

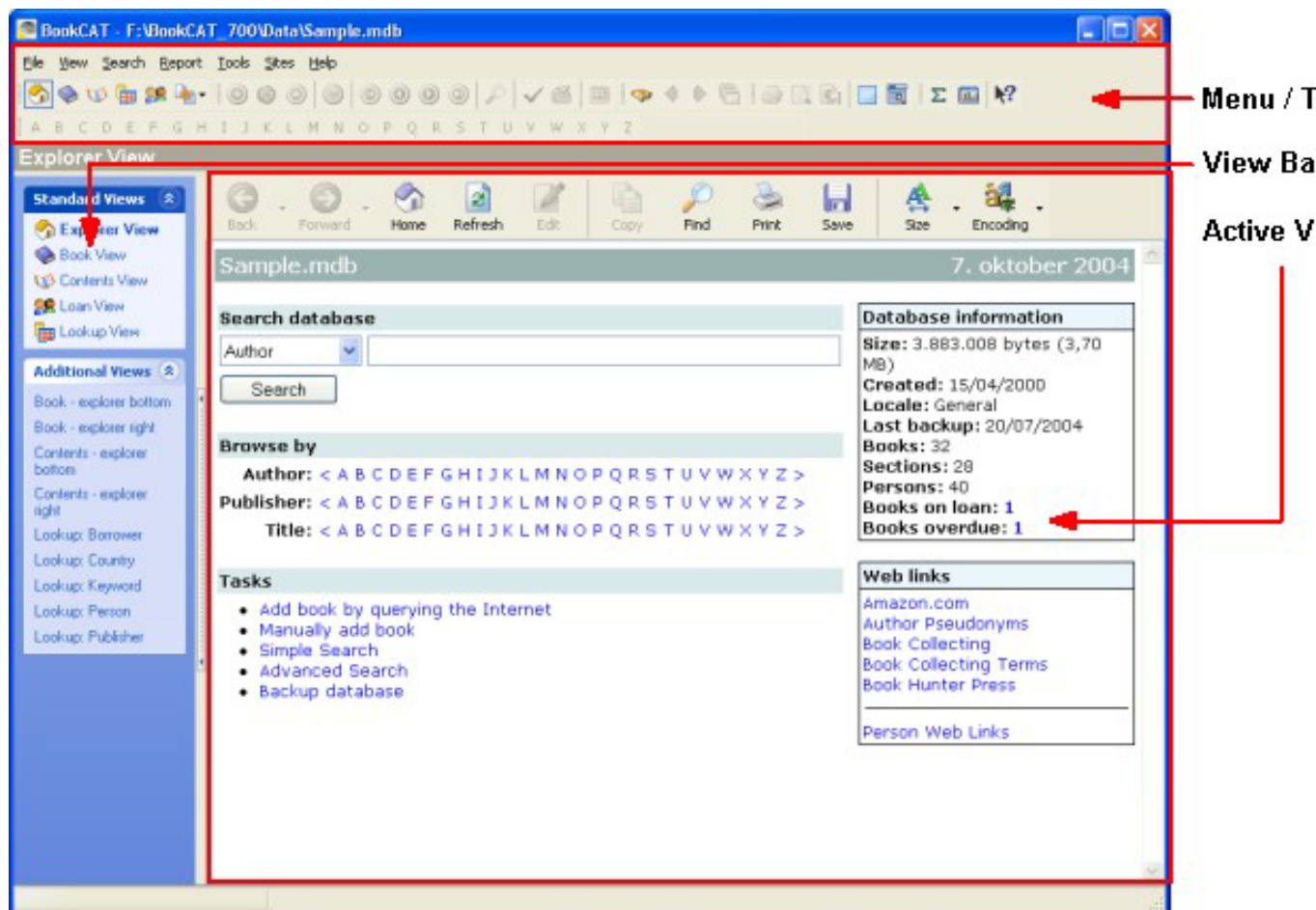
Getting started

Welcome to BookCAT!

BookCAT is a powerful database program designed to catalog and manage a personal, club, school, church, or business library. BookCAT will help you know what you have, where it is (including books lent out) and the total value of your collection. Using BookCAT you can quickly catalog your books by downloading information from the Internet. Designed for the Windows environment, BookCAT is comprehensive, intuitive, and easy to use. For more information, see What is BookCAT? and key features.

Before you can start cataloging your collection, you must open a database or create a new database. The first time you start BookCAT, the sample database (Sample.mdb) is automatically opened.

The main window is divided into three parts: The menu/toolbar at the top of the window, the view bar to the left (if you can't see the view bar, choose **View Bar** from the **View** menu). The rest of the window is occupied by the active view. There are a total of five different views: the Explorer view, Book view, Contents view, Loan view, and Lookup view. In addition, you can create your own custom views, enabling you to easily access relevant information in your database (books, authors, publishers, etc.).



When you open a database, the program activates the Book view. To activate another view, click