

SDA updater utility

Periodically, new versions of the program are supplied with performance improvements and additional features. Upgrades are normally very quick and easy to install.

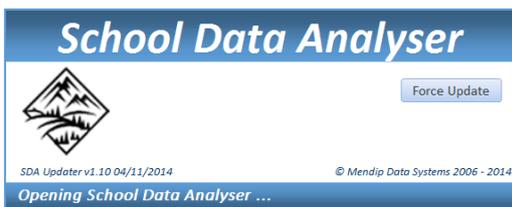
1. Using the SDA Updater

When staff log into **School Data Analyser**, the program checks that the latest version is installed.

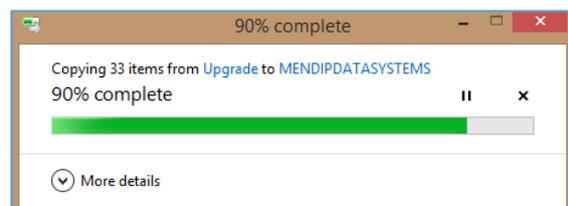
This is done using the small utility file, **SDAUpdater.accdb**, located in the main program folder. This is the splash screen seen when **School Data Analyser** is started from the desktop shortcut



If the current version is up to date, the main program file is loaded:

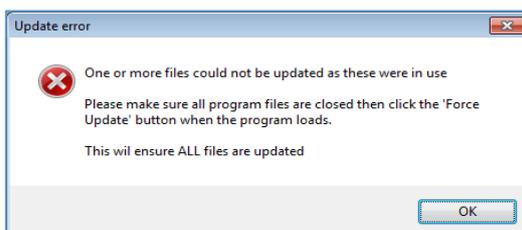


If a newer version is available, the updated files are copied from the **Upgrade** folder to the user's computer. A green progress bar is displayed whilst this happens.



This should normally take less than 30 seconds to complete & the user can then log in as normal.

In the unlikely event of problems, run the upgrade again using the **Force Update** button. For example, if any program files are open when the upgrade is running, this message is shown:



2. *Updating the SDA updater*

If the **SDA updater** file **SDAUpdater.accdb** is itself updated, the SDA manager will:

- run this in the program folder **C:\Programs\MendipDataSystems\SDA** so that the program links are updated for your school
- copy the new version to the upgrade folder containing **SDA.accdb**

IMPORTANT: Do NOT run the updater from the upgrade folder

The new version will be copied to the user's computer when a new version of **SDA** is released or if the **Force Update** button is clicked.

This works as follows:

- When **SDA updater** updates files, it copies all files from upgrade folder except itself!
- It also looks for newer version of **SDAUpdater** and copies newer version from upgrade folder to user's computer as **SDAUpdaterNEW.accdb**
- When main program **SDA.accdb** opens, it looks for **SDAUpdaterNEW.accdb** and renames it as **SDAUpdater.accdb**