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Presentation

Pokebase is both a database containing most Pokémon cards edited in France or in the United States, since the birth of this TCG¹, a collection management software and provides support for players.

In September 2016, more than 9300 different cards were referenced in Pokebase.

Pokebase allows you to manage one or more cards collections, and facilitates trade by managing also the list of cards owned for trade, and missing cards.

Different lists can be edited, whether to be printed, sent by e-mail or published on Internet forums. Many criteria allow to select the cards that will have to be present in the lists.

Pokebase also offers multicriteria search (by rarity, Pokémon cards type, stage, HP, etc...), and quick search (by the name of the Pokémon).

For players, Pokebase can also easily print " proxies 2 " and also includes a " deckbuilder 3 " allowing to create and print "decklists" with a tournament-legal appearance.

Main screen

The main screen of Pokebase is shown in the figure below.

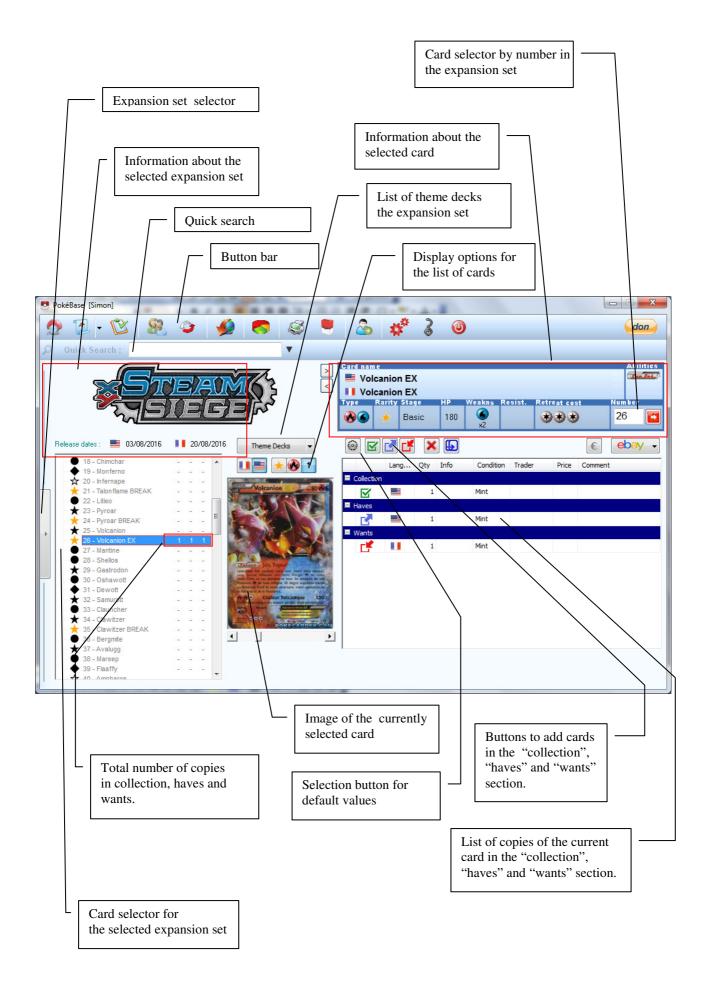
Each function will be detailed in the following paragraphs.

¹ TCG: Trading Card Game

² Proxy: card printed to temporarily replace a real card for test purposes.

³ A deck is a set of 60 cards to play Pokémon TCG.

⁴ A decklist is a list detailing the 60 cards contained in a deck; a tournament-legal decklist has a specific format



Download of the images of the cards ("scans")

In order to display the image of the cards, it is necessary at first to download the scans of cards over the Internet.

After installation, Pokebase contains no image card, because all pictures represent a large amount of data. To enable the display of all cards, therefore download them beforehand. This operation is to be done only once.

 $\underline{\textit{Note}}$: If a scan is missing on your computer, Pokebase will display the back of a Pokemon card to replace it.

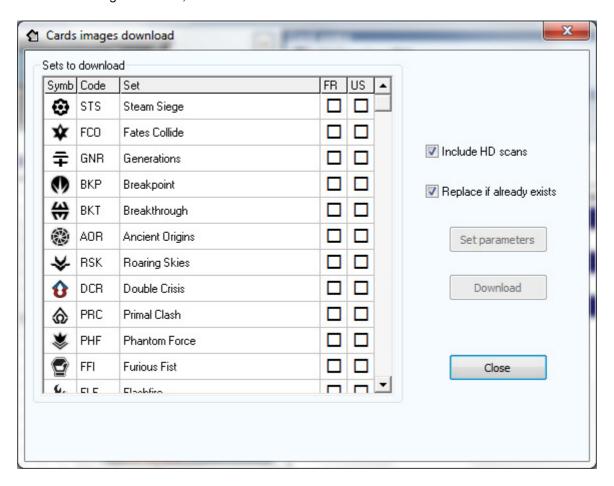
For each expansion set known by Pokebase, you can choose to download either the scans in french language (from the Pokecardex.com website) or the scans in English (from Pokemon.com or PokeGym.net sites).

For each card, it is also possible to import a personal scan, in replacement of the scan uploaded by Pokebase. See subsection "Import or remove personal scans.

Warning: to download all the pictures, you will need to have about 1 GB available on your hard drive.

To download the images of cards, use the "Scans" button:





Then select the desired expansion sets by checking the column "FR" (french scans) or "US" (English scans), then click the "**Download**" button.

<u>Note</u>: it is possible to click on the header of the columns FR or US to select or deselect every expansion sets at the same time.

Note: Some expansion sets do not exist in french and thus cannot be selected in this language.

The checkbox "Include HD scans" lets you download the large scans used when zooming. It is recommended to check it.

The box "Replace if already exists" indicates that Pokebase should download the scans even if they are already present on your hard drive. Normally, it is not necessary to check this box.

The "Set parameters" button allows access to the download URL for the scans of each expansion set. Do not change these settings (except in very special cases), or the application may not work properly.

Note: The "Set parameters" button also lets you change the Play! Pokémon abbreviation for each expansion set (abbreviation that will appear on the decklists). This can allow the user to correct an expansion set whose official abbreviation was not available at the time of the publication of a release of Pokebase.

Multi-languages interface

Use the "Settings" button on the main button bar of Pokebase to open the configuration window, and then choose the language for the UI with the "Language" list. The language change will be effective on the next restart of Pokebase.

Current supported languages are French and English.

When the language is selected, all the elements of the interface, but also the name of the expansion sets, logos, name cards, etc. are displayed in this language.



Navigating through expansion sets and cards

Navigation among the different expansion sets is done through a sliding panel on the left side of the PokéBase window.

Click the button on the left side of the window to bring up the expansion set selector. Click the same button to make it go away.

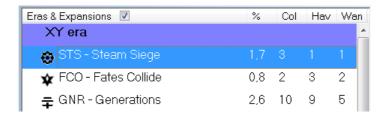
The "expansion set selector" side panel allows to select one of the expansions sets in Pokebase. In this Panel, expansion sets are grouped by eras.

When the check box in the headline of the list is checked with the exception of the block that contains the currently selected expansion set.

When this check box is clear, all the eras are unfolded (all expansion sets are visible in the list).

This panel displays on the right of expansion set, different counters:

- % = Percentage of completion of the collection for this expansion set
- Col = total number of cards in your collection
- Hav = total number of "haves" (duplicate) cards
- Wan = total number of "wants" (searched) cards



You can also move to the next or previous set by clicking the 2 arrow buttons located at the right of the card selector.



