

Q SYSTEM DATABASE STANDARD

Databases are named with 8 characters followed by the .db extension.

Character 1-5 – Database type.

Character 6-8 – Scale Code.

Database Types

detl_	Details – general
detld	Details – door
detlm	Details – miscellaneous
detlp	Details – plan
detls	Details – section
eleve	Exterior Elevations (Building sections)
elevi	Interior Elevations
plans	Floor Plans May include multiples with 5 th character distinction. plan1, plan2, plan3
sectw	Wall Sections
sectb	Building Sections (Usually in with exterior elevations, especially if same scale)
site_	Site Plans
sched	Schedules (May be in with ¼" plans database)
title	Title Sheets – (Usually incorporated with plans database)
desgn	Design
addco	Addendum/Change Order
model	3D Model
house	A hybrid of a plans and eleve database (same scale) for simple house plans.

Scale Codes

The database scale code is a 3 digit number which represents a ratio of the database scale to full scale. Example a 1/8"=1'-0" database has a ratio of 1:96 therefore the scale code is 096. For numbers over 1000, hexadecimal notation is used for the first 2 characters in the scale code - thus 10=a, 11=b, 12=c, 13=d, 14=e, 15=f. This system works equally well with all scales, both architectural and engineering.

Examples

A floor plans database that is at 1/4"=1'-0" scale

plans048.db.

A site plan database at 1'=20'-0" scale

site_240.db

An elevations database at 1/8"=1'-0" scale

eleve096.db