

# Package Manager

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# What does our library landscape look like?

- › You download them from whoever's developers website.
  - › [DataAccess.com/](http://DataAccess.com/)\*
  - › [vdf-guidance.com](http://vdf-guidance.com)
  - › [Github.com](http://Github.com) or others...
  - › Forum links...
  - › Even email!..
  - › And, many more...

# Where do I leave them?

## › A Libraries directory

- › Local
- › Global
- › Git submodule

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
AppHtml	25/05/2022 16:12	File folder	
AppSrc	25/05/2022 16:12	File folder	
Bitmaps	25/05/2022 08:53	File folder	
Data	25/05/2022 16:08	File folder	
DDSrc	25/05/2022 13:23	File folder	
Help	25/05/2022 08:53	File folder	
IdeSrc	25/05/2022 13:29	File folder	
<b>Libraries</b>	03/06/2022 08:33	File folder	
Programs	25/05/2022 16:12	File folder	
.gitignore	25/05/2022 08:57	GITIGNORE File	1 KB
MediaStore201.sws	25/05/2022 09:32	SWS File	1 KB

# What is the problem with this?

- › Hard to manage your projects
  - › Keep them updated, which doesn't happen in most cases
  - › Where can I even find that update though?
  - › When will I ever get a notification on this unless I look?

## Going even further

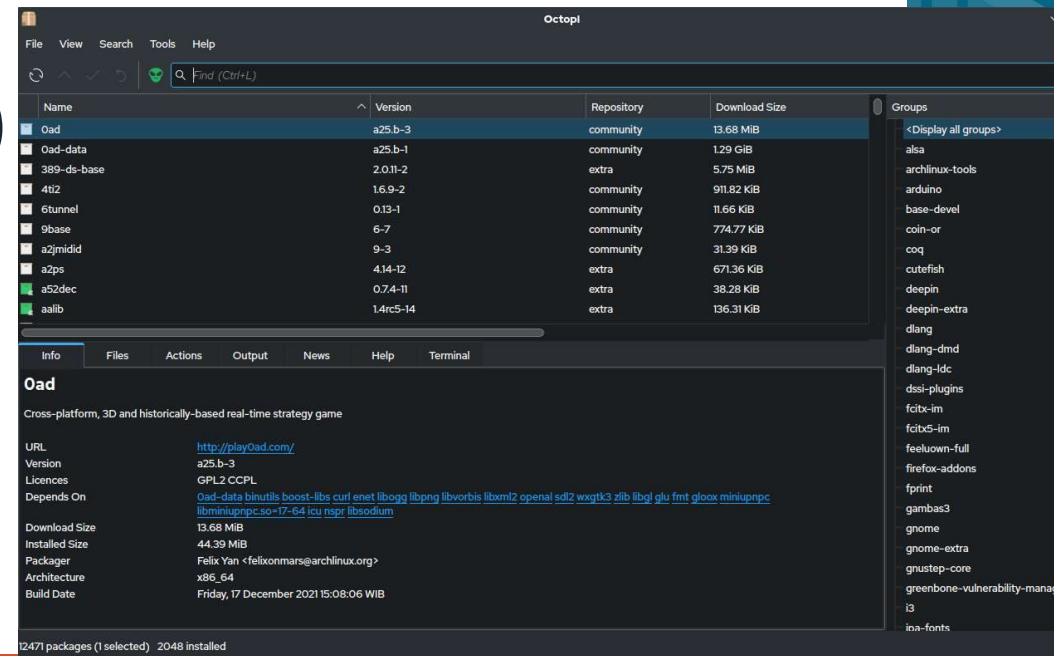
- › Should you even update, won't it break my whole product?
  - › You don't have tests to verify the dependency on the library
  - › The library does not have any tests to verify it's functionality in the first place
  
- › So, always the “trust but verify” applies... and that's what's makes it hard.

# How is this solved?

- › By slowly creating a new library-based ecosystem, by developers, for developers!
- › A tool that will help you;
  - › Manage your workspaces;
  - › Manage your libraries, and update them if you want to;
  - › Provide a central place for (OSS) library distribution

# What does the sector look like?

- › Npm (JavaScript, TypeScript)
- › Cargo (Rust)
- › Chocolately, winget (Windows)
- › Homebrew (Linux, MacOS)
- › All the –nix stuff!



# Goals

- › Collect as many Dataflex packages in one place, enabling far easier distribution to end-users.
- › Allow end-users to download said packages in an easy and user-friendly way.
- › Allow packages to be automatically updated if required, without overwriting files the user may have changed themselves.



# This is what the package manager will do!

- › It can install/remove libraries;
  - › From a global or local location on your own hard drive;
  - › From that central storage location that is somewhere in the cloud;
    - › By name e.g. DA/QuillEditor:1.0, DA/DFReports:latest
    - › Where you guys should be able to post your libraries for years to come
  - › From a version control system like any git-based service provider like GitHub

# What are our priorities?

- › First priority:
  - › Web Controls
  - › DLLs
- › For later:
  - › COM components
  - › Tables/Migration & Templates

# Docker-like notation

- › {Repository}/{Package}{:version}
- › Easy to use
- › Both personal and public
  - › Shared access like for organizations
- › Version layering
  - › Latest
- › Promoted/Verified without repository

# Security

- › We automatically scan for viruses and malware!
  - › Happens every on every push.
- › Verified publishers

# That's how df-cli (Concept) was born!

- › Console only
- › With a UI in the works
  - › Integrated in the Studio
  - › DAID

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Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Bram\Desktop\package-manager-sample> df-cli help
No compiler could be found.

