

# Introduction

I started playing around DAZ3D and through a bit of searching I discovered that there is lots of shared content available for it on the internet if you know where to look. However, the main problem I found was that most of the content was in compressed files.

Uncompressing the files is not a problem for most people however knowing where to copy the files that are included in the compressed file can be.

The reason for this is because there can be many nested folders in a compressed file therefor just extracting the file into your DAZ library folder will not put all the files into the correct locations. This will mean that DAZ3D won't know where to find them therefor the content will not be usable.

Another problem with shared content is that you can very quickly collect a vast amount of content. This content can be categorized into one of the following groups.

Folders – This is a set of folders which can contain DAZ Files, DAZ installers or Archive files (Compressed Files)

Archive files – This is a file or set of files that contains a compressed version of the above. The most common formats are ZIP, RAR and 7Zip.

Installers – These are windows installer files that will install the DAZ content providing you point it to the correct location.

Even If you manage to figure out where to copy the many different files and folders to and also which installers are required. Adding all of your content into DAZ can be an extremely long winded and time consuming process.

DAZ Auto Installer was created in order to completely automate this process.

With this program you can simply just copy all of your downloaded content into one place and then with just a couple of clicks the DAZ Auto installer will extract all the archive files copy all files to the correct locations.

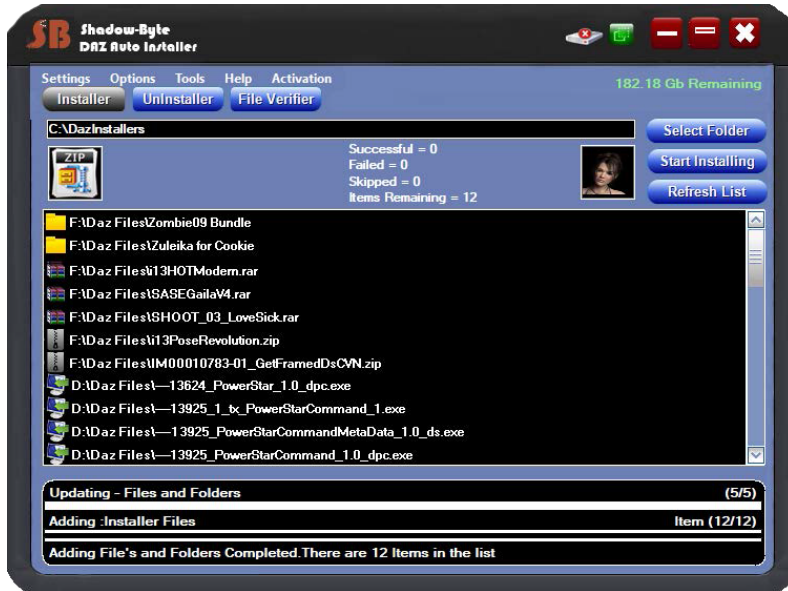
Once it has done this it will continue to run all the installers automatically clicking the required buttons for you.

Creating this program has required a lot of time and research which is why I have decided to charge a small fee for the unrestricted version however you can use the free version for as long as you wish without any obligation.


# Software Description

DAZ Auto installer has been designed to be as simple but as intelligent as possible.

## Main Window – List Mode




This is the main Window; it is the one you will see every time you start DAZ Auto Installer.


Hovering your mouse over the  icon will allow you to see the current progress of the installer whenever the main window is not visible. This icon will be animated every time the installer is busy.

The hard drive icon  indicates the selected copy mode.

The two modes are:

- 1) Move to done folder once installed
- 2) Delete once installed

The next icon  shows whether or not bring to front is active

The  icon will shrink the installer so that only the progress window is visible. There is a setting that can automatically set this mode while DAZ product installers are running.

Clicking select folder button allows you to change the path to your installers folder without having to use the settings dialog.

You can click the start list button and just leave the installer to install all of the content in the list.

A label that displays the amount of space left on your content drive, This label changes to Red when space is low.

Below the Path Box are two Image boxes the left one displays an image that indicates the type of item that is currently being processed.

The Rights one displays the image that is associated the file that is being extracted or copied.

## Main window - Package Mode – \* Full Version Only\*



This is the main Window; it is the one you will see every time you start DAZ Auto Installer In Package Mode.

DAZ Auto installer now has two modes of operation

- 1) List Mode

In this mode the installer will work its way down the list and install the items one by one. The list is prioritized in the following order

Folders, Rar Files, Zip Files, 7zip Files and Exe Files.

