

New ProTrak User Read Me Notes

We welcome you as a new ProTrak user and hope that your experiences with ProTrak will be enjoyable. The initialization process presented below is a **CD based process** and hopefully is a temporary process pending the development of a newer process not requiring the use of a CD.

It should be noted that unfortunately the developer of ProTrak, Mr. Jim Moir, passed from us in August of 2017. So, there is no means to have changes made to the ProTrak software. Use of the forums on the www.ProTrak.org web site will assist you in questions you may have. Welcome aboard.

New users are strongly encouraged to go the Users Group / Documentation – ProTrak Basics Manual (PTBM) on the ProTrak web site to access the most comprehensive documentation available on ProTrak. Either read the document on-line or download the document to your PC. The PTBM is no longer being developed or maintained and is current in most cases with ProTrak Version 303.

Installation steps:

1. Download the files into a folder on your PC which I'll call Folder-PT
2. There should be 32.9 MB of data, 207 files and 7 folders in your Folder-PT
3. Write the contents of Folder-PT to a CD on the PC where you want to install ProTrak
4. View the contents of your new CD and click on the SETUP.EXE file to start the installation process
5. Check the box "Register Now"
6. Enter 4542-7953 after 501- in the CD key number field
7. Enter Joe Brann in the Your Name field, do NOT enter your name. The remaining fields do not have to be filled in
8. Click on Register Now
9. Specify the CD drive letter where the CD you wrote in Step 3 above resides.
10. On the opening small blue screen click OK
11. You are now into the ProTrak software and congratulations on a ProTrak user.
12. In the top tool bar click on Help / About ProTrak and verify that the number after the word Build is 253, click Close. You are now using ProTrak version 253
13. Click on File / Exit ProTrak to leave ProTrak
14. On your PC the ProTrak executable file (i.e. ProTrak.exe) should be found in the Program Files (x86) master folder, in sub-folder ProTrak, and in sub-sub-folder ProTrak. This is the folder where you will want to put the newer version of ProTrak that you acquire in Step 16 and the file mentioned in Step 15 below. You might want to create a desktop Shortcut icon to the ProTrak.exe file for ease of access.
15. Before you attempt to download one of the update versions of ProTrak (see step 16) please do the following
 - a. Locate in the folder in which you downloaded the files in Step 1 or on the CD you wrote in Step 3 the file named ProTrakA.RS2.
 - b. Copy the ProTrakA.RS2 file and paste it into the folder where your ProTrak.exe file is located
16. Go back to the ProTrak web site and click on User Updates to view the various update versions available for your choosing. It should be noted that many of we long term users are using either Version 343 or 348. When you click on your updated very of ProTrak you may

get a message asking if your database is older than 2008 or something close to that. Note that the No button is highlighted and proceed to click on the No button and you should then be in whatever version of ProTrak you acquired in this step. You can repeat Step 12 to verify you are in the updated version of ProTrak that you selected.

Welcome Aboard