

The Roster File

The Baseball Mogul database includes player statistics from the 19th Century through the previous World Series.

When you start a new game in any season BEFORE the current season, the database includes information on where everyone played in each season. Therefore, Baseball Mogul automatically creates accurate rosters for each team.

However, when starting a new game for a season that hasn't been played yet, **the database doesn't have data for off-season trades and contract signings**. It also doesn't have data for any players without major league playing time.

Therefore:

Baseball Mogul 2016 includes a file called "2016-Rosters.csv"

Baseball Mogul 2017 includes a file called "2017-Rosters.csv"

and so on...

This file is usually referred to as "the roster file". It is used to define team rosters at the beginning of the current baseball season. We have done our best to update this file, but you may wish to edit this file after you have installed the game in order to achieve greater accuracy (or to add players that we omitted).

The 'csv' in "2017-Rosters.csv" stands for 'Comma Separated Values'. We recommend Microsoft Excel for editing this file format. But you can also use a text editor.

Player Ratings

For any player with major league experience, Baseball Mogul will normalize their statistics for historical context, calculate statistical projections from these stats, and then derive player ratings from those projections. Players without any major league experience will be assigned a 'Peak' rating of 70 (defined as "replacement-level").

For either type of player, you can override these ratings by entering a value in the 'Overall' and/or 'Peak' columns in the roster file.

For best results, the average 'Overall' rating in the Roster File should be near 75, and the average 'Peak' rating should be about 80. If the Peak values in the Roster File exceeds this level, the rookies listed in the Roster File will tend to outshine existing players faster than is realistic.

This assumes that the roster file includes ratings for about 75 players per franchise (a total of 2250 players spread across 30 teams). If the roster file has more players, the average ratings should be lower, and vice versa.