

# SOM Baseball Utilities Differences

(v 2024a)

**SOMBB Utilities 2024a.exe** works the same as the previous versions (only one executable file).

**SOMBB Utilities 2024aDB.exe** is the same as **SOMBB Utilities 2024a.exe** but includes a database component. What does this mean?

When using a utility that has a sort function, information is gathered and stored in a database. Examples: when gathering data for “Who Is Hot, Who Is Not” and many choices in “Collect Data From Box Scores”, box scores are read, data is collected, placed in a database, and displayed. If the display data can be sorted, it uses the data in the database instead of re-reading the box scores. This will speed up the sort.

There is still only one executable file, **SOMBB Utilities 2024aDB.exe**, but there is a folder called “**mysql**” (holds the database), which should be placed in the same folder location as **SOMBB Utilities 2024aDB.exe**. When you install **SOMBB Utilities 2024aDB.exe**, the **mysql** folder should be in the correct location.

Currently only “Who Is Hot, Who Is Not” and “Collect Data From Box Scores” has sorting. If you speed is not an issue, or you are ok with re-reading box scores, **SOMBB Utilities 2024a.exe** will be fine.

You can also download and use both versions.

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FYI. The software used to build SOM Baseball Utilities is unable to identify non-DB code from DB code. Else there would still only be one version, e.g. 2024a. The vendor is working on this capability and may be available later.