When an expansion set is selected, the list of the cards in the expansion is automatically displayed in the card selector.

In the front of each card, the card selector displays 3 columns: these columns contain respectively the total number of card owned in collection, "haves" or "wants" (if one of these numbers is equal to zero, a dash (-) is displayed).

In addition, the cards that the user does not own (in collection, or "haves") are displayed grayed, while the cards owned (collection and "haves") are displayed in black.

This information allows to instantly have a more global view of the cards owned/searched in the expansion set, without having to select successively the various cards.

To the right of this list are different **display options** to change its appearance; it makes it possible to display the french names of the cards, rather than the english names. It is also possible to choose if the cards will be grouped by rarity, or if they will be displayed by increasing order or by Pokémon type (these last 2 options being more suited to the expansion sets starting from Black & white).

A click on a card in this list allows you to select this card; In this case, the image of the card as well as additional information (name, type, HP,...) are displayed and the "collection", "haves", wants" lists are updated with information related to this card.

It is also possible to directly access a card by entering its number in the expansion set, in the input box located on the right of the selected card information.

Finally, it is also possible to navigate through the expansion set cards with the horizontal lift located under the image of the card.

<u>Note</u>: If the "large format" image of the card has been downloaded, the mouse pointer becomes a magnifying glass "+" when going on the card image. In this case, it is possible to zoom in by clicking on the image of the card.

When the zoom is displayed, click on the image to return to the normal view.

Import or Remove personnal scans

Right click on the image of a card brings up a context menu allowing to import or delete a personal scan for the card.

This function allows the user to import its own card scans, and so to see the real condition of his collection in Pokebase.

The imported scan must be in the JPEG (.jpg) format and respect the proportions (height/width) of a real Pokémon card.

<u>Warning</u>: Already imported personal scans can be lost if you use the "Scans download" function of Pokebase by checking the option "overwrite if already present".

This shortcut menu also lets you delete the current scan of the card (whether it is a personal scan, or the scan downloaded by Pokebase).

Theme deck viewer

The « Theme decks » button allows to show the list of theme decks associated with the currently selected expansion set.

The selection of a theme deck in this list loads the deck in the deckbuilder and displays the composition of the theme deck in the deck visualization window (see § "Creation of decks and printing of decklists").

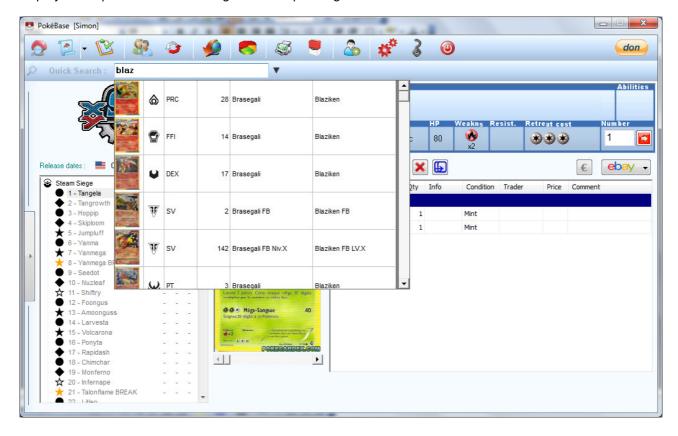
It is also possible to view the composition of the theme deck in a list by clicking on the "list" button in the visualization window.



Quick search

The "Quick Search" input field allows you to quickly view a list of card whose english or french name begins with the letters you typed in.

It is necessary to enter at least 3 letters in the textbox; as soon as 3 letters or more are entered, Pokebase displays a drop-down list containing the corresponding cards.



Click on one of the proposed cards to immediately navigate to the expansion set and the desired card.

Click on the input field or the ▼ button lets you close the search list without selecting a card.

When the quick search list is closed, a click on the ▼ button allows to re-open the list and so to view the results of previous research.

Collection management : « Collection », « Haves » and « Wants » lists

The right side of the main screen shows a list whose content relates to the card currently selected. This list can be subdivided into 3 groups, who appear only if they contain at least one card.



Example with 3 visible groups; each group contains one or more lines.

"Collection": contains copies of the current card that you own and you want to keep.

"Haves": contains copies of the current card you own and you want to trade.

"Wants": contains copies of the current card that you do not own and you want to get by trade or purchase.

Each of these groups can contain several lines; to optimize the display and avoid unnecessarily filling the grid, group together on the same line all copies of a card with the same properties (brightness, language,...) by simply varying the number of cards (by editing the quantity 'Qty' field).

To manage these lists, you can use either **the context menu** that appears with a click right from the mouse, either **the keyboard shortcuts** described below (indicated with a yellow background).

Add a line (=a card) to a group

To add a card in collection, haves or wants:

• Use one of the buttons to add card, located at the top of the list of cards



• do a right-click on the list (right part of the window) and then choose one of the following menu : "Add a card in collection", "Add a 'Haves'", "Add a 'Wants'"

right click on a group in the list, and use the « Add new line » menu to add a card in this group.

Use the keys on the keyboard: F5 to add a card in collection, F6 to add a « have » card, F7 to add a « wanted » card.

<u>or</u>

or

When a line of a group is selected, use the INS (insert) key on the keyboard to add a line in this
particular group.

Lines are created in the grid from the default values that can be set through the 'Defaults' button makes it possible to set the default language, default quantity, default condition, and so on...





Insertion of a card in the « collection » list with the contextual menu (right click)

Edit/modify a line

When you add a line in a group, it inherits the defaults values for the various fields.

Then, these fields can be changed in 2 ways:

- With the mouse by double-clicking the field.
- With the keyboard by navigating with the keyboard arrow keys to be positioned on the field to edit, then pressing any key to enter "edit" mode. Once the value of the field is changed, press the "Enter" key to commit the change.

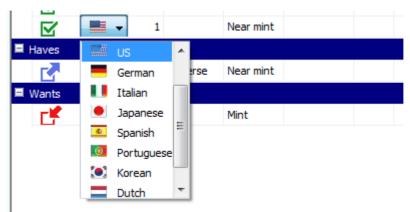
New in v. 2.7.2 : the F3 key is a toggle key allowing :

- at the first press, to memorize the current active control in the window, then to activate modification mode for the line of the last card added or selected in a group
- at the next press, to return to the memorized GUI control.

Thus it is possible to browse the list of cards of an expansion set with the up/down arrow keys, add a card using the F5 to F7 keys, press F3 to start editing the added line and change its values, and after the changes are completed, press F3 again to return the focus to the card list of the expansion set.

Thus there is no need to use the mouse to add and modify cards.

There are 2 different kind of input field: fields that can be edited through a 'list of choice' (example: language, condition, info, trader...) and fields where you can enter text (example: quantity, comment).



Modifying language for a « collection » card : a list with possible choices is displayed

The role of the different editable fields is described below:

The "Qty" field allows you to enter the quantity of cards you want to add to a group.

The "Info" field offers the following options:

- Normal: Indicates that the card has none of the characteristics described below.
- Reverse or 1rst Edition: Indicates that the card is reverse or 1rst Edition (Pokebase will automatically determine if this is a Reverse or 1rst Edition 1 card, according to the expansion set of the card).
- **Theme Deck**: Indicates that the card comes from a theme deck (or "starter deck") and therefore has a different brightness of the same card from boosters.
- **League Promo**: Indicates that the card is a promotional card distributed during leagues or officials tournaments (generally, these cards haves a special holographic treatment)..
- **Undefined**: Only available for the « wants » list, indicates that no characteristics is specifically required for this card.

