myOrganizer: CURATOR

Quick Start Guide

Collection Utility for Retro Archive Tracking, Organization, Repository

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Use this guide to set up CURATOR, organize your first collection and review the results.

This guide assumes a new setup and an empty output folder. Every BETA release requires a complete database reset. Backward compatibility between BETA releases is not guaranteed. Consult the Admin Guide for database rebuilding or interrupted-run recovery.

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1. Prepare your folders

You need the complete CURATOR application folder and **PowerShell 7.6.1 or later**. PowerShell 7 is separate from Windows PowerShell 5.1. See Microsoft's installation instructions if needed.

A DAT reference file lists expected filenames, sizes and checksums. Choose a few games for one system (platform), such as Sega Genesis, and a DAT file for that system. If a game consists of several files, include all of them. Use copies and retain your originals separately. Names alone do not guarantee recognition.

Create three folders outside the CURATOR application folder:

Folder	Purpose	Example
Source	Your small first-run collection	D:\CURATOR_Source
Output	Organized collection destination	E:\CURATOR_Output
Workspace	Temporary working files	F:\CURATOR_Workspace

The folder names and drive letters above are examples; you will select your actual folders in CURATOR.

For better performance, use three different physical drives when available. This can reduce competition between source reads, workspace activity and output writes. Different partitions or drive letters on the same physical device do not provide the same separation. Benefits depend on drive and connection speeds. Microsoft storage guidance

One drive is sufficient. Keep all three folders separate; do not place one inside another.

Put your selected files in Source. Leave Output and Workspace empty.

Warning: Later, choosing Clear will delete existing contents of the selected Output folder. CURATOR also removes workspace contents after successful processing. Use dedicated folders containing nothing you need to preserve.

2. Supply platform and DAT references

You also need a LaunchBox platform XML file. If you do not already have one, use LaunchBox for Windows to create it using the instructions below.

If you do not already have the platform XML file, follow LaunchBox's Single Platform Imports instructions first. Choose **Use files in their current location** so the import does not relocate your files.

1. Close LaunchBox.
2. From your LaunchBox installation's Data\Platforms folder, copy that platform's XML file (for example, Sega Genesis.xml) directly into CURATOR's platforms folder.
3. Copy supported DAT files for that platform into CURATOR's `DATs` folder. Extract them first if supplied in an archive.

DATs describe reference files—not game content. Choose a DAT for the same platform and file format as your source files.

For No-Intro, follow its official DAT instructions. Make **one download request at a time**, completed before the next begins.

Keep reference inputs outside platforms\History and DATs\History. Before continuing, confirm that Source contains your selected files, Output and Workspace are empty, and the platform XML and extracted DAT files are in CURATOR's platforms and DATs folders.

3. Open CURATOR

1. Open **PowerShell 7** from the Windows Start menu.

2. Change to the folder containing `Curator.ps1`:

Replace C:\Path\To\CURATOR below with the full path of the folder containing Curator.ps1. Keep the quotation marks, then run the command.

```
Set-Location -LiteralPath 'C:\Path\To\CURATOR'
```

3. Start CURATOR:

```
.\Curator.ps1
```

If PowerShell reports that scripts are disabled or the file is blocked, stop and consult Microsoft's execution-policy guidance before continuing.

4. Read each page of the startup notice, pressing Enter to advance.

5. On the final page, type uppercase **AGREED** exactly and press Enter.

Throughout this guide, submit menu selections by typing the displayed key and pressing Enter.

Check: The CURATOR Command Center opens.

If **Setup required** lists missing platform or DAT files, select **OK**, add those files and choose **U — Restart / Recheck setup**. If it only says Prepare DAR is required, select **OK** and continue with folder selection below; you will prepare the catalogue next.

4. Select your folders

1. Enter **F — Manage folders**.

2. Use these options to select the folders you prepared:

Option	Select
1 — Change source folder	Your Source folder
2 — Change collection folder	Your empty Output folder
3 — Change workspace folder	Your empty Workspace folder

Choose **1**, then **B** to browse to Source. After returning to Manage folders, repeat with **2** for Output and **3** for Workspace. If browsing is unavailable, choose **T** and enter the full folder path.

3. Enter **S — Save changes**. Confirm that **Folder changes saved** appears, then press Enter to return. If CURATOR reports a folder problem, correct it and save again.

4. Enter the number **10 — Current status**.

Check: Confirm that **Source files**, **Organized output** and **Working area** point to your Source, Output and Workspace folders, respectively, and each shows **Folder found: Yes**. Press Enter to return. To correct a path, reopen **F — Manage folders**.

5. Prepare the reference catalogue

1. At the Command Center, enter **P — Prepare DAR** to prepare the reference catalogue used to identify files.
2. Check that the confirmation names **Prepare DAR**, then type uppercase **YES** and press Enter.
3. Wait for completion and read the final summary. Press Enter when prompted to return to the Command Center.

CURATOR archives accepted platform XML and DAT files in their respective History folders, then removes the loose intake copies. This is expected; do not copy them back merely because the intake folders are empty.

Check: Preparation completes without errors and **O — Organize** becomes available.

6. Organize your collection

Warning: Antivirus scanning can slow large collection runs and may cause temporary file-lock or sharing errors. See Read Me First, section 6, and Administrator Guide, section 6, for investigation and recovery guidance before retrying a failed run.

1. At the Command Center, enter **O — Organize**.

Warning: Before selecting Clear, confirm that Organized output points to your empty first-run folder. Clear deletes existing output contents. If the path is wrong or contains files you need, enter Q to cancel.

2. At **Collection Folder Handling**, enter **C — Clear existing output**.
3. Check that the confirmation names **Organize** and shows **Collection handling: Clear**, then type uppercase **YES** and press Enter.
4. Wait for processing to finish, following any acknowledgement prompts.
5. Read the completion status and **Output Totals**. Press Enter when prompted to return to the Command Center.

NO-GO means CURATOR found blocking issues and did not start final output. **COMPLETED WITH FAILURES** means output operations reported failures. If either appears, or an error occurs, retain the message and logs and consult troubleshooting before expanding the collection. Do not reset or clean up as a troubleshooting shortcut.

Next: Follow “Verify the result” on the next page before processing more files.

7. Verify the result

1. In File Explorer, open the Output folder you selected during setup.
2. Inspect the organized files.

If present, check needs_attention for items requiring review and Incomplete Sets for sets missing required members.

Review items alone do not mean an output operation failed.

3. Return to the Command Center and enter **R — Standard collection report**.
4. When the report list appears, enter the number for the company associated with your platform.

If the report contains several platforms, use Enter/N — Next page to find yours. If Reports Unavailable appears, retain the message and consult troubleshooting before processing more files.

Review the platform's collection coverage. A small collection will normally have missing catalogue items; this does not mean copying failed.

Standard Reporting counts missing DAT entries from committed Stage 10 records without rescanning files. Valid unchanged reports are reused. Use V for a full physical collection audit after manual file changes.

5. Use **M — Main menu** to return.
6. Enter **Q** at the Command Center to exit.

Your first run is complete

Your first run is complete when preparation and Organize finish without reported failures, you can locate the expected organized output, and you have checked the company report. Investigate unexpected results before processing a larger collection.

Keep CURATOR's generated collection records and incomplete-set archives in place. Before adding more files, read the End User Manual's Append and Resume guidance.

Successful processing does not guarantee that every game is complete or playable.