

# Compare RDS Advantage<sup>®</sup> and RDS Connect<sup>®</sup>

. . . With Other Database Management Systems

## System Features:

- Cloud-hosted, Client Server or Peer-to-Peer network installations
- Support multiple entities without extra cost
- Fully normalized relational database
- ODBC/SQL (open database connectivity) enabled extracts and exports
- Included and integrated Report Writer
- Optional web-based applications integrated with database

## Database Features:

- Track up to 1,000,000 families and/or organizations
- Each family/organization can have up to 108 individuals
- A Native Windows system, using all Windows keystrokes
- Track multiple congregations
- Move families & retain all data
- Renumber Individuals but retain permanent UID's
- Track multiple e-mail addresses, text messages, phone #'s, addresses and websites for each individual
- Print zip plus 4 plus 2 Postnet barcodes, NCOAList processing
- Print non-automated pre-sort labels and mailings
- Print reports to printers, file names. Export data in all popular file formats (CSV, MDB, TAB, etc.). Extensive user-defined selection criteria
- Merge data with Word, Excel, and third party applications
- Customize printer output and fonts
- Supports print forms (Avery, etc.) and create customized print forms
- Preview reports before sending to printer
- Store, display and print photos for Individuals, Couples and Families
- Print color photo directories with extensive text information
- Send individually addressed e-mail and text messages with attachments. Automatically address labels, envelopes and/or postcards for those without e-mail.
- Export data to PDA's (portable document assistants) and smart phones
- Lookup windows for data with ability to search, and multiple search for any text within a lookup window
- Go-To feature to move instantly and directly from any application to any other application in the system. Have multiple windows open at the same time, and return to previous applications where you left off

## Event, Facility and Equipment Scheduler:

- Track events for facilities and schedule food, equipment and set-up
- Prevent double-scheduling of facilities
- Print janitorial instructions; e-mail instructions to set-up personnel
- Automatically export events into web calendar(s), including Google
- Track employee vacations and time-off and include in password protected web calendar
- Receive electronic requests to schedule events and facilities, vacations

## Complete Library:

- Library Patron Lookup, using touch-screen or keyboard to search library.
- Check library items in and out using bar-code member cards
- Print library labels, spines, and catalog cards
- Use Dewey Decimal system or your own classification system

## Archive Data:

- All data for each year can be archived. Archived data can be accessed, and reports can be printed for any information

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**Insta Check-In:**

- Automated check-in for any or all events (including worship) and meetings
- All data is a part of the whole database—no secondary integration needed
- Attendance is automatically stored
- Check in by name, home phone number, by bar-coded keytag, member card or by fingerprint or finger vein ID.
- Take photos at check-in and print on name tags and/or check-in forms
- Print session notes on check-out sheets
- Track health or personal issues and print codes for each on attendance lists and/or name tags
- Secure tracking for parent receipt and authorized parent/guardian pick up
- Integrated with paging devices and call numbers
- Optional check-in by family or individual
- Express Check-in option to check in each person in just seconds

**Automated E-mail**

- E-mail can be automatically sent to entire database or to selected individuals in activities and to e-mail contribution and receivable statements.
- E-mail uses your e-mail application
- Optionally system will address labels, envelopes or postcards for all people selected for e-mail who do not have an e-mail address — no one is omitted.

**Activities (Groups):**

- Activities support your whole organizational structure
- Set up an unlimited number of Activities
- Each Activity can have an unlimited number of enrollees
- Each individual can be enrolled in an unlimited number of Activities
- Each individual can be tracked by position/function and by involvement
- Each individual can be tracked by enrolled date and exit date
- Attendance can be tracked for all Activities
- Each Activity can track user-defined attributes of attendance
- Print photo directories of people in Activities with descriptive text
- Communication with enrollees by merge letters, e-mail, VOIP voice messaging, text messaging, and much more
- Track spiritual gifts, time and talent, volunteers, boards, committees, classes, groups, worship services and events
- Record attendance by scanning barcodes
- Enroll individuals by ages, marital status, gender and/or geographic area

**Contacts and Visitor Records:**

- Comprehensive Contact Management system tracks each contact
- User-defined contact types and contact teams, contact dates, and extensive comments can be recorded for every contact to an individual and family. Integrated e-mail and voice messaging for contacts.
- Enter follow-up dates for next contact
- Print Contact reports, address labels, postcards, envelopes, visitation cards, name tags and send e-mail, text messages, and VOIP voice messages, based upon Contact information
- Quick-Entry program automates the process of entering new visitor individual and family information, Contacts, and enroll in Activities can be uploaded into the database without additional data entry.