The "Condition" field is used to describe the condition of the card; this information is obviously very subjective and depends on the level of demand of each person.

The "Price" field (only changeable for the "Haves" group) allows you to specify a retail price of the card (see also the § "Sales prices management").

The "Comment" field is a free text field to enter a comment on the card (by example, a clarification on the condition of the card, and so on...)

The "**Trader**" field is editable only for the "Haves" and "Wants"; It is used to indicate that the card is actually in trade with the person whose nickname is selected.

Note: The trader must have been created previously (see § "Trade management")

Deleting a line from a group

To remove a row from a group:

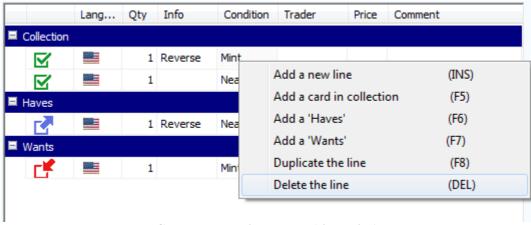
• Select the line (by clicking on it with the mouse or with the arrow keys of the keyboard) then use the "Delete card" button located at the top of the list of cards

<u>Or</u>

Select the line (by clicking on it with the mouse or with the arrow keys of the keyboard) then click
on the 'Delete' key of the keyboard

<u>Or</u>

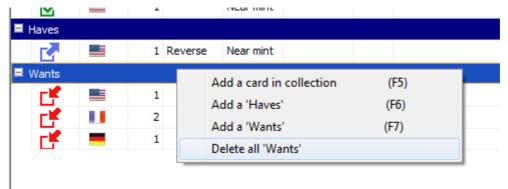
Right click on the line to delete, and select « Delete the line » in the context menu



Card removal with context (right click)

Delete a whole group

To remove all the contents of a group in one step (for example, all "wants" for one specific card), right-click on the header of the group (line with blue background) and select "Delete all 'Wants'" (or "Delete all 'Haves'" or "Delete all cards in collection" according to the chosen group)



Deletion of the content of the whole « Wants » group

Delete all groups

To remove the contents of all 3 groups (Collection, haves, wants) in one step, right-click on the group but <u>not on an existing line</u> and select "Delete all".

<u>Tips</u>: To show this menu, you can also right-click on the leftmost cell of the header line.



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Duplicate a line in a group

To duplicate a line in a group:

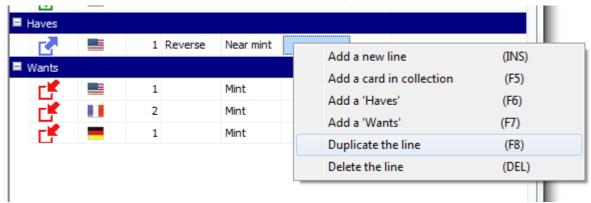
• Select the line you want to duplicate and use the "duplicate" button located at the top of the list of cards

<u>Or</u>

Select the line you want to duplicate and use the F8 function key on the keyboard.

<u>Or</u>

• Right click on the line you want to duplicate, and select « Duplicate the line » in the context menu



Duplication of a « have » card

Transfer a line from one group to another

It is possible to transfer a card from one list to another, without having to remove the line in the first group and re-create it in the second group.

It is possible to make the following transfers:

- From the "**Collection**" group to the "**Haves**" group: Use this function when you no longer want to keep some cards, and you want to offer them for trade.
- From the "Haves" group to the "Collection": Use this function when you no longer want to trade some cards, and you want to keep them in your collection.
- From the "Wants" group to the "Collection" group: Use this function when you've got the card you were previously looking for.

<u>Note:</u> The trade management function automatically transfers cards from the "Wants" group to the "Collection" group when a trade is successfully completed (see 'Trades Management" paragraph below)

To transfer a line from one group to the other, simply change the icon of the first field in the line in double-clicking it; This icon can have the following values:





Transfer of a line from the « Wants » group to the « Collection » group

Sales prices management

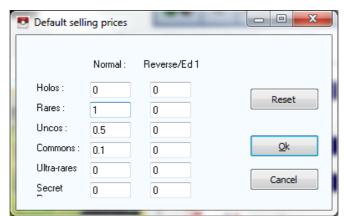
If you want to sell cards contained in the "Haves", you can assign a sale price for each card you own.

This price could then be displayed in lists that can be generated by Pokebase (see the section "Edition of lists") if the "Show sales prices" option is checked in the "Apparence settings" tab, in the lists generation window.

You can specify a sale price for each card individually in the "Price" column (only for cards of the "Haves" group). Just double-click on the "price" field of the desired card to enter edition mode.

Note: cards in the "Collection" or "Wants" group can not have sales price.

For each expansion set, you can also set a default price for all cards having the same rarity and the same brightness (normal or reverse). To do this, select the desired expansion set and then click the "default selling price" button. Then enter the default price for the different rarities/brightness (a point or a comma can be used as a decimal separator).



Default sales prices window for the « haves » of a particular expansion set

Tip: Use the search function for completed or successful sales on Ebay to determine the price based on the market! See the "search Ebay" section for more details.

Note: a selling price set to zero means that there is no defined sale price. Use the "Reset" button to remove all default sales prices for the selected expansion set.

Note: When the selected expansion set has default sales prices, the "Default selling price" button color changes for grayed to black :

The expansion set has no default price.

The expansion set has at least one default price.

eBay searches

You can search for the currently selected card on eBay with a single click.

The parameters used by Pokebase for searching on eBay are the name of the card, the card number and the total number of cards in the expansion set (e.g. : *Trevenant EX 145 160*)).

Note: If Pokebase language is english, the name of the english card is searched on the eBay.com site; If Pokebase language is french, the name of the French card is searched on the eBay.fr site.

To perform a search on eBay for the current card, click on the "Ebay auctions" button and select one of the three available categories: "Active auctions", "Ended auctions" or "Sold auction".



Pokebase then will automatically start your Web browser to carry out the required search on EBay.

Pokebase can also calculate an average sell price from successful auctions found on eBay. Warning: The relevance of the calculated average selling price must be considered with caution; Indeed auction returned by the search are not always relevant (example: selling a group of cards instead of one single card), and a lot of characteristics can affect the selling price (example: card condition, reverse or not, and so on...)

Trade management

Pokebase facilitates the management and monitoring of card trades made by mail which can take place via forums such as Pokegym (http://www.pokegym.net/forums) or Pokecardex (http://www.pokecardex.com/forums).

When you agree on a trade with someone, do the following:

1) Clic the « **Traders** » button in the toolbar and create the identity of the trader through the "+" button. Enter his name or his nickname; the address is optional but facilitates subsequent follow-up. You can also enter an optional comment.

Note: this screen also allows to modify or remove a trader.

- 2) In the software main window, go to each card you want to send to that trader; normally you must have already created a "**Have**" for this card: Edit the Trader field of this line and select the name of the trader in the drop-down list.
- 3) Also go on each card that you will receive from this trader; normally you must have already created a "Want" line for this card: edit the Trader field of this line and select the name of the trader in the drop-down list.
- 4) Then you can click on the "**Trade**" button to see a summary of agreed trade (the drop-down list only shows the nickname of the traders with which you agreed a trade). Just select a nickname to see the details of cards to send and waiting to be received.

Note: It is possible to do a right-click on a row of the current trade grid to display a context menu allowing to remove a card from the trade, or to navigate to the selected (for example to change the number of cards in the trade).

