

FixSaver (yet another Darkstone save file fixer)

In short:

1. Copy your saves and FixSaver files to Darkstone directory.
2. Run FixSaver.exe, it will launch the game.
3. Start a new game and create a new save (create a new character, if needed). Then, exit the game
4. That's it, your saves should be fixed and old characters will be restored. Launch the game as usual this time. Don't use FixSaver.exe until you need it again.

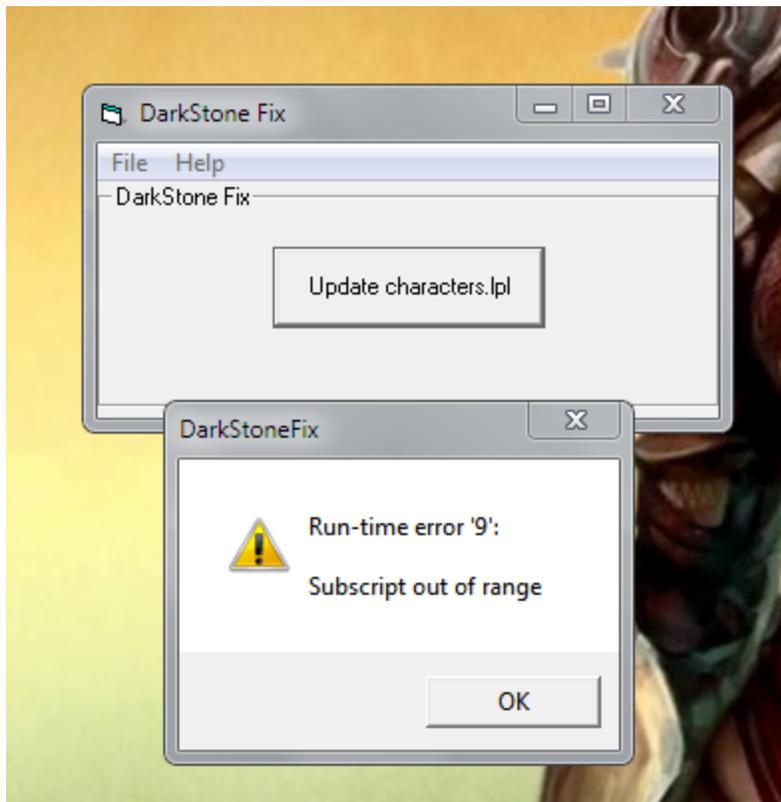
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Detailed:

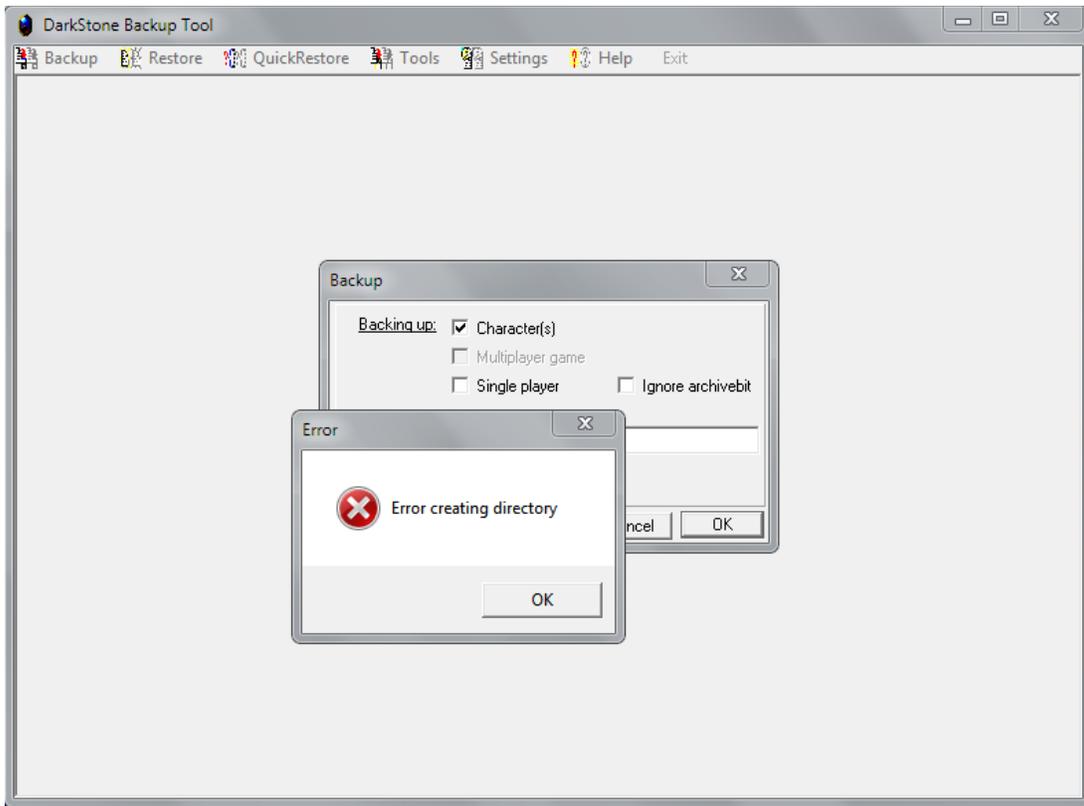
I can't get to work any of the existing "save fixer", so I am reinvented the wheel. Feel the power of the shell scripts, this time!

It works for me. But all tools for Darkstone have a bad fate, you know. So, no guarantee that it will work for you too, be prepared. **It should work on WinXP, Win7 and Win10** (until they broke something in Win10 again).

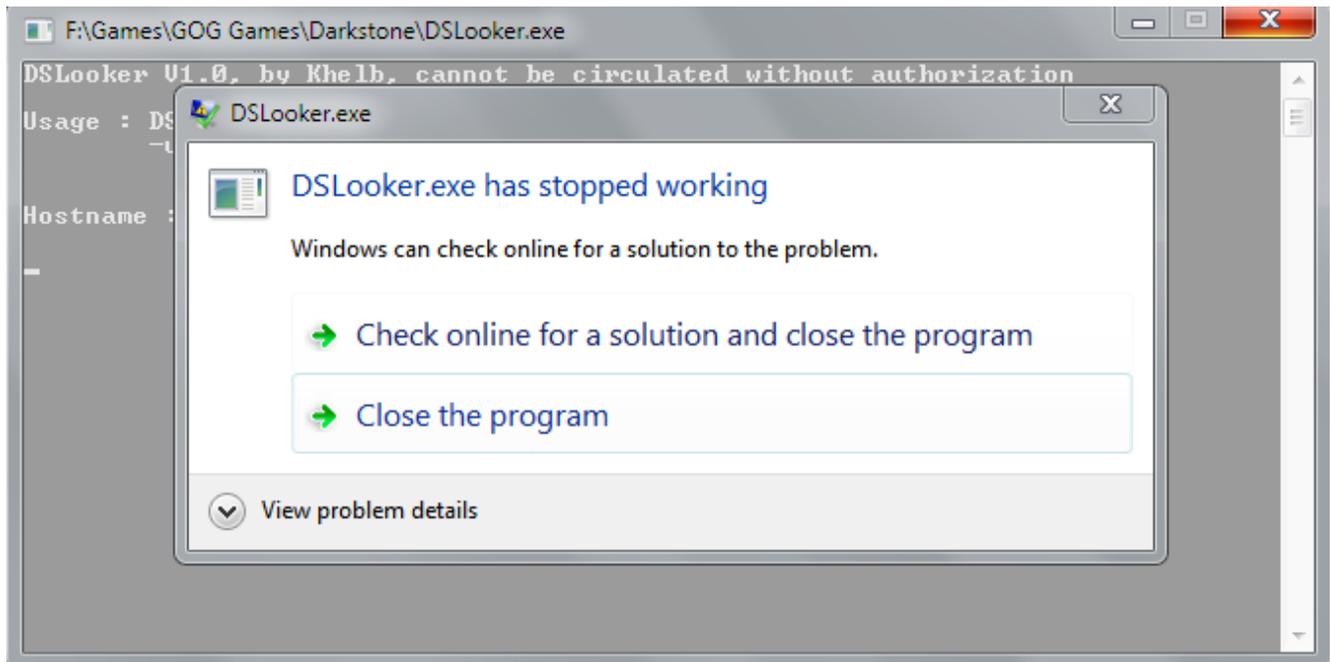
There a lot of fixes around, but all of them ended like this, usually:



