Shareware Tracker v1.8.1

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What is Shareware Tracker?

Shareware Tracker is a tool for Shareware Developers who are interested in distributing their programs to the many shareware download sites on the internet. Not only can this dramatically increase the exposure of their programs to potential downloaders, but also can improve search engine rankings due to the increased link popularity resulting from publication on many sites. Shareware Tracker is designed to greatly simplify this process and allow greater control over the submission and tracking process than afforded by other similar tools.

Shareware Tracker automates much of this process, allowing the developer/publisher to distribute their software to more sites in less time, as well as keeping track of each program's status on all such sites. Even so, as it is, most developers will find it will already increase their efficiency and productivity greatly in this otherwise tedious and cumbersome process. You may **add your own sites** to your own local copy of the Shareware Tracker database. The evaluation version is limited to the addition of one site only. While we strive to keep up-to-date with all the new and newly-found sites you may have reason to add your own so you don't have to wait for us to add it, or perhaps it is a site that is useful to you but doesn't have much general interest. We encourage you to let us know which sites you are adding so we can add them too if they meet our criteria. When we add a site to the server database that you have already added to your database, it will be matched up when you perform your next database update and we will fill in important configuration information that will enable you to register, login, search and submit much faster. When you add a site yourself, you can only set up URL's for these functions -- no automation capability can be programmed by you. We may build a wizard in the future that will allow you to set up this kind of information, but for now it is rather complex.

Shareware Tracker works with and requires a separate **PAD** file for each project. **PAD** ("Portable Application Description") files can be generated using **PADGen**, a free tool available from the ASP ("Association of Shareware Professionals") web site, of which AccuSolve, Inc. is a member. See http://www.asp-shareware.org/pad for more details.

Features

- **Uses PAD files for project description information.**
- **Comes preconfigured for over 400 (and growing) download sites.** As sites are added on our server, they will be automatically downloaded to the user's local Shareware Tracker database whenever the program is started, or manual updates can be performed as required. The evaluation edition is limited in the number of sites that can be searched and submitted to.
- **Semi-automatic registration** on sites that require an account to be established. Set up a default username and password that is used by default when registering or logging in to a new site. If you enter a different username and/or password in the registration form Shareware Tracker will automatically record it for you to be used for future logins.
- **Automated login to sites that require authentication.** Once an account with a download site is established, the login information is recorded in the Shareware Tracker database so that future logins are automatic. A default username and password can be used for logging in to sites for which you have not entered any login information.
- **Automatic or semi-automatic submission process.** In many cases this means navigating to the site's submission page and automatically filling in their submission form

with all applicable information from the project's PAD file. In some cases it completes the entire submission process. Fields on submission forms that cannot be filled in from your PAD file, such as category, can be remembered by Shareware Tracker when submitting a form and automatically filled in for you when submitting future updates.

- **Track submission details** such as date and version submitted.
- **One-click site search.** No need to find search page and type in search terms. A click of a button is all it takes!
- **One-click tracking status update.** Stores information such as URL, date and version of a listing.
- **Site filter.** Create your own filters which can be saved and restored for easy categorization. For example create a filter that only lists sites to which the program has been submitted but not yet listed. Or only show sites whose listing isn't up-to-date (based on version). Many more filters possible.
- For sites that aren't yet automated, use **easy copy-and-paste or draggable form fields for quickly filling fields from PAD file**.
- **Built-in web browser** (see minimum requirements) designed for submitting and tracking project listings. Makes the whole process quick and painless!
- **Uses powerful Advantage Database Local Server** (www.advantagedatabase.com) for great performance and reliability yet with a relatively small footprint.
- Powerful **data export** function - not available in evaluation version.

Minimum Requirements

- Windows 98, ME, NT, 2000 or XP (has not been tested on Windows 95).
- Approx. 10 MB hard disk space.
- Pentium II or better recommended.
- Uses 10-20 MB RAM at runtime, depending on usage.
- Internet Explorer 5.5+ must be installed on computer (does not need to be default browser). Some users have been able to successfully use IE 5.0 but unfortunately we cannot guarantee it will work properly, and this is the absolute minimum version that may be used.
- High (16-bit) color.
- 800x600 screen resolution (1024x768 or better recommended).

Important Note About the Included Help File

The help file included with Shareware Tracker as of the date of release of version 1.8 is still not complete. The complete help file is in process of being finished and will be released as a separate download to all users as soon as it is complete. Thank you for your patience!

Installation

If file downloaded was strack.zip, unzip and run setup.exe. If file downloaded was strack-setup.exe, simply run that file to install.

Following is a list of major enhancements introduced in version 1.5:

New Settings Files

In an effort to make it easier to transfer your user interface and other customized settings to another computer, there is now a "Settings" subdirectory off of your Shareware Tracker program folder. When you uninstall the application, these files will be left untouched. If you will be installing on another system you can copy these files, along with your data files, to your new system and then delete them from the old.

These files store custom settings having to do with grid layouts, filters and menu and toolbar settings, which can now be extensively customized. To revert to all default settings you can simply delete all files and subdirectories in the Settings folder. You can also “reset” many of these settings individually from within the application, which restores the application defaults.

If you are upgrading from a beta test version 1.6.0.1 or 1.6.0.2 it is highly recommended that you delete all files in the Settings folder before running this version for the first time.