In this screen, the "Trade summary" grid displays a summary of number of cards to send/receive according to their rarity (this allows to quickly check the balance of the trade).

The "TXT Export" button allow to view the list of cards in the trade as a text file; this way, it is possible to print this list to join it to the mail, and to send it by e-mail, and so on...

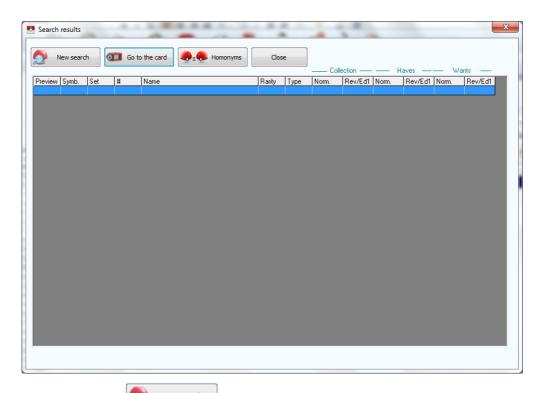
- 5) Once the trade is over (when cards were received by both sides), you can use the "**End trade**" button in this window. This button will :
- -In the "Haves" group, remove all cards you sent.
- -In the "Wants" group, remove all cards you received.
- -In the "Collection" group, create an entry for each card you received. Remember to update the "condition" field for each card received, if needed.

On the other hand, if the trade was canceled before successful completion, you can click on the "Cancel Trade" button to remove the name of this trader on all cards in the "Haves" and "Wants". No card will be created in the "collection" group in this case.

Multicriteria search

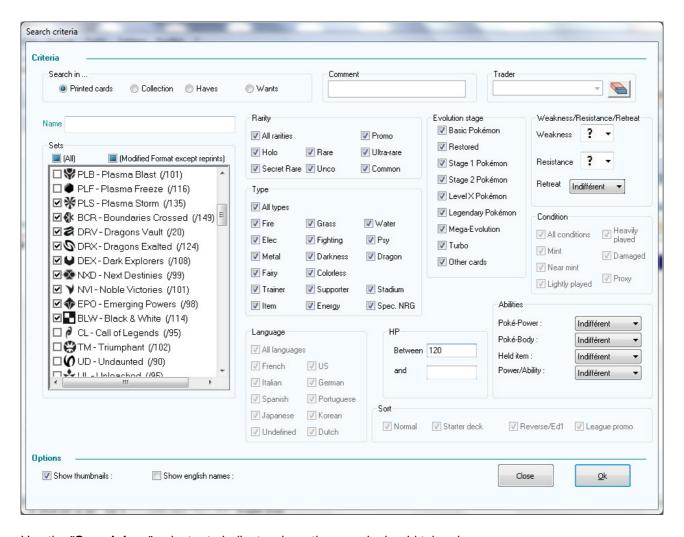
Use the « **Search** » button to display the advanced search window, based many selection criteria.

 $\underline{\text{Note}}$: From the main Pokebase window, pressing the function $\underline{\textbf{F1}}$ key also allows to display the search window.



In the above window, clic the window, clic the button to start a new search, by displaying the selection criteria window.

Note : From the « **Search results** » window, pressing the **F1** function key also allows to start a new search.



Use the "Search in..." selector to indicate where the search should take place :

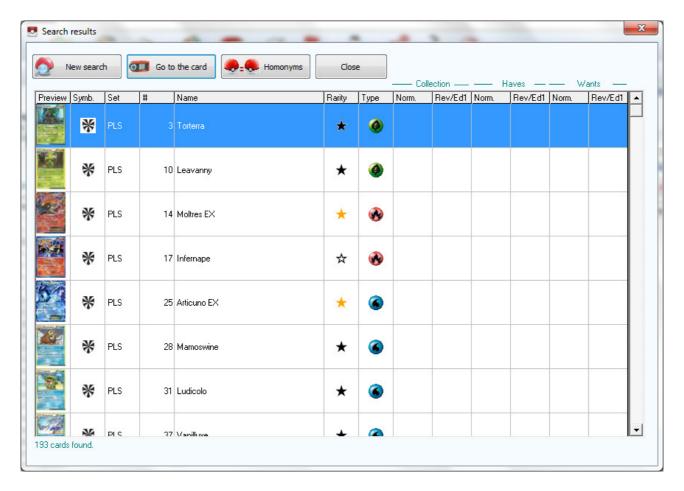
- Printed cards: the search will take place among all printed cards known by PokéBase.
- Collection: the search will take place only among cards contained in your collection.
- **Haves**: the search will take place only among your duplicated cards.
- Wants: the search will take place only among cards you are looking for.

Then select the different criteria that the cards must meet.

Note: According to the value of the « **search in...** » selector, some selection criteria are not available.

<u>Warning</u>: Selection criteria are cumulative, which means that a card must meet all of the criteria to be returned by the search.

<u>Example:</u> In the above illustration, the selection criteria allow to display all the basic having at least 120 HP among the expansion sets in the "Black & white" era (the result of this search is presented below).



Once the search criteria are validated, the "Search results" window displays cards corresponding to the criteria.

If the search returns more than 500 resulsts, the user can choose to limit the search to the first 500 results.

The result grid shows various information about the card (including a thumbnailed image of the card) and indicates how many copies you own in collection, haves and wants, for the regular or reverse version.

<u>Note</u>: It can happen in some cases that Pokebase shows the back of a Pokémon card instead of the thumbnail of the card. In this case, just select the incorrect line with the mouse, and then press the space bar key to regenerate the thumbnail.

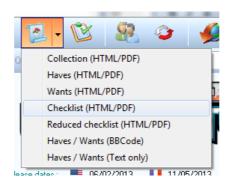
Double-click on a line to display then high definition scan of the card. Then click on the scan to make them disappear.

The "Go to the card" button allows you to directly navigate to that card in the main Pokébase window, and closes the search window.

The "**Homonyms**" button allows to restart a new search returning only the cards who have the same name as the currently selected card. Other selection criteria remain active.

Lists generation

Use the « **lists** » button to create vary lists. Click on this button to display the following drop-down menu :



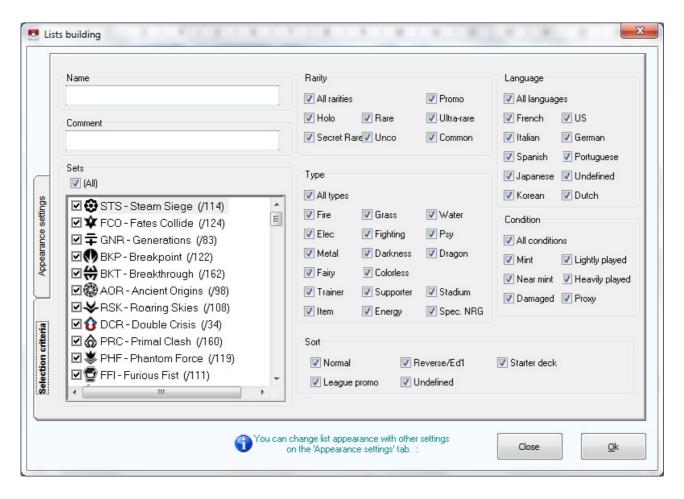
- Collection (HTML/PDF): This choice generates a list of all the cards in your collection. The list can be in HTML format (displayed with your default web browser) or in PDF format.
- **Haves (HTML/PDF)**: This choice generates a list of all your cards available for trade. The list can be in HTML format (displayed with your default web browser) or in PDF format.
- Wants (HTML/PDF): This choice generates a list of all the cards you are looking for. The list can be in HTML format (displayed with your default web browser) or in PDF format.
- Checklist (HTML/PDF): This choice generates a list of all cards printed in the selected expansions set. The list can be in HTML format (displayed with your default web browser) or in PDF format.
- Reduced checklist (HTML/PDF): This choice generates a 4-columns list, for each selected expansion sets, listing every edited card with checked boxes in front of the cards you own in collection (this list is designed to be printed on a single A4 sheet par expansion set).
- Haves / Wants (BBCode): This choice generate a list with the card you have for trade, and all the
 cards you are looking for. The list is formatted with BBCode, which allow to post it on internet
 forums. BBcode can be standard BBcode or special BBcode designed for the Pokecardex.com
 forum.
- **Have / Wants (Text only)**: This choice generate a list with the card you have for trade, and all the cards you are looking for, as a regular text file without any formatting. This list can be posted on internet forums, e-mailed, ...

