARC record. (Although this file can be manually edited because it's in Pre-1987 MicroLIF format, Sagebrush recommends you only use Spectrum CIRC/CAT's Material Edit module to change this file's contents.)
editmarc.prf	Stores the settings for Edit MARC, such as bold/italic, font, and expansion mode.

File name	Description
mcprefs.prf	General preference file.
patedit.prf	Stores default patron record information entered through Patron Edit. You should change its contents only in the Patron Edit window.
pcwinpos.prf	Saves the position and sizes of program windows.
rpcrcopt.prf	Stores circulation report options.
rplblopt.prf	Stores label options.
rplblstk.prf	Stores the settings for barcode label stock.
rpmatopt.prf	Stores material report options.
rpnotopt.prf	Stores circulation notice options.
rpspnstk.prf	Stores the settings for spine label stock.
rpstaopt.prf	Stores circulation statistic report options.
rpsysopt.prf	Stores system report options.
servers.prf	Stores the server information file.
sliprint.prf	Stores the setup options for the SLIP printer.

Configuration files

Configuration files store settings necessary for different aspects of your Spectrum CIRC/CAT program. The program consults these files when it needs information for a particular setup. To change any of these files, you can use a text editor such as NotePad or SimpleText to view and edit the contents. *Note:* You should only edit these files when instructed to do so either when following instructions in your Spectrum documentation or by Sagebrush Technical Support.

File name	Description
ctsvr.cfg	Stores the default information for the server name, files, and communication protocols.
defktags.cfg	Stores default key word sources. (You can add, edit, and delete these sources by using a text editor to modify this file.)
deftypes.cfg	Stores default material types and call number patterns. (Types and patterns can be added, edited, and deleted with a text editor.)
kywrdoff.cfg	Stores all the key words turned off by default. (Words can be added and deleted from this file with a text editor.)
xtagsdec.cfg	Stores the description for tags, indicators, and subfields that are shown when Edit MARC is in full or moderate view.

Material files

The material files store details about the materials, MARC records, and key words in your collection.

File name	Description
m_author	Every MARC record must have a 1XX author. If none are found in the MARC record, then a blank tag 100 author will be added.
m_cprrdt	Stores the copyright index for searching by copyright dates in the catalog.
m_dtstmp	Stores the date that holdings are added or deleted.
m_incdnt	Stores each incident of a key word in a MARC record and a map showing which tags the key word appears in for the specified MARC record.
m_isbndt	Stores the ISBN, even if it's left blank.
m_keywrđ	Stores all the key words and the number of MARC records each key word appears in.
m_kwtags	Stores data describing which tags and subfields the key words are built from.
m_lccndt	Stores the LCCN, even if it's left blank.
m_loclđt	Stores local holding information for individual MARC records.
m_marcdt	Stores MARC information that is a variable length field holding.

File name	Description
m_midmat	Stores the Material Custom Index information.
m_prtbcd	Stores the material and patron barcode numbers added to the Selected Barcodes file for labels.
m_subjdt	Stores the subject fixed-length information, delimited by quotes.
m_titldt	Stores the 245 title tag, even if it's left blank.

Circulation files

Circulation files contain data for messages, circulation usage, patron circulation logs, and many other functions related to circulation activity.

File name	Description
c_crcdta	Stores the circulation records.
c_crcimg	Stores patron image records for use in Patron Edit and Circulation.
c_crcld	Holds local holding information that is changed in Circulation.
c_crclog	Stores log records for materials checked out.
c_dlyuse	Stores the daily usage totals.
c_fnedta	Stores the materials and fine amounts associated with them.
c_fnelog	Stores records for fine logs.

File name	Description
c_matmss	Stores material messages.
c_mtusge	Stores monthly usage by material type.
c_patmss	Stores patron messages.
c_ptusge	Stores monthly usage by patron type.
c_rsvdta	Stores the reserved materials information.

Patron file

There is one set of patron files, p_patron.dat and p_patron.idx, which hold the patron data such as name and address.

Setup files

Setup files hold the options and limits you set up in the Setup part of Spectrum CIRC/CAT.

File name	Description
s_calndr	Stores the calendar years and months as well as the hours and days your library is open.
s_cllpat	Used for determining a material type number based on the call number.
s_locset	Stores Location Setup information.
s_matset	Stores Material Type Setup information.

File name	Description
s_modset	Stores the Location Setup options such as library name, address, partitions, and passwords.
s_patset	Stores Patron Type Setup information.
s_schdle	Stores the Calendar Setup Schedule information.

Inventory files

There are two sets of files relating to the inventory process.

File name	Description
i_invexp	Stores records for each barcode entered with an error while doing inventory. The following are reasons a record could be in this file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number was entered out of order. • A patron number was entered. • A command barcode was entered. • The number appears valid but is not in the holdings file. • The number is invalid.
i_invsta	Stores the current state of inventory. This file tells you whether inventory is in progress or not. If inventory is in progress, the file contains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What part of the collection is being inventoried, whether the entire collection, a range of numbers, or selected material types. • The date and time the inventory was started. • The number of materials that have been prepared for inventory.

Visual Search files

There is one set of Visual Search files, v_vssrch.dat and v_vssrch.idx, which contain the properties set up for the Visual Search buttons.