Or like this:



Or even this:



How to transfer saves to another PC with FixSaver:

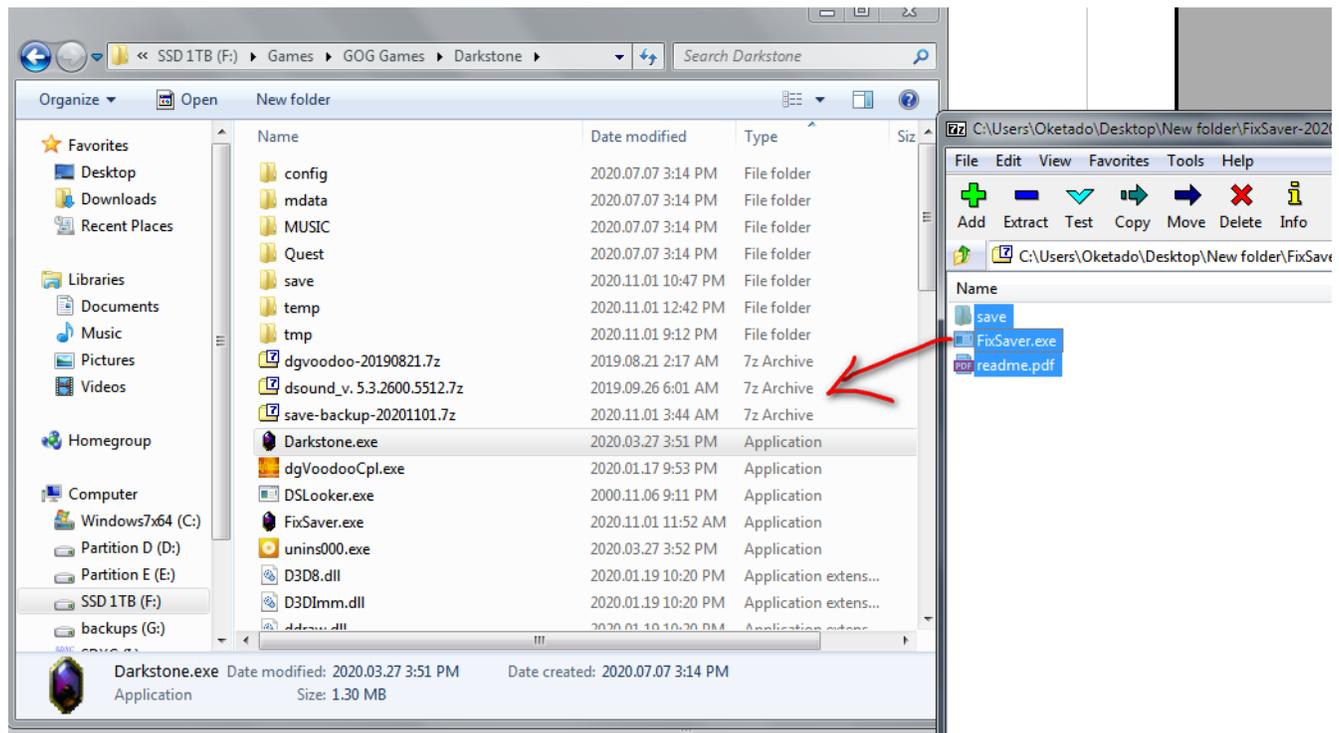
1. Disable cloud saves, if you are using GOG Galaxy.