<u>Note</u>: "HTML/PDF" lists are generally designed to be viewed on screen or printed, whereas "Haves/Wants" lists are designed to be used on the Internet.

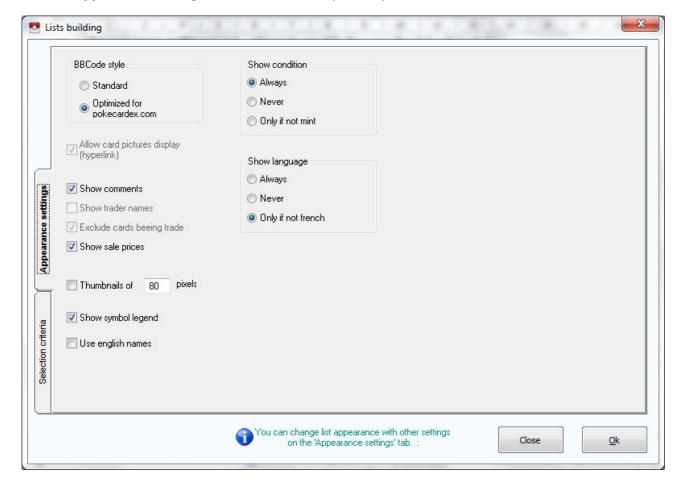
Note: PDF lists generation is described in the next chapter: « PDF format lists »

Once you chose the list you want, the "List building" window is displayed. This window shows 2 vertical tabs on the left side:

"Selection Criteria" tab: allows to filter card that should be included in the desired list, depending
on many criteria. These criteria are cumulative, which means a card must meet all criteria to be
shown in the list.



"Appearance settings" tab: allows to modify the way the list will look like.



- BBCode style: For the BBCode list, this option allows to choose between the regular BBcode format (compatible with most of the phpBB forums) and an optimized format designed for the Pokecardex.com french forum.
- Allow card pictures display (hyperlink): For the BBcode list, if this option is checked, each card will include an hyperlink on which it will be possible to click to display the image of the card.
- **Show comments**: The lis twill include the « Comment » field for each card.
- **Show trader names**: The list will include trader names for each card actually being trade.
- Exclude cards being trade: Cards with a trader name will not be included in the list.
- Show sale prices: The list will contain the retail price specified individually for each card, or the default price if applicable.
- Thumbnails of xx pixels: For HTML/PDF lists, allows to show a small thumbnailpermet d'afficher une vignette du scan de chaque carte dans la liste. La hauteur de la vignette est réglable ici (en pixels)
- Show symbol legend: For HTML/PDF lists, display a table describing the various symbols used in the list (card type, rarity, language....)
- Use english names: When this box is checked, english card names are used instead of french ones.
- Show condition: Select whether the card condition will be systematically displayed in the list ("always"), will never be displayed in the list ("never"), or will only be displayed if the card is not mint ("only if not mint").
- Show language: Select whether the card language will be systematically displayed in the list ("always"), will never be displayed in the list ("never"), or will only be displayed if the card language is not French ("only if not french").

PDF format lists

Every lists generated by Pokebase in HTML format can be automatically converted to PDF document. This includes every HTML lists from the "lists" menu, but also decklists from the deckbuilder.

PDF lists generation requires installation of the free and open-source software called wkHtmlToPdf; this html to pdf conversion tool can be downloaded from the autor web site http://wkhtmltopdf.org/ Please download and install the latest stable version for Windows, 32-bit or 64-bit according to your Windows release.

Once wkHtmlToPdf installed, open the PokéBase "settings" window by selecting the "Settings" button in the Pokébase main button be" in the Pokébase main button bar.

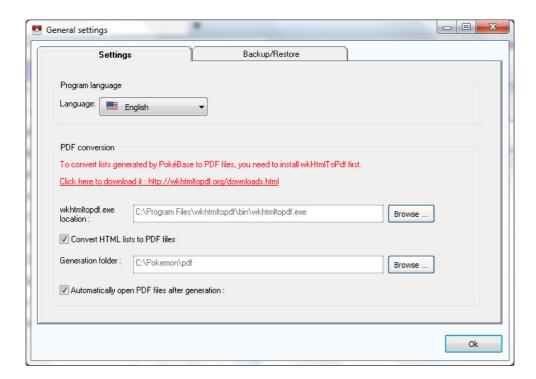


Then click on the 'Browse' button next to 'wkhtmltopdf.exe location', and browse to the folder where you installed wkhtmltopdf, so you can select the wkhtmltopdf.exe program. For example, it can be found in "c:\program files\wkhtmltopdf\bin\wkhtmltopdf.exe".

Then check the "convert HTML lists to PDF files" box. PDF files will be generated in the folder that is indicated in the "Generation folder" text box. By default, this folder is located in < Pokebase installation folder > \PDF (click on the 'Browse' button to change it if needed). Cochez ensuite la case « Convertir les listes HTML en PDF ».

If you want the PDF lists to be automatically shown after generation, check the 'Automatically open PDF files after generation' box. A PDF viewer (such as Acrobat PDF Reader) must be installed on your computer so that PDF files can be opened.

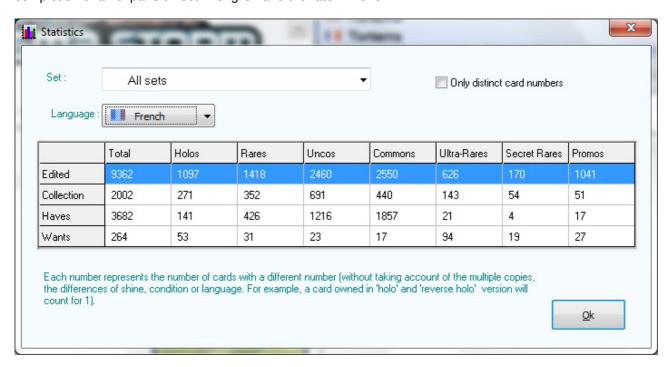
Note: In all cases, if PDF lists generation is selected, HTML format lists are no longer automatically displayed.



Statistical data

The "Statistics" button allow to display statistics on published cards, cards you own in collection or in your "haves" list, and card you are looking for, according to their rarity.

Statistics can be calculated based on the card language. For example, it is possible to know the rate of completion of an expansion set in english and the rate in french.