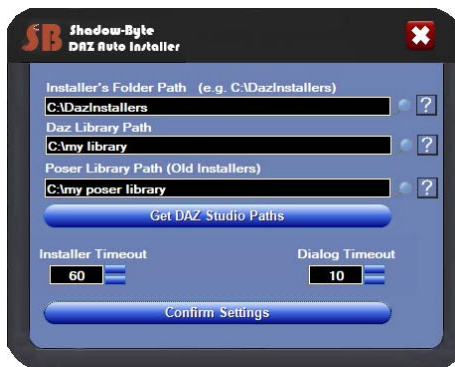
If any of the above file types are extracted from a folder or an archive in this mode they are just inserted into the list at the end of their corresponding type.

- 2) Package Mode.

In this mode every folder and archive file is treated as a package. This means that all of the content is fully installed before the installer moves to the next item on the list.

Both List mode and Package mode will install your content correctly if you let DAZ Auto installer complete the list. However, if you stop the installer before it has finished it is possible that some of an items required files may not have been installed yet.

## Settings Dialog



You can click on the "?" at the end of each of the following three fields for help.

### Installer Folder Path

This is the path to the location of the folder where you are going to put all of the files and folders that you want DAZ Auto Installer to process.

**This path must only contain Folders, Zip Files, 7Zip Files Rar Files and Exe Files**

### Daz Library Path

This is the path to the location of the folder where you want DAZ Auto Installer to install DAZ content to. (Clicking the Get 'DAZ Studio Paths' will automatically set this field to the path you have configured in DAZ studio)

### Poser Library Path

This is the path to the location of the folder where you want DAZ Auto Installer to install Poser content to. (Clicking the Get 'DAZ Studio Paths' will automatically set this field to the path you have configured in DAZ studio)

### Get DAZ Studio Paths

Clicking this will automatically set the DAZ Library Path and the Poser Library Path To the paths that have been configured in DAZ Studio.

### Installer Timeout

This is the amount of time in seconds that DAZ Auto installer will wait before closing an Installer dialog if no activity is detected.

### Dialog Timeout

This is the amount of time in seconds that DAZ Auto installer will wait before choosing the default option on any 'DAZ Auto Installer Message Box and continuing.

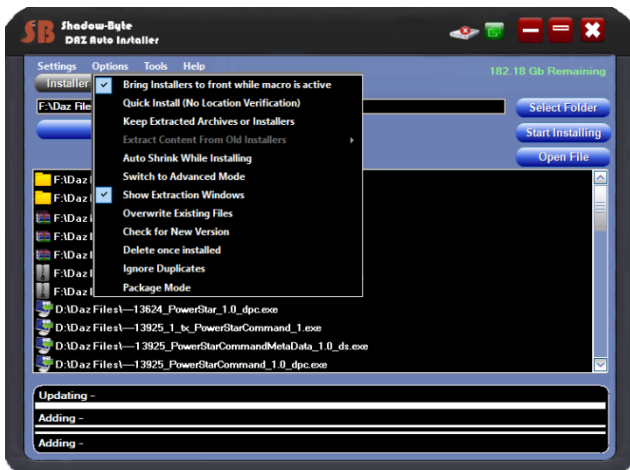
### Confirm Settings

Clicking this will verify that the paths exist and highlight any fields that are incorrect.

If there is a problem with any of the paths you have selected the border will turn red. Clicking the corresponding '?' will show you why the path was rejected.

You have the option to type your path's or click the magnifying glass icon and browse for the folder.

## Options Menu



### Bring Installers to front while macro is active

Setting this option will cause DAZ Auto installer to make the DAZ Product installer appear above all open windows.

### Quick Install

DAZ Auto Installer searches inside an archive file and locates all daz / Poser content. Then it reads the data in these files and locates all of the required files associated and with it. Once it has done this it creates an extraction list based on the information it has gathered.

It then extracts the files to the correct location thus ensuring that DAZ studio will be able to load the asset. Because this process can take some time you can use this option to disable the verification process.

### Keep Extracted Archives or Installers

Clicking this will give you the options to Keep all extracted archive files or install files. With these options set the installer will move the extracted files to ++Done folder instead of deleting them.

### Extract Content from old installers

The old poser content installers will not run on the new versions of windows However DAZ Auto installer can extract the content from the poser installers and install it into DAZ Studio. If this option is unchecked DAZ Auto installer will skip the old installers.

