

# Virtual Morse Key User's Guide

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## 1. Installation

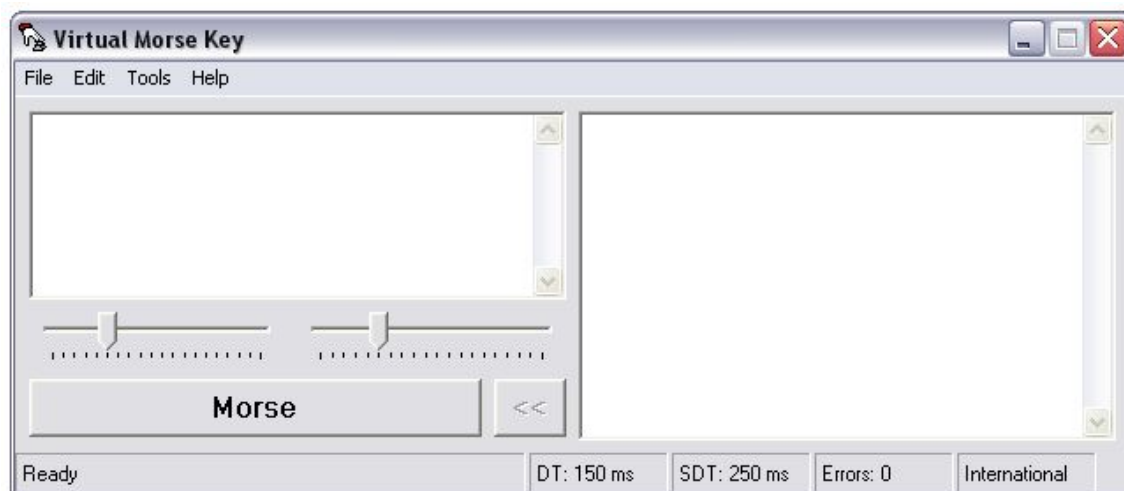
VMK should be installed and uninstalled manually. It can run from anywhere on your hard drive, as long as all the necessary files are located in the same directory. The only file that can be located in a different place is the database file (vmk\_db.mdb). If this file is not located in the VMK directory, you will need to tell the application where it can be found. Select "Language" from the Tools menu (or press CTRL+L), and supply the appropriate path.

To install VMK, simply unzip all the files to the same directory (e.g. C:\VMK\). To perform uninstall, delete the files manually.

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## 2. Using VMK

The VMK main window looks like this:



The text box at the left is the *Input* box. The text in the Input box is written as Morse

code (“dots” and “dashes”). VMK translates this code to the language you choose, English (“International”) by default. The decoded text will appear in the *Output* box, the text box at the right. Below the Input box are two sliders: the *Delay Time* slider (DT) and the *Space Delay Time* slider (SDT). Under these sliders are the *Morse* button and the *Backspace* button.

The Morse button is the button used to send signals – think of it as a real Morse key. Clicking this button for a short time adds a “dot” to the Input box, and by holding this button for a longer time (how long depends on the DT slider) you can add a “dash”.

Use the DT slider to change the sensitivity of the Morse button. Short delay time will force you to hit the Morse button faster in order to add a “dot”. Longer delay time allows you to “write” slower, because you can leave the Morse button down for a longer time when adding a “dot”.

The SDT slider is used to change the amount of time needed for VMK to jump to the next letter, leaving a space in the Input box.

Use the Backspace button to delete the last signal or space.

To clean the Input and Output boxes, choose “Clear” from the Edit menu.

## The VMK Menu Options

### *File*

<i>Save</i>	Save your work to a text file
<i>Exit</i>	Quit VMK

### *Edit*

<i>Copy</i>	Copy the text in the Input box to the clipboard
<i>Copy Output</i>	Copy the text in the Output box to the clipboard
<i>Paste</i>	Paste text into the Input box from the clipboard
<i>Clear</i>	Clear the Input and Output boxes

### *Tools*

<i>DB Editor</i>	Open the VMK Database Editor
<i>Language</i>	Change language options

### *Help*

<i>VMK Readme</i>	Open the VMK Readme file
<i>About...</i>	General information about the program

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### **3. Support**

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