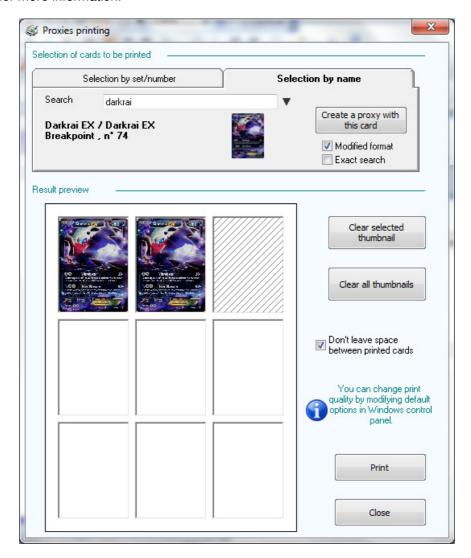
If the "Only distinct card numbers" box is checked, a single copy of each card is taken into account in total numbers, even if you own several copies (this allows to calculate a completion percentage relative to the number of cards published in the chosen expansion set).

Proxies printing

Use the "Proxies" button to print picture of cards with an identical size to a real card. This way, it is easy to create proxies⁵ to play with.

Note: To print a proxy, you must have downloaded this card scan first.

<u>Note</u>: It is also possible to print proxies directly from the list of cards in a deck. See chapter "Proxies printing from decklist" for more information.



Pokebase allow to print 9 cards on a single A4 page.

There are two ways to select the cards to be printed:

- By selection of the expansion set and the card number.
- By typing the beginning (3 characters minimum) of the name of the card (french or english).
 Pokébase then displays a list of matching cards and allows you to select one.
- By typing the exact name (1 character minimum) of the card (french or english). Pokébase then
 displays a list of matching cards and allows you to select one (Note: this allow to search for 'N').

<u>Note</u>: The "**Modified format**" checkbox allows to restrict the search to expansion sets that are legal in tournaments.

⁵ Proxy: Printed card allowing to temporary replace a missing card in a deck, for testing purposes. Just stick it on a real useless card, or put it in a card sleeve to use it.

Once the card has been selected, click on the "Create a proxy with this card" button to move the card on the "**Result preview**" page; The card is displayed in the selected (grayed out) box.

If you want to remove a previously selected card, click the card tile then click the "Clear selected thumbnail" button.

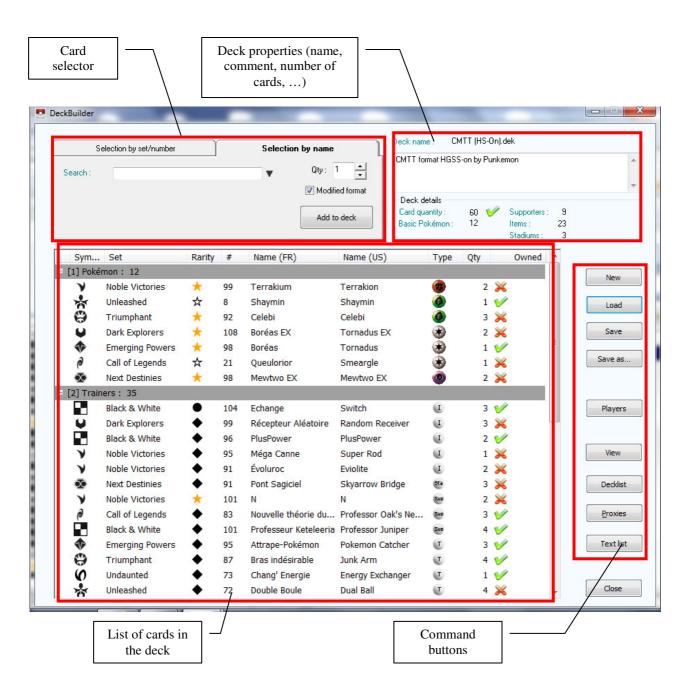
Once all desired cards have been selected, click on the "Print" button to trigger the printing of cards.

<u>Tip:</u> In order to save ink, it is possible to reduce the printing quality through the Windows control panel.

<u>Note</u>: If the "**Don't leave space between cards**" box is checked, the cards are printed edge-to-edge; as a result, the cutting of the cards is easier.

Deck creation and decklist printing

Use the "Deckbuilder" button to create decks and print tournament-legal decklists.



As for proxies, there are two ways to select the cards to add to your deck:

- By selecting the expansion set and the card number.
- By typing the beginning of the french or english name of the card (at least 3 characters).
 Pokebase then displays a list of matching cards and allows you to select one.

Note: The "Modified format" checkbox restricts the earch to the cards in tournament legal expansion sets.

Once the card is selected, a thumbnail of the card is shown; it is then possible to click on this thumbnail to display the large scan of this card.

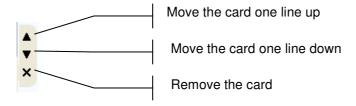
Then click on the "Add to the deck" to add a copy of the selected card. To add several copies of the same card, several methods are possible: click as many times as necessary on the "Add to the deck" button, or type the required number of copies in the "Qty" field and then click on the button "add to the deck; Once the card has been added to the deck, it is also possible to change the quantity by clicking on the line of the card, in the "Qty" column. The number of cards then becomes an editable input field.

The list of cards in the deck is divided into 3 parts: Pokémon cards, Trainers (i.e. items, supporters, Stadium...) and energies. The header of each section indicates the number of cards in the section. In addition, other counters are displayed at the top right of the list in the **"Deck details"** frame.

A click with the right button of the mouse on a line of the decklist allows to display a context menu with several functions:

- Show the card picture: Displays the large format scan of the selected card
- Remove the card : Removes all copies of this card in the deck (pressing the « DEL » key on the keyboard aloso remove the selected card).
- Go to the card: Loads the selected card in PokéBase main window; this allows for instance to view how many copies you own for this card)
 Note: This fonction does not close the deckbuilder window.
- Move the card up: Move the selected card one line up in the decklist, by swapping it with the above card
- Move the card down: Move the selected card one line down in the decklist, by swapping it with the below card..

When a card is selected in the decklist, a Toolbox with 3 buttons appears on the right side of the decklist. This tool has the following features:



The different command buttons in the right column allow the following actions:

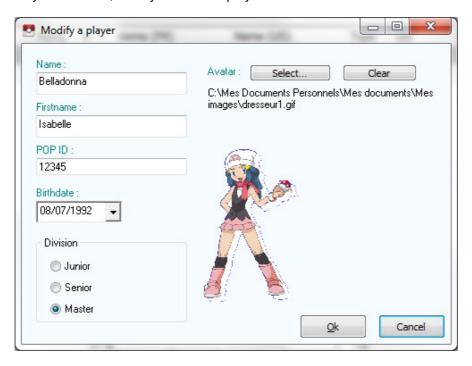
- **New**: Allows you to erase the list of cards and begin a new deck.
- **Load**: Allows to open an existing deck (.dek file present on the computer))
- Save : Allows to save the deck currently being edited to its .dek file.
- Save as...: Allows to save the deck currently being edited to a new .dek file.
- Players: Allows you to manage the list of players (see below)
- View: displays the current deck as card images (see below)
- **Decklist**: generates the decklist of the deck being edited (see below)
- Proxies: Allows to print proxies from cards in the decklist.
- **Text list:** Show the current deck as a text list (that can be posted on internet forums)

Players management

The "Players" button allows to open the "Players management" window. Players are persons for who decklists can be printed.



This window allows you to create, modify or delete a player.