2. Create a backup of your old save files (before you start a new game on a new PC and characters.lpl will be overwritten with a blank one)

Note: you can find saves in *Darkstone\save* folder, until you installing the game on c:\ drive (it's a bad idea, really).

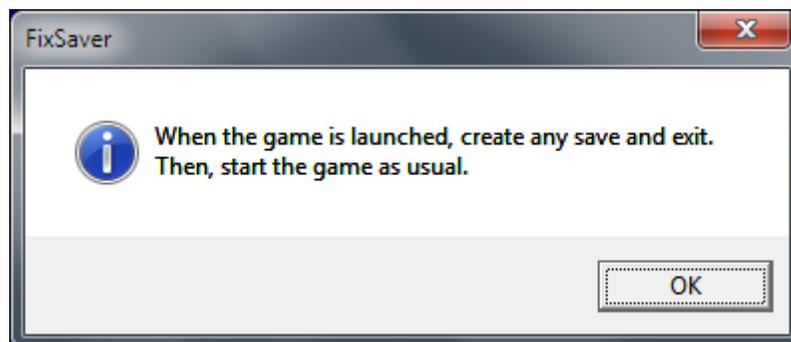
Look in *c:\users\[username]\AppData\Local\Virtual Store\Program Files (x86)\GOG.com* if you unlucky enough to installed the game in C:\Program Files (x86)

3. Unpack files from *FixSaver* archive to Darkstone directory.



Use [7-zip](#) to unpack the archive. Probably, you have it already, if capable to read this.

