

¡Welcome to DesInventar 6.x! Improvements and changes.

Dear user of DesInventar we are presenting to you the version 6. of DesInventar (DesInventar and DesConsultar modules) that constitutes a significant advance in regards to the version that you have been using up to now. Many of the changes, especially the substantial ones, are not necessarily visible to you. Among these the migration of the source code from 16 to 32 bits, what brings technological upgrades and greater stability of the program. This implied the revision and enhancement of all the routines and programming subroutines, a process that was accompanied by improvements and changes of which we mention, on what follows, the most relevant ones.

For users accustomed to the previous versions of DesInventar, we have marked with a star those aspects that imply changes in the mode of use.

In the Setup:

- ★ Separation of the software installation folders from the folders where the databases are to be copied. The software will be settled by default in the *Windows* directory for software and the databases by default in the *Windows* directory for users
- ★ The software can be installed without necessarily installing a region (database).
- Supports for diverse versions of Windows (9x, 2000, XP).
- Multiple language Support (English, Spanish).
- ★ The uninstall option is included.

In the management of regions:

- ★ The management of regions was optimized. Instead of managing regions by list, these are selected directly from the folder of the region.
- ★ The cartography files and database were grouped in a single directory for each region. This facilitates the tasks like remove, move and make copies of regions. It also avoids possible confusions when several regions are manipulated at the same time.

In the managing of geographical levels:

- All the levels are managed through a single dialogue, what gives grater agility in the entering and edition of the geographical levels.

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In "DataCards viewing sheet":

- In the " DataCards viewing sheet " the fields of the basic record are presented, grouped by colors in connection with the colors of the basic record.
- ★ A new function to export data was included. This generates a text file with the fields separated by tabulation.

In the import:

- ★ Because most of the databases, calculus sheets and geographical information systems, allow to export the data as text files, the available import options in previous versions of DesInventar were standardized in one for the version 6.x: *text import*. This makes DesInventar independent of commercial formats.

In printing:

- A conceptual change in the processes was carried out, standardizing all the print routines and correcting the errors found.

In the documentation:

- The user manuals of DesInventar were written again reflecting all the changes introduced in the software.
- The manuals are given in the PDF version as well as in the integrated version of the software.
- Upgraded Versions of the help of the software and of user's manuals will be available in this web page (<http://www.desinventar.org>).

Other changes and improvements:

- Now DesInventar or DesConsultar can be opened up without the necessity of having a region selected.
- There are instructions added in the code, avoiding the incorrect closing of the application or indicating the possible limits in some queries.
- The main window of DesConsultar was redrawn, including the grouping of common variables (causes, events, effects) and a redraw of the buttons.
- Improvement of the procedures for the generation of graphics and thematic maps.