

CGGVeritas (Data Services) – Database Export File

What Is The Database Export File And Why Is It Provided?

During transcription we typically use our *SEISTORE* database to track media and transcription related information.

The Database Export File is a dump of *SEISTORE*'s fields as an Excel spreadsheet (other formats such as ASCII text can be accommodated upon request). This file can be found in a separate directory "Database Export File" within the directory "Transcription Reports". The file is provided for the following reasons;

- It contains more fields of information than the Transcription Report, such as file size, record length, sample rate, number of channel, number of aux. channels etc.
- It contains a number of useful statistics concerning the data, such as the number of input and output tapes, number of lines, number of input and output files, number of input tapes not transcribed (DNP tapes), number of output boxes etc.
- Unlike the PDF Transcription Report the fields can be copied, edited and imported into other applications.
- The Transcription Report is limited as to the amount of detail that it can display as it must fit onto a printable page (A4 or Letter). Therefore many fields are displayed on a cover sheet, assuming that their values will be constant for the entire job. If the values for the field are not constant the Transcription Report will indicate so and refer you to the Database Export File for further detail. Examples of such fields are Input Media Type, Length and Format.

Alternatively, where the use of *SEISTORE* is not practical, an Excel spreadsheet may be generated manually.

Format and Layout

The workbook contains 2 worksheets, Summary and Details. The Summary worksheet contains the following;

- Job statistics such as the number of input and output tapes, number of input and output files, number of lines, number of output boxes (if applicable) etc.
- A list of the fields selected for exporting and their order.
- A list of abbreviated codes and corresponding descriptions, for fields that contain a reference table. Note that it will only list those values that appear in the exported data and not all values found in each reference table.

The details section contains the actual field values, with each field exported as a separate Excel column. For fields that contain a reference (lookup) table the abbreviated code is usually exported rather than the description, therefore the user should refer to the field's description found in the Summary worksheet if its meaning is unclear.