**ODBC (Open Database Connectivity):**

- Entire database is ODBC (open database connectivity) enabled
- Provides SQL access to data to export to other applications
- User access to data is limited by each user's security
- Applications such as Word can access data directly with ODBC reports
- Select from any relational data, use nested Boolean selections, sort, and format, print and/or export in different file formats



**RDS Connect®**

- Maximum security and up-time- SaSS (Software as a Secure Service) hosted on a Tier III data center.
- Use Windows or Mac
- Access from any Internet connection
- Automatic daily data backup
- Reduced hardware (IT) management costs
- One-step Remote Deposit Capture for contribution and receivable checks
- Unlimited toll-free customer phone support
- System upgrades automatically installed
- Includes all the powerful RDS Advantage features (Accounting, Check-In, Library, Scheduler, Inventory), more-more-more
- Backed by 29 years of successful service to churches and not-for-profit organizations



**VOIP Phone Messaging:**

- System integrated phone messaging using Voice Over Internet Protocol
- Deliver messages to 1,000 people within 3 minutes
- System can speak names of people as calls are made
- See progress of calls on Internet as calls are made—print reports of people reached or not reached
- No equipment to purchase—no minimums or required usage

**Virtual Village Web-Based Applications:**

- Web-based applications are integrated with the server relational database
- You control data that is on the Internet, and control added or changed data imported back into the on-site server
- Data is hosted on a Tier Three Data Center
- Data passing to and from the Internet is 256 bit SSL encrypted
- Administrative control of Internet applications provide user customization
- Automated password/registration/login for qualified members
- Members can see, change and add family information
- Members can see a record of their contributions and pledges
- Members can see a directory of members, photos, and information
- Members can send e-mail messages to individuals in the directory
- Members can restrict personal information they don't want in the directory
- Multiple user-defined calendars can be established on the website (e.g., general events, missions, youth, staff, music, etc.
- Sensitive calendars can be password protected
- Individuals can authorize recurring electronic payments (NACHA transactions)
- The RDS Advantage Event, Facility and Equipment Scheduler exports selected events into each of the user-defined web calendars—no duplicate management

**Notebook Functions:**

- Extensive free-form text entries can be made for each individual and/or family, employee, vendor and customer
- Notebook entries can be password protected for absolute security
- Notebook entries can be printed in reports, subject to password security
- Notebook entries can be accessed through inquiries, subject to security
- An unlimited number of notebook entries can be made for each individual/family, employee, vendor and customer.

**Special Use Databases: Inventory & Maintenance - Music - Sermons**

- Track inventory items, acquisition information, values,
- Record maintenance contracts, dates of maintenance, equipment condition
- Print valuation reports for total inventory costs
- Print barcode labels for inventory items, and record inventory by scanner
- Track music information for choral, instrumental, organ, bell choir, more
- More than 80 different attributes of each piece of music can be recorded
- Print reports based upon attributes of music
- Track information about features of sermons and presentations
- Search and print sermon records for previously delivered sermons
- Track information about benevolence requests and responses

**Pavables:**

- Accounts Payable used on a cash or accrual method of accounting
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by NACHA banking protocol—no need for third party fees or software. Pay vendors electronically.
- Tracks invoices by vendor, writes checks, updates bank reconciliation files
- Interfaces entries to General Ledger
- Prints 1099's
- Prints cash requirements
- Change or defer payment due dates
- Writes checks and updates bank reconciliation and General Ledger
- Process recurring payments
- Print Cash Requirements report

**Connect Your Mobile Devices To RDS**

Connect your iPad, iPhone, Android, etc. to your RDS System, either on the Cloud or the on-site server-based version of RDS.



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**Cash Disbursements:**

- A fast method to generate checks when vendor history and 1099's not needed
- Quickly repay out of pocket expenditures
- Not to be used in place of Accounts Payable





Make church management more meaningful and economical using the newest technologies for hosted data processing

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