All Commands can be executed with a prefix working directory:
e.g. df [directoryPath] [command] (options)

Command:      Argument:      Description:
[none]/[config]
              -d --df       The root program will configure the workspace and install required packages.
              -n --name       This configuration is done using the df.json file in the passed directory.
              -o --override (Lvl) The DataFlex version to configure the workspace with.
              -r --repair   Override the name of the workspace.
              -w --without-update This sets an override level but is also set by the other arguments.
              This repairs the workspace first before proceeding.
              Performs the commands without updating the cli first.

[list/help/man] Will print df information, compilers and commands.

[open] Will print information of the given workspace.

[repair] Houses the same arguments and functionality as [config] (repair)

[search] [search pattern] Lists any packages using the specified pattern in either authorname,
Library name, or description.

[add/install] (full lib path) Installs a package given a full url/path or package name.

[remove/uninstall] (short name) Given the short name, should the package be installed and registered,
Will it be removed.

[purge] (full/short lib name) Given the short name, should the package be registered, or long name,
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# This is what the df-cli will do!

- › It can generate all your workspace related files like .sws', .ws', .webconfigs, index.html's.
  - › To accommodate for JavaScript requiring libraries.
  - › Will stay backwards compatible with your workspace files!
- › And very important make sure (by checksum) that you didn't change library behaviour, which you would otherwise depend on later
  - › And off course also for a sense of safety and stability

# It might resemble something like NuGet

The screenshot displays the NuGet Package Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Browse', 'Installed', and 'Updates'. A search bar is present with a search icon and a refresh icon, and a checkbox for 'Include pre-release'. The package source is set to 'nuget.org'.

The main area shows a list of packages:

- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer** by Microsoft, version 7.0.3. Description: Microsoft SQL Server database provider for Entity Framework Core.
- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore** by Microsoft, version 7.0.3. Description: Entity Framework Core is a modern object-database mapper for .NET. It supports LINQ queries, change tracking, updates, and schema migrations. EF Core works with SQL Server, Azure SQL Database, SQLite, Azure Cosmos DB, MySQL, PostgreSQL, and other databases through a provider plugin API.
- Newtonsoft.Json** by James Newton-King, version 13.0.3. Description: Json.NET is a popular high-performance JSON framework for .NET.
- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Tools** by Microsoft, version 7.0.3. Description: Entity Framework Core Tools for the NuGet Package Manager Console in Visual Studio.
- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Design** by Microsoft, version 7.0.3. Description: Shared design-time components for Entity Framework Core tools.
- Microsoft.Extensions.DependencyInjection** by Microsoft, 1,968 downloads, version 7.0.0. Description: Default implementation of dependency injection for Microsoft.Extensions.DependencyInjection.
- Microsoft.Extensions.Logging** by Microsoft, 1,848 downloads, version 7.0.0. Description: Logging infrastructure default implementation for Microsoft.Extensions.Logging.
- System.Text.Json** by Microsoft, 919M downloads, version 7.0.2. Description: Provides high-performance and low-allocating types that serialize objects to JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) text and deserialize JSON text to objects, with UTF-8 support built-in. Also provides types to read and write JSON text encoded as UTF-8, and to create an in-memory document object model (DOM), that...
- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Relational** by Microsoft, 7,001 downloads, version 7.0.0. Description: Microsoft SQL Server database provider for Entity Framework Core.

Each package is licensed to you by its owner. NuGet is not responsible for, nor does it grant any licenses to, third-party packages.

Do not show this again

The right-hand pane shows details for **Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer** version 7.0.3. It includes an 'Install' button and an 'Options' dropdown. The details section includes:

- Description:** Microsoft SQL Server database provider for Entity Framework Core.
- Version:** 7.0.3
- Author(s):** Microsoft
- License:** MIT
- Date published:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (2/14/2023)
- Project URL:** <https://docs.microsoft.com/ef/core/>
- Report Abuse:** <https://www.nuget.org/packages/Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer/7.0.3/ReportAbuse>
- Tags:** Entity, Framework, Core, entity-framework-core, EF, Data, ORM, EntityFramework, EntityFrameworkCore, EFCore, SQL, Server
- Dependencies:**
  - net6.0
  - Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Relational (>= 7.0.3)
  - Microsoft.Data.SqlClient (>= 5.0.1)

# Underneath

- › How does it configure my workspace information?
  - › Using a new df.json file (might change)
  - › Which abstract all information of your project to one file
- › You can change your workspace information in that file
  - › Or, by interacting with it using df-cli or the incoming UI-version



**Demo Time!**

**Thank you!**  
**Are there any questions?**