4. Launch *FixSaver.exe* and press OK to start the game



5. When the game will started, create a new character and make a new save. Then, exit the game.



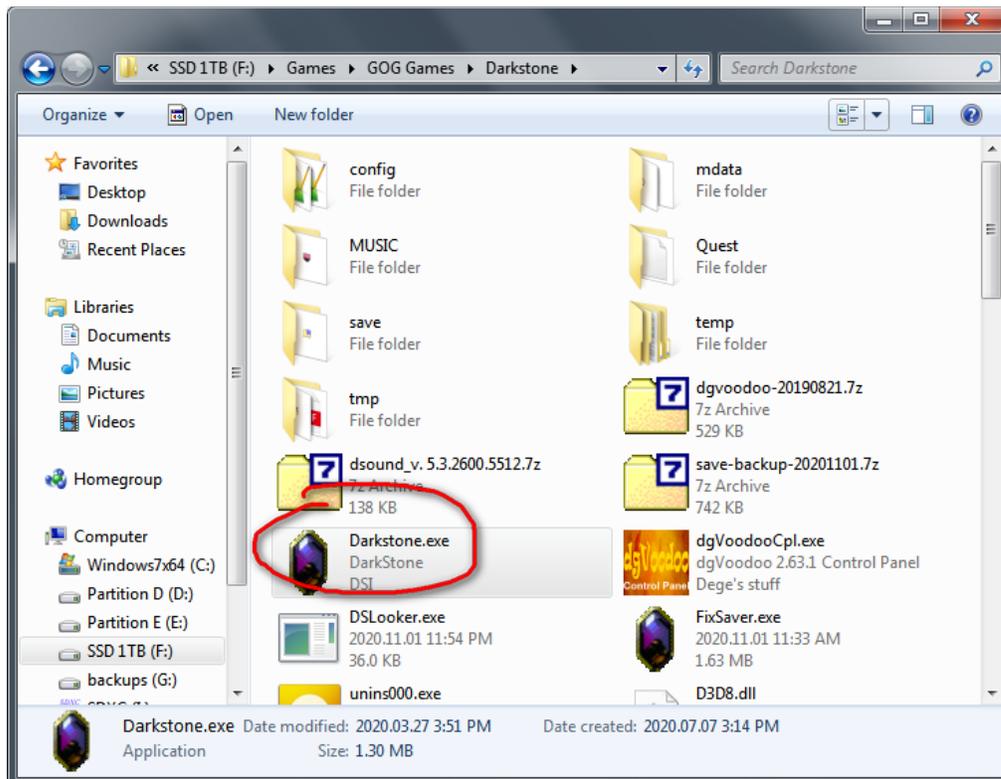
Save a Game



New save



4. That's it, your saves should be fixed and old characters will be restored. Launch the game as usual this time. Don't use FixSaver.exe until you need it again.



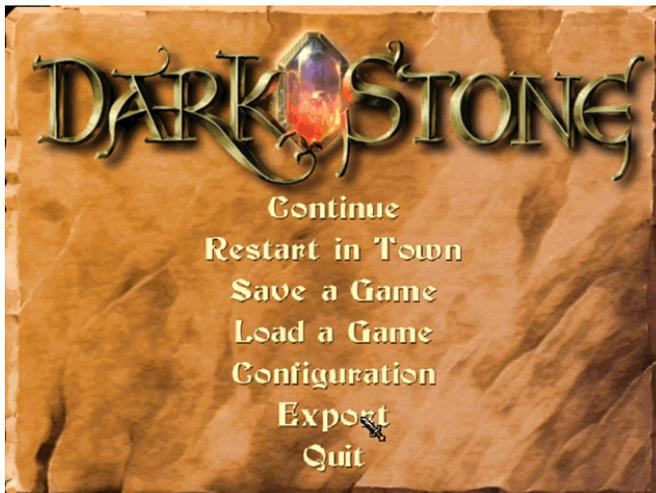
Troubleshooting:

I. If your *game saves* are restored but you can't see *characters* in the roster, then you probably reset your *characters.lpl* (characters save file) unintentionally. For example, if the game was launched on a new PC before the save patch was applied, then the character list will be reset.



So, you need to restore your saves from a backup (if you have one) and launch FixSaver.exe again and then characters will be restored.

If you not have a backup of the *characters.lpl* you can export your characters to a new list from a regular game save file. Just use "Export" button in the main menu, while save is loaded.



1. Load a Game. Choose a game save with characters you want.
2. press "Escape" on the keyboard to open the game menu.
3. Press "Export" button, at the very bottom.

You characters will be exported to a new characters list and you can start a new game. That's it.

- II. Disable cloud saves, if you are using GOG Galaxy. It can restore your old saves that not fixed.
- III. Install the game to d:\Games\GOGgames\Darkstone, for example. Not in c:\Program Files (x86)\
- IV. Use dgVoodoo2 to fix nVidia driver if you have graphics bugs with Darkstone. It's not a virus, as google told you, probably
- V. Use fixed dsound.dll (from WindowsXP) if you have problem with audio on Win7, Win10.
- VI. Use DxWnd if you are wanted to run the game in windowed mode.

How this tool works:

Technically, this is a simple bash script that relies heavily on busybox (Unix utilities). It use Windows built-in command-line interpreter a bit, so it will not work under Linux, I believe (with Wine default cmd.exe replacement, at least).

This script copy a file header from the latest save file in saves/games/ to all saves, characters.lpl included.

So, you need to create a save file first on a new machine.

Be careful, backup characters.lpl file before start the game on a new PC, because it will be reset by the game.

Permissions:

GPLv2 (the same license the Linux kernel is under), I believe.

I don't care, don't ask me about that. It's free and open-source, not commercial.

Changelog:

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- icon replaced. Now you can't confuse it with Darkstone.exe.
- file original dates are preserved now. So, game saves transfer are seamless now and have no drawbacks
- other improvements

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- it works!