### Auto Shrink While Installing

This option tells DAZ Auto Installer whether or not to put the installer into shrink mode while DAZ Product Installers are being processed.

### Switch to Basic Mode

Clicking this will hide all controls that are not required to get you started.

### Overwrite Existing files

If this is checked Daz Auto installer will write over any files that already exist.

### Check For New Version

With this option set DAZ Auto Installer will verify that you are using the latest version every time it starts.

### Delete Once Installed

If you are using the same drive for both your DAZ Studio files and the Installer directory you could find that you run out of space quite quickly. Setting this option will cause DAZ Auto Installer to delete the source content once it has been successfully installed.

### Show Extraction Windows

If this is unchecked the DAZ Auto Installer will not show any of the extraction window while extracting.

### Ignore Duplicates

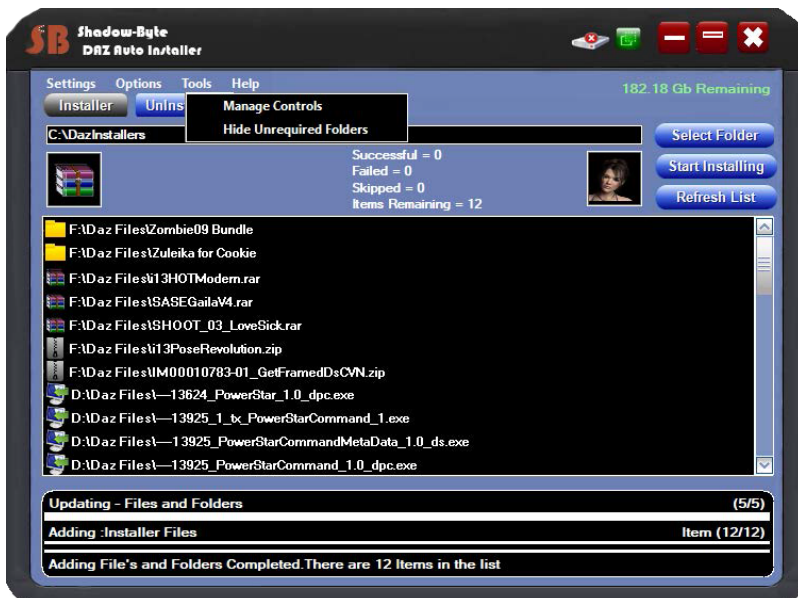
Setting this will cause DAZ Auto installer to skip any file that has already been installed or any archive file that has a name that matches a folder in the same package.

If this is checked Daz Auto installer will ignore any content that has previously been installed.

### Package Mode

Run Installer in Package Mode – Full Version Only

## Tools Menu



### Manage Installers

Show Manage installers Dialog

### Hide unneeded folders

Clicking this will cause DAZ Auto Installer to scan your Library Folders and hide any folders that do not contain DAZ content from DAZ Studio.

## Manage Installers



(The most common installers have already been added)

This Dialog to add unrecognized controls to the system this is achieved by dragging the target icon onto the control you wish to add.

You will then be prompted for a name that describes the control's function.

Dragging any control already on the list to the recycle bin icon will remove it from the list.

Clicking

These controls are for use in the macro tool. the macro tool will be described later in this Manual.

## Uninstaller TAB

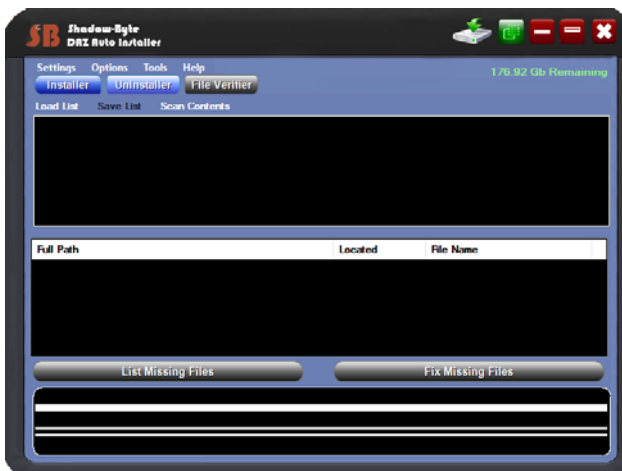


DAZ Auto Installer will put any uninstallers it encounters into the Uninstaller folder. It will also create an uninstall file for everything it extracts.

Tab allows you to uninstall any of the content that has been installed by DAZ auto installer.

