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DataViewer	DataViewer viewing program for Town Compass and Pocket Directory Databases and eBooks from Town Compass.	Palm OS, Pocket PC
DateBook	DateBook Archive files are imported into the Palm's AddressBook application - see your manual for details on using these files.	Palm OS
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HanDBase	HanDBase is a sophisticated, full-featured database program. **HanDBase readers for Palm OS devices**: • HanDBase by DDH Software **HanDBase readers for EPOC machines**: • PdbRead by Shane McKee • T5Mdb for Psion Series 5 devices • T3Mdb for Psion Series 3a/c/mx and Siena machines **HanDBase readers for Pocket PC machines**: • HanDBase by DDH Software	Palm OS, Pocket PC, EPOC
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HotPaw BASIC	HotPaw BASIC (formerly "cBasPad") is a BASIC compiler. Programs for HotPaw BASIC are found here in plain text formats and are copied into the program via the MemoPad application. HotPaw BASIC for Palm OS devices can be found at Ron Nicholson's website.	Palm OS
InfoDB	InfoDB (aka InfoDB Tools) allows viewing combinations of graphical and text information. You can download the InfoDB Viewer, called InfoView, from HandTop Software.	Palm OS
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iSilo3	iSilo3 is the 3rd version of the iSilo document format. iSilo3 documents are not compatible with old iSilo readers, so getting the new reader program is necessary. iSilo3 offers many enhancements over previous versions of iSilo. Check out iSilo's website for more info and to download the reader application (currently in beta). iSilo also reads DOC files, it's very easy to convert text, HTML, and DOC files into the iSilo format, and with iSiloX, you can grab content off the web and make iSilo3 documents automatically.	Palm OS, Pocket PC
JFile	JFile is a database format and application. **JFile readers for PalmOS machines**: • JFile from Land-J Technologies. Note: Version 4.1 and later allows use of all JFile-format databases, whereas earlier versions do not (see the Land-J website for details). **JFile readers for EPOC machines**: • PdbRead by Shane McKee	Palm OS, EPOC
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LIST	LIST is a freeware database format and application originally written for PalmOS. **LIST readers for PalmOS machines**: • LIST **LIST readers for EPOC machines**: • PdbRead by Shane McKee	Palm OS, EPOC
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MathPad	MathPad is a tool for solving and storing mathematical equations in standard algebraic syntax. You can find more info on it at Rick Huebner's website.	Palm OS
MemoPad	MemoPad Archive files are imported into the Palm's MemoPad application - see your Palm manual for details on using these files.	Palm OS
MobileDB	MobileDB is a leading database application for the Palm OS and Pocket PC. MobileDB enables users to create complex data lists from Microsoft Excel, Access, FileMaker or a desktop version of MobileDB. You'll find more content at MemoWare for MobileDB than any other database application. Use the links below to read more about MobileDB. MobileDB for Palm OS from Handmark MobileDB for PocketPC from Handmark MobileDB Reader for EPOC by Shane McKee	Palm OS, Pocket PC, EPOC
MobiPocket	MobiPocket is a text document format offering advanced formatting functions. MobiPocket offers readers for a variety of PDA platforms, all available at the MobiPocket website.	Palm OS, Pocket PC, EPOC
Pandora	Pandora files are self-contained information applets for Palm OS devices. Just install and run from the Applications menu (no reader app is required).	Palm OS
Plucker	Plucker is an extended text-and-graphics document format for handhelds. It can be used for both local and remote (e.g., Internet) files. More info can be found at the Plucker website.	Palm OS
QuickLookup	QuickLookup is a reference tool for taking text and database-style content with you. You can download it from TranCreative.	Pocket PC
QuickSheet	QuickSheet is a powerful spreadsheet application for Palm OS devices. You can download it from Cutting Edge Software.	Palm OS
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RichReader	RichReader, by Michael Arena, adds extensive formatting capabilities to otherwise plain DOC files. More info and downloads are available at the RichReader webpage.	Palm OS
RPN	RPN scripts are to be used with the RPN calculator application for Palm OS devices -- visit that homepage for more information on writing and installing scripts and function menus.	Palm OS
SuperMemo	SuperMemo is a database application by Mapletop Software.	Palm OS
TealInfo	TealInfo is a flexible information presentation program from TealPoint Software. If you want more info, visit the TealPoint homepage.	Palm OS

TealMeal	TealMeal is a restaurant information database program from TealPoint Software. If you want more info on this app, visit the TealPoint homepage.	Palm OS
Text	Text files are generic ASCII documents. Most PDAs can use these files without futher conversion. Palm users can use these by copying their contents into the Palm's Memopad application via the Palm (or other) PIM desktop software. Text files are transferred to Pocket PCs through the desktop ActiveSync software. Most of these are less than 4K, but those that are larger are broken up into multiple consecutive memos at the points indicated by dashes.	Palm OS, Pocket PC, EPOC
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ThoughtManager	ThoughtManager is an outliner and checklist maker for Palm OS devices. Please visit the Hands High Software website for more information.	Palm OS
Tides	Tides is a freeware program specifically for keeping track of your local tide tables. If you want more info, visit the Tides homepage.	Palm OS
TomeRaider	TomeRaider is a powerful text reader application with database-like capabilities, and versions are available for Palm OS, EPOC, and Pocket PC platforms. For more information or to download the TomeRaider reader program, see the TomeRaider homepage. For MacOS-based Palm users, the Mac PalmOS converter is available as an alpha product. Note that TomeRaider files are downloaded as *.tr files -- if these are to be read on a PalmOS device, they need to be converted into a .pdb file using one of the conversion programs available at the TomeRaider website (for more information on using TomeRaider files on Palm OS devices, please see the README file).	Palm OS, Pocket PC, EPOC
WordSmith	WordSmith is a terrific word-processor for PalmOS devices. It can handle plain text, DOC files, Microsoft Word, and its own proprietary format. For more info, see the Handmark website.	Palm OS

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