For each player, the following informations are necessary because they will be automatically printed out on the decklist :

- Name and firstname
- Player identification number (POP or Play! Pokémon ID)
- Birth date
- Age division (junior, senior or master)
- Avatar file (image that will be present on the decklist) (optional)

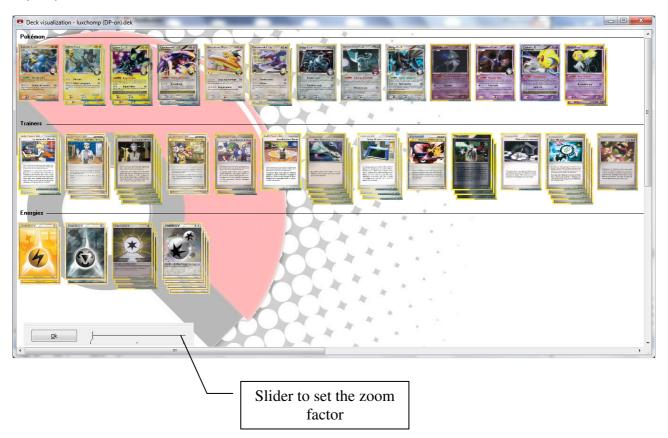
Deck visualisation

The "View" button allows to view pictures of every cards in the deck.

Note: Card scans must have been downloaded first.

At the bottom of the screen, a slider bar allows to adjust the zoom factor to display the whole set of cards; In addition, it is possible to click on each card to display its large format scan.

Place the cursor of the mouse on a card to view the set/numer of the card as well as the number of copies present in the deck.

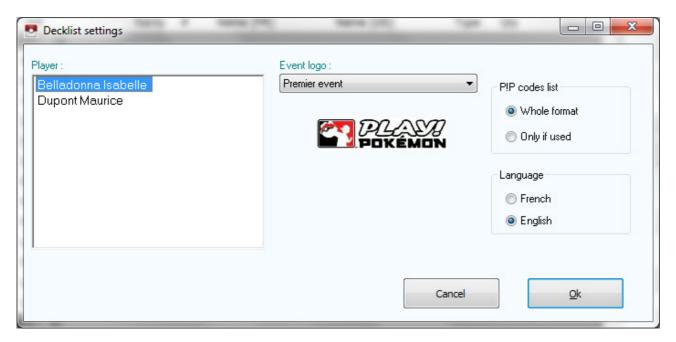


Decklist generation

Use the "**Decklist**" button to generate the decklist corresponding to the deck being edited. The decklist can be generated in HTML format (and automatically displayed in your default browser, which will allow you to print it) or in PDF format if wkhtmltopdf has been installed with PokéBase.

Note: The deckbuilder is compatible with Internet Explorer, Firefox and Chrome browsers (other untested browsers can correctly display the decklist too).

Before generating the decklist, a window titled "**Decklist settings**" appears to set up the appearance of the decklist:



- **Player**: Select the player for who the decklist will be printed. His identity will be automatically added to the decklist.
- **Event logo**: Select the type of tournaments for which the decklist is generated to display the appropriate logo. The logo will be added to the decklist.
 - « **Customized...** » choice allows you to select an image file, which will be used in place of the tournament logo. **WARNING**: This image should have reasonable dimensions or it will distord the decklist!
- P !P codes list : Allows you to choose which expansions sets will have their logo and official code mentioned on the decklist.
 - Whole format: Every expansion sets in the « modified » format will be recalled on the decklist.
 - Only if used: Only expansion sets having at least one card in the deck will be recalled on the decklist. This choice is more suitable for "unlimited" or "expanded" format decks.
- **Language**: Select the language used on the decklist (French or English). Card names and other information will be printed in the selected language.

Then click on the 'Ok' button to generate the decklist and display it in your default web browser or PDF viewer.

<u>Tip:</u> By default, web browsers add headers and footers to the page when printing from web page (this includes information such as the page URL, the page number, date, and so on...). Before you print the decklist, it may be interesting to change the configuration of your browser to remove these extraneous information. Consult your browser's help to learn how.

Note: In the PokéBase main windows, the "Scans" then "Set parameters" buttons allows you to change the Play! Pokemon abbreviation of each expansion set. This allows to correct an abbreviation which would be erroneous.

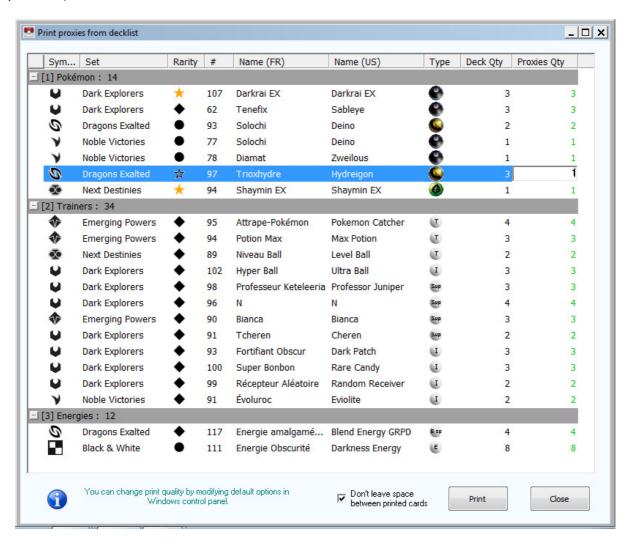
Proxies printing from decklist

Use the "Proxies" button to print proxies from the list of cards in your deck.

This button opens a new window containing the list of card in the deck, with a new column called "Proxies Qty".

Quantity appears with **green** color on a line if the card scan for this card has been downloaded, so that a proxy can be printed. On the opposite, quantity appears as a **red zero** is the card scan has not been downloaded, so that PokéBase can not print a proxy for this card.

You can modify the "Proxies Qty" field for each line by double-clicking on to enter the real quantity of proxies you need for each card. Then click the "Print" button to print the proxies (proxies are printed 3x3 on one paper sheet).



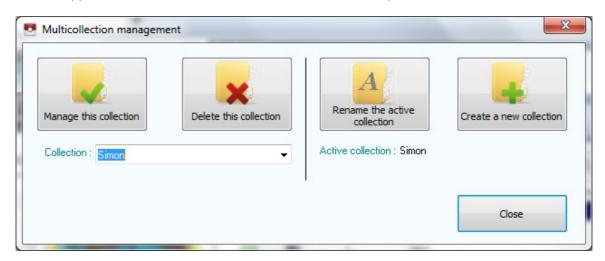
Multi-collection management

The "**Multi-collections**" button allows you to manage multiple collections (or collectors!) independently of each other in Pokebase.

<u>Note</u>: In this chapter, the term « collection » means all information entered in the 3 grids « collection », « haves », « wants ».

This function allows for example a parent to separately manage collections of 2 young children. A person who is at the same time both collector and player can also split his cards into two separated groups (the 'real' collection and the cards used to play with), and so on...

After the initial installation of the program, there is only one collection, which is called "Default". The name the collection appears in the title bar of Pokebase main window, in square brackets.



