

VRDB

Version 2.3

NOTE: It is critical that this information is read and understood before using the program, particularly in the “Getting Started” section. Many simple issues can be avoided by simply following the steps as written.

Getting Started

Steps:

1. If installing on Windows 10, set it to allow installing apps from other than the Microsoft Store:
 - a. Click Start.
 - b. Open "Settings" -- either type "Settings" and click open, or click the settings icon.
 - c. Click on "Apps".
 - d. Under "Choose where to get apps" select "Anywhere".
2. Download the VRDB.zip file from the provided link. Note the name of the folder to which the file is downloaded.
3. Open “File Explorer” by pressing <Windows-E> on your keyboard then locate the folder into which the VRDB.zip was downloaded.
4. Right-click the VRDB.zip and select "Properties"; then, look at the bottom of the window:
 - a. If you see some verbiage about “This file came from another computer...” with an “Unblock” checkbox to the right, click the “Unblock” checkbox.
 - b. Click [OK] to close the window
5. Right-click the VRDB.zip and select "Extract All..."
 - a. The default displayed path will be the full path to the folder where the VRDB.zip is located. For example, if you downloaded VRDB.zip to your “Downloads” folder, the path will show “C:\Users\<your_user>\Downloads\VRDB”.
6. Edit the path to remove the VRDB at the end of the path; e.g., "C:\Users\<your_user>\Downloads".
 - a. Note that files are extracted to a new folder named VRDB under the path you specify.

Installation

Steps:

1. Go to the folder where the files were extracted (e.g., C:\Users\<your_user>\Downloads\VRDB).
2. Locate the “setup” file; it will have an icon of a disk; double-click the file.
3. Accept the license agreement for the necessary components.
4. Click [Yes] when prompted to "Make changes to your device..."
5. Click [Next] in the VRDB Setup Wizard.
6. Click [Next] to accept the default settings for install. Change these if desired.
7. Click [Next] to start the installation.
8. Click [Yes] when prompted to "Make changes to your device..."

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9. Click [Close] to close the wizard.

After Installation

Steps:

1. Move the voter registration file (e.g., 202503_VRDB_Extract.txt) from the temporary folder to another folder so it is available for import and where it will be available to you later.
2. Open the VRDB program by double-clicking the shortcut icon on your desktop.
3. In the menu bar, click "Help" then select "FAQ" and "Instructions" to learn more.
4. You can delete the ZIP file and the folder containing the extracted contents of the ZIP file; they are no longer required.

Uninstalling

To remove VRDB:

1. Close VRDB and any of the related PDFs that may be open or displayed; i.e., Instructions, FAQ, or Installation.
2. In the search box, type "Control Panel" to open it; then, click on "Programs and Features":
3. Locate "VRDB" in the list of programs and note the "Installed On" date.
4. Locate "Microsoft SQL Server 2019 LocalDB" and compare the "Installed On" date.
 - a. If the dates are the same, then the SQL Server components were likely installed as part of VRDB and you should consider removing them as well.
 - b. If the dates are different, then the SQL Server components were likely installed by some other program on your system and it is recommended that you NOT remove them. Doing so could cause the other program to no longer work.
5. Right-click "VRDB" and select "Uninstall".
6. Click [Yes], when prompted to "allow changes to your device".
7. If you choose to remove the "SQL Server" components:
 - a. Right-click that entry and select "Uninstall".
 - b. Click [Yes], when prompted to "allow changes to your device".
 - c. Click [OK], if prompted to "Automatically close applications..."