

## About FunADay

The FunADay application uses database files that contain lists of jokes, trivia, quotes, facts, etc on any subject imaginable. The lists can be educational and/or entertaining. Since you can create your own lists with FunADay (even Mac users!), there is no limit to what you can do with it.

Once you load up some database files, you can use FunADay to view the items in order, or at random. This way you can get your own random joke or inspirational quote every day.

Best of all, FunADay is free! You can find many database files in the library on [www.ScienceOnTheGo.com](http://www.ScienceOnTheGo.com).

## Database Files

A database file contains all the items in your list (obviously), as well as a short comment that list authors can embed in the database. This allows database authors to freely distribute database yet still receive due credit and advertising for their hard work.

New databases can be easily created by using the Memo Pad application (see “Making Your Own Databases” section below), and the database files always end with “.pdb”. You can beam database files to others as long as the database was created without the Copy Protection option. After you install a database on your Palm device, the next time you do a Hotsync with your desktop computer , the database file ending in “.pdb” will be copied up to your desktop computer and you can find the file there. (The Backup conduit must be enabled during Hotsync)

## Installation

### System Requirements

To install and use FunADay on your Palm device, you will need:

- Palm OS 2.0 or higher (Palm Pilot or later handheldmodel)
- Approximately 22 KB of RAM

Once you have downloaded FunADay, installing the software onto your handheld is easy – just follow the three easy steps below. This requires the desktop software that came with your handheld device since a HotSync is necessary.

**Step One:** Unzip the file

**Step Two:** Select the files you want to install

**Step Three:** HotSync your PDA to install the files

## Step One: Unzip the file

When you download the FunADay application, the result is probably a file ending with “.zip” such as “FunADay.zip”. This is a compressed, or zipped, file format so you need to decompress the file. Some browsers may automatically decompress the files for you, so if you see a folder containing FunADay.prc then you can skip this step.

To decompress a zipped file, you need a program like WinZip or Alladin Expander (Windows), or Stuffit Expander (Macintosh). Select the “.zip” file with one of these programs and the file will be decompressed.

## Step Two: Select the files you want to install

The Palm Desktop software is used to select files to be installed the next time you Hotsync. Your Palm User Manual should provide thorough instructions for how to do this. Any file ending with “.prc” (the FunADay application) or “.pdb” (database files) is a Palm file that you should mark to be installed on your handheld.

## Step Three: HotSync your handheld to install the files

To install the files, HotSync your handheld as usual by placing your handheld in the cradle or connecting the HotSync cable and pressing the HotSync button. Once the HotSync is complete, you will see “FunADay” in your applications window in the “unfiled” category. You won’t see the database files there.

## Starting FunADay - The Fun List Screen



When you launch FunADay and click “Fun List”, you see the Fun List screen. This screen shows you a list of all FunADay database files on your handheld device. Select a file from the list by tapping on it, then choose one of the following actions:

**Fun** - Begin viewing items in the database file

**Import** - Import a new custom database you created with the Memo Pad application.

**Delete** - Delete a database file

**Beam** - Beam a database file to another device

## Import

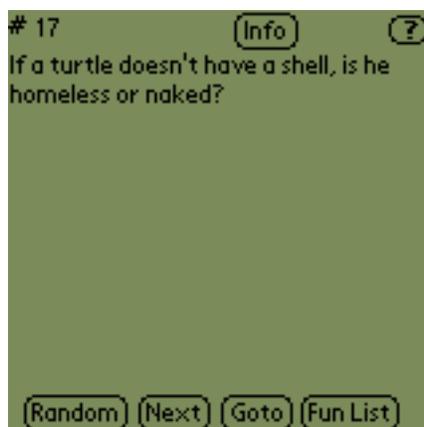


The Import screen shows you a list of all the memos in the Memo Pad application. If you have created your own database here, you can select that memo and tap “Convert” to convert the memo into a FunADay database file.

During the conversion process, you will be asked whether you want to protect the new database file against being beamed. In most cases, you should say “No”. If you are producing a commercial database for a fee, you might want to prevent beaming.

If you try to convert a memo that is not in the special FunADay format, you will get unpredictable results.

## Viewing Items In A Database



The "item number" is shown in the top left. This can be useful if you want to return to a specific item later using the "Goto" button.

**Info** - Display the number of items in the database, and any information about the author

**Next** - Skip to the next item.

**Random** - Skip to a random item.

**Goto** - Go to any item number you enter. For example, type "3" to jump directly to item #3

**Done** - Return to Fun List screen

## Making Your Own Databases

You can make your own databases very easily by creating a specially formatted memo in the standard Memo Pad application that comes with every PalmOS device. This means that you can either use your desktop computer (Windows or Macintosh) to enter the list data, or if you have a Palm keyboard you can make your databases right on your Palm device.

Once you have created a memo in the correct format, you use the "Import" button on the Fun List screen to select the memo and convert it to a FunADay database file.

Here is the format you must adhere to when creating a memo for importing:

**Line 1:** The name of your database; 31 characters or less

**Line 2:** A comment; 63 characters or less.

We encourage you to put your name and either email or web address.

**Line 3, 4, 5, 6...:** Your list items. End each item with a "#" character.

You may have up to 200 items. When importing from the Memo Pad, FunADay will only display the first 500 memos. The Memo Pad application imposes a limit of 4000 total characters.

Here is an example FunADay memo:

```
Sample Quotes
Written by John Covele, www.ScienceOnTheGo.com
look before you leap
#
He who hesitates is lost
#
Do not judge others

Lest you be judged yourself!
#
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Once a FunADay memo has been imported and converted to a database file, it will show up in the Fun List screen. From here, you can beam it to others. The next time you do a Hotsync with your desktop computer (as long as the Backup conduit is enabled), the database file ending in “.pdb” will be copied up to your desktop computer and you can find the file there.

Please send us a copy of your database files (ending in “.pdb”) so we can post them on our web site for all to share. This will help us to build a library of FunADay databases that will benefit everyone (original authors will get credit because of the “comment” field inside every file).

Email your new database file to [info@AllYouCanWeb.com](mailto:info@AllYouCanWeb.com) or visit our web site at <http://www.ScienceOnTheGo.com>.

## **Credits and Contact Info**

FunADay was created and is copyrighted by John Covele, President of All You Can Web, Inc. Our web site features the latest version and news about FunADay, as well as other Palm software.

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