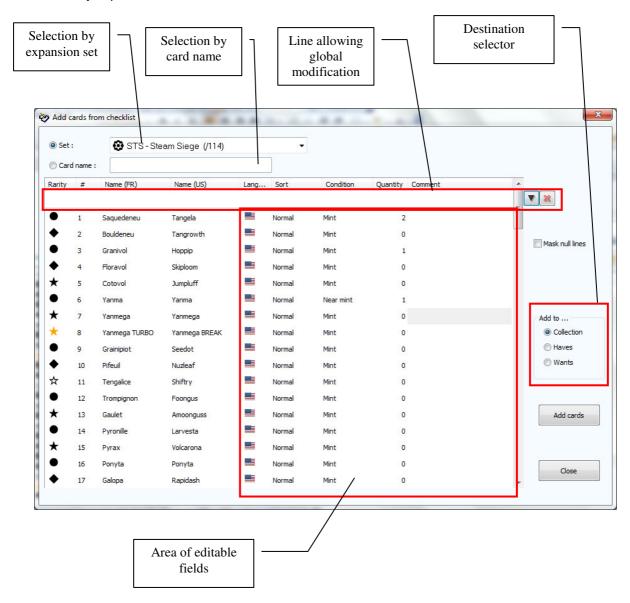
The "Multi-Collections management" window allows several functions:

- "Create a new collection": allows you to create a new collection, which contains no card. Other
 collections are not modified or removed when you create a new collection. Enter the name of the
 collection to create, and click OK.
- "Manage this collection": PokéBase allows you to manage only one collection at a time. If there is
 more than one collection, it is necessary to pass from one to the other by selecting the name of the
 collection in the "Collection" drop-down list and clicking on the "Manage this collection" button.
 The name of the collection being managed appears in the title bar of Pokebase main window.
- "Delete this collection": Supprime Removes the collection selected in the "Collection" drop-down list. The active collection (actually managed) cannot be deleted. WARNING!!! The deletion is permanent and all data (cards in collection, haves, wants) in this collection will be lost!
- "Rename the active collection": allows you to rename the currently active collection (for instance, it is possible to rename the "Default" collection to give it a more personal name).

<u>Note</u>: It is currently not possible to transfer owned cards, haves or wants from one collection to another; collections are completely independent sets from each other.

Adding cards from list

To reduce the number of manipulation with the keyboard or the mouse, the « **Add by list** » button a quick way to add more cards in your collection, your "haves" or yours "wants", from the checklist of an expansion set or from a list of card matching a name. This is especially effective if already have a list of your cards sorted by expansion set.



First, select which cards will be displayed in the list, by selecting an expansion set in the expansion set selector (dropdown list "**Set**") or by entering the beginning of the name of the cards in the "Card name" textbox.

Then the editable grid will be filled with one line for each existing card in the selected set or for each card whose name matches.

<u>Note</u>: The first line of the grid is empty and allows to do of global changes, on every lines of the grid (see below).

Each line contains the number of the card, its rarity, and its French and English names. These fields are not editable.

The line then contains the following editable columns: language, info, condition, quantity and comment. It is possible to click on each of these fields to change their values. For the "Language", "Feature" and

"Condition" fields, clicking on the field will make a dropdown list appear to select the desired value. For the 'Quantity' and 'Comment' fields, click the field to enter a value with the keyboard.

Note: When using keyboard, it is possible to move to the next line by using the "up" and "down" keyboard arrow keys. To move to the next column, you have to validate the edition of the current field with the Enter key, and then use the "left" and "right" arrow keys.

Once you have entered the information for all cards to be added to this expansion set, use the destination selector ("Add to...") to choose whether the cards will be added in your collection, in your "haves", or in your "wants". Once the destination is chosen, click the "Add cards" button, and all the cards for which you have entered a non-zero quantity will be added to your collection, your "haves" or your "wants" according to your choice.

Note: If you add a card that already exists, Pokebase will not create a new line in the "collection", "haves" or "wants", but will add the necessary quantity in the existing line.

To more easily control which cards will be created, you can hide the lines where the quantity is zero, thanks to the "Mask null lines" checkbox. Uncheck to show all lines again.

The first line of the grid allows you to enter data, and then spread these informations to each other rows of the grid, with the volution on the right. This allows to make changes on every lines of the grid in a few clicks.

Example: A new expansion set has been published and you wish to create "wants" for all reverse version of the cards in this expansion set, and in the English language? Select the desired expansion set, then in the first line, enter sort = reverse, language = US, quantity = 1, then spread this to every other lines with the ▼ button. Finally select "Add to... = wants" and click the "add cards" button. With a few clicks, you have created more than 100 new "wants"...

Warning: It is possible to quickly add a large number of card, but not to quickly delete these same cards!

Information on the software

button to displays various information about the program (number of cards, Click on the "About" release, ...).

A link in this window also lets you view the user guide of the software.

Close PokéBase



Click on the "Quit" button to close PokéBase.

Known issues / fixes

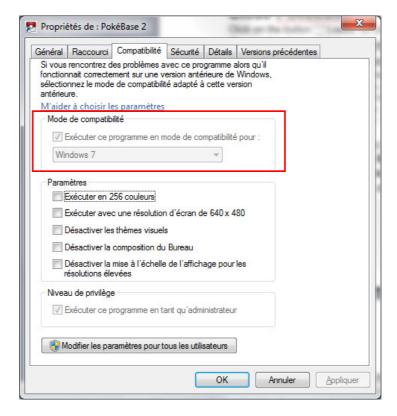
Windows 7/8/8.1/10 compatilibity

It is strongly recommended to install Pokebase outside the "c:\programs" folder (or "c:\program files"). For example, it is recommended to install Pokebase in "c:\pokebase".

This way, all necessary files for PokéBase 2 will be stored in the same folder as PokéBase 2 program (database, cards images, ...)

Pokebase2.exe may crash when closing

Starting with Windows 7 and higher, the program may end abnormally when clicking on the "exit" button. To resolve this issue, change the properties of the 'Pokebase 2' shortcut to run Pokebase in "Windows 7" compatibility mode, as described on the screen below



Pokebase2.exe doesn't start or crashes after starting

If PokeBase does not start or closes unexpectedly with an error stating "PokeBase has stopped working...", please exclude the pokebase2.exe program from the Windows Data Execution Prevention (DEP) scan.

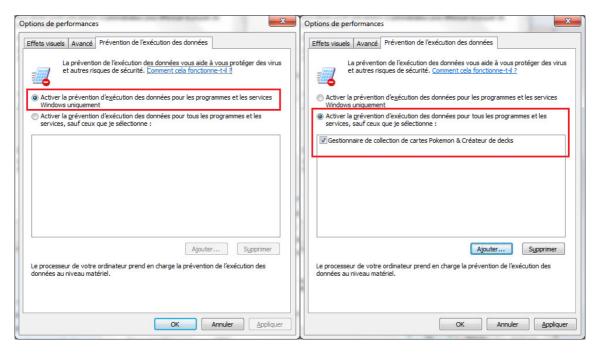
For example, in Windows 7, go to the "Advanced System Settings" window (via the Windows Control Panel for example), then click on the "Settings ..." button in the "Performance" section and then go to 'Data Execution Prevention' tab.

Then, 2 configurations are possible: check "Enable data execution prevention for Windows programs and services only", or check "Enable data execution prevention for all programs and services except what I

select "And click the" Add ... "button to select the pokebase2.exe program (in the PokéBase installation folder).

Then confirm with OK.Starting with Windows 7 and higher, the program may end abnormally when clicking on the "exit" button. To

Please refer to $\underline{\text{http://www.online-tech-tips.com/windows-xp/disable-turn-off-dep-windows/}}$ for more explanations.



Compatibility with Linux (Wine)

Compatibility with Linux - Wine is not guaranteed. No help will be provided by the developer on this subject.

However, some users were able to operate Pokebase with Wine by installing the Microsoft Data Access Components package and the MS Jet 4.0 engine to allow access to the database. These packages are not included with Wine by default. It is possible to use Winetricks (http://wiki.winehq.org/winetricks) to add these packages.

- # winetricks mdac28
- # winetricks jet40