You just have to highlight the content on the list and click the Uninstall button.

## File Verification TAB



DAZ Auto Installer has the ability to try to repair the content that has already been installed.

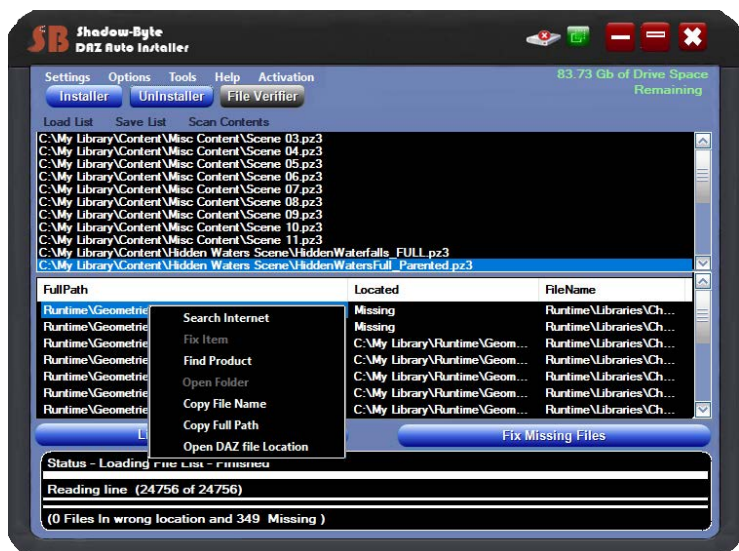
To begin this process you must first scan the entire contents library into DAZ Auto Installer. This can take a long time depending on the size of your library.

Once this is done you can click the list missing files Button. DAZ Auto Installer will then start examining all of the content files and looking for all their dependent files.

If it does not find them in the correct location it will check to see if the file exists somewhere else in your contents folder.

If it still does not find the file it will add it to the missing list as missing. However if it did find it somewhere else it will add it to the missing list along with the location of the file.

## File Verification TAB - Continued



Once the missing list has been populated you can click the fix missing files button. This will cause DAZ Auto Installer to go through the complete list and copy all of the incorrectly located files to the correct location.

Alternatively you can right click an item on the list to bring up the repair menu.

The following options may or may not be available depending on the status of the chosen item.

### Search Internet

Clicking this will search for the selected file in your default browser.

### Fix Item

This will only be available if the file has been located in the wrong location. Clicking this will copy the file to the correct location.

### Find Product

Clicking this will cause Daz Auto Installer to search the internet for a core product that contains the missing file. If a product is located all associated files will display the required product.

### Open Folder

This will only be available if the selected folder actually exists. Clicking this will open the folder in windows explorer.

### Open Folder -> Find Possible Match

This will only be available if the selected folder actually exists. Clicking this cause DAZ Auto Installer to look in the selected folder for files with a similar name to the missing file.

### Copy File Name

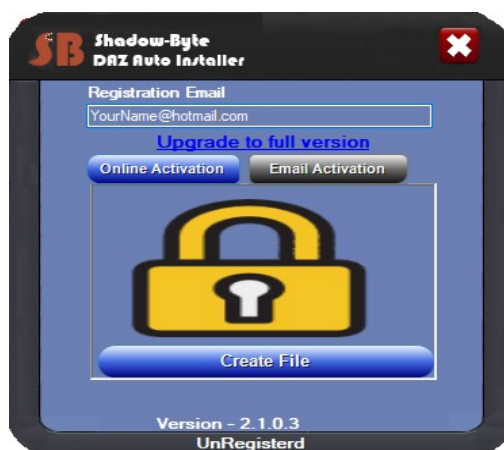
This will copy the missing file's name to the clipboard so that you can do your own search for the file.

### Copy Full Path

This will copy the missing file's complete path to the clipboard so that you can do your own search for the file.

## Registration and Activation

If you decide to purchase this product registration and activation can be done using one of two methods. Once you have paid for the software on the DAZ Auto installer website using the PayPal secure payment system you can activate on line this is the quickest method. Or if you cannot get online you can use the email system.



## Trial vs Full Version

Feature	Trial	Full
Number of items that can be processed before user interaction is required	10	Unlimited
Max number of items in each folder	5	Unlimited
Max archive size	5mb	Unlimited
Support for multi part archive files	No	Yes
Use File Verifier	No	Yes
Extract files from old installers	No	Yes
Use Package Mode	No	Yes
User Uninstaller	No	Yes

