

## pdCountry – Getting Started Guide

**pdCountry** is a handy collection of key country information representing the entire globe, including all seven continents. This product provides the country's full name and short name, ISO country abbreviations, ISO numeric country code, latitude and longitude coordinates, Capital city, preferred noun and adjective for referring to the citizenry, name and ISO code for the national currency, currency subunit, ITU country calling code and Internet URL extension for top-level domains.

Uses for this database are innumerable, and no company or organization that does international business should be without it. Financial companies, travel agents, webmasters, news agencies and research institutions will find it of particular value.

### Included Database Files

Four different file formats are included to insure compatibility with any database system. Each of the files contains the same data.

- pdCountry.xls (MS Excel)
- pdCountry.csv (comma-delimited ASCII text—CSV)
- pdCountry.txt (fixed length ASCII text)
- pdCountry.dbf (dBase/FoxPro—easily imports into MS Access)

### Included User Documentation

- README.txt (general information)
- This Getting Started Guide
- pdCountry-Layout.pdf (layout & data definitions)
- Distance-Formulas.pdf (distance calculation formulas & instructions)
- Site License (see Licensing below)

## Version Number

The version number of each copy of *pdCountry* is written in the first or second row of the first column of the database files in **X.X.X** format. The first numbers is the version of the release. The number after the first dot is the update for the version indicated. The number after the second dot references a minor revision.

## Layout & Data Definitions

File specifications can be found in the included *pdCountry-Layout.pdf* file. This gives the name of each field, the character type (character/alphanumeric or numeric), the width (including any decimal points, the starting point and the ending point) and the definition of the field contents.

## Instructions

*pdCountry* is drawn from the most current ISO and ITU data and other information sources. While coverage is very high, not all information is included for all records.

Latitude and longitude coordinates are provided in three formats: decimal, degrees/minutes/seconds (DMS) and converted to radians (for use in trigonometry functions—15 decimal places). The decimal and radian formats are most useful when calculating distances and radiuses while the DMS format is ideal when printing out the coordinates in documents and on websites.

For those calculating distances and radiuses, formulas and instructions are contained in the included *Distance-Formulas.pdf* file.

In some cases two currency names and codes are provided, usually because the country is in transition.

The Internet URL extensions provided are for top-level domains.

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