New and Changed Features

We have replaced all the menus, toolbars and grids with new components from Developer Express.

New Menus

The menus have, for the most part, the same functionality available as before, but we have segmented and grouped the functions so that the menus are not so long. You will notice that all menus have sub menus, but they work differently than traditional sub menus. When you click on a sub menu heading, instead of opening the sub menu on the right, it will expand the sub menu below and make all of its selections available with one click, until the heading is clicked again, which will close it back up. For the greatest efficiency you should make sure you have your most-used functions available on a toolbar (see Adding, Removing, Repositioning Toolbar Buttons and Menu Items).

New Grid Features

With the new grid components you will have much better sorting and filtering capabilities than before. Because of the superior filtering capability inherent in this grid, we have eliminated the old filtering mechanism. Following is a brief explanation of how to use the new sorting and filtering in any of the main grids:

Column Sorting

You may still sort on any column by clicking on its heading. When you do so you will see a sort indicator in the column heading indicating in which direction the contents are sorted. To change the direction click the heading again. To add multiple columns to your sort, hold down the shift key while clicking on the heading - this will add that column to any already being sorted. The order in which you add sorted columns is important. To remove a sort from a column, click on the heading while holding down the Ctrl key. Sorting status will be saved when you exit the application and automatically restored when it is restarted.

Column Filtering

You will notice drop-down arrows in the headings of any columns that may be filtered. To enable a filter, click on the arrow and you will be presented with a list of several options for filtering that column. You may choose any of the options for an easy and quick filter, or choose “Custom” to build your own. The “Custom AutoFilter” dialog is quite intuitive so you should be able to figure out how to use it. You can select filters for as many columns as you wish. To remove a filter from a single column select “All” from the drop-down list. To remove all filters for all columns, click on the “x” to the left of the filter status bar at the bottom left of the grid - this area provides a text description of the current filter status.

As with sorting, the current filter status will be saved on application exit and restored when restarted. However, you may save any filter combinations you wish and restore them later as needed. To save a filter for the Project/Site Submission Control grid, select “Save Filter” from the “Project/Site” menu. Enter a descriptive name to assign to the filter and then click on OK. You can change an existing saved filter by clicking on that filter in the list and overwriting it. To restore a saved filter select “Load Filter” from the same menu. Sorry, but we did not attempt to convert any old filters you have built to the new system. To delete an existing filter, right-click on the one you wish to delete and select “Delete”.

With version 1.6.2 a filter selection drop-down listbox has been added to the Project/Site Submission Control toolbar. This is a shortcut alternative to selecting a filter using the “Load Filter” command discussed previously. If you do not see this listbox on your toolbar, click on the customizing down arrow at the far right of the toolbar, click on “Add or Remove Buttons”, and then click on “Reset Toolbar”. If you confirm the reset you will see a new drop-down listbox appear on the toolbar, and when you select it with the mouse, or pass over it, you will see the hint “Select Filter”.

Manipulating Column Placement, etc.

You may rearrange the order of columns as before, but with the new grid you may also remove columns entirely from view, or add them back later, if you wish. To remove a column, simply drag it’s heading off the grid and drop it. It will disappear from view. To add it back, select “Add/Remove Columns” from the main menu or right-click popup menu and drag column(s) from the “Customize” window back into the position on the grid where you want it placed. We have added several columns to the Project/Site grid to enable you to have lots of flexibility with sorting and filtering. You can still resize a column in the same way as before.

Saving and Restoring Column Settings

In addition to adding, deleting and moving columns, you can save the current column settings at any time and then restore any saved settings at a later time. To save the current column settings select “Customize/Save Column Settings” from the menu belonging to the active window. You will be asked to give the saved settings a descriptive name so that these settings can easily be restored later. After entering a name, or selecting an existing set to overwrite, click OK. It works exactly like saving a filter.

To restore or load previously-saved column settings select “Customize/Load Column Settings” from the menu and select the name of the set you wish to restore, then click OK.

Column Grouping

Select “Show Group Panel” from the menu and a panel appears at the top of the grid with the text “Drag a column header here to group by that column.” Try it and see what happens! You can group as many columns as you wish - play around with it and you’re bound to find it very useful. Drag the column header back to the grid to remove it from grouping. You can change the sort order of groups by clicking on the column headers in the group panel, but you can’t filter a column while it is being grouped. When multiple columns are grouped a visual hierarchy is displayed in the group panel. You can easily change the structure by dragging and dropping columns to another position within the hierarchy.

The current status of grouping is saved when you exit the application, and restored upon startup, but we haven’t yet devised a scheme to allow you to save various grouping scenarios.

Adding, Removing, Repositioning Toolbar Buttons and Menu Items

You can also add, remove and reposition toolbar buttons and menu items. At the right of each toolbar there is a drop-down arrow which gives you access to such customizing features. You can simply remove a button from a toolbar by clicking on it and clearing its check mark. Click on it again to add it back. You have more options available if you select “Customize”. This opens the “Customize” dialog. Experiment around with this, if you wish, as we won’t go into detail about it here. With the Customize dialog open you can drag buttons off the toolbar or from the dialog to the toolbar (from the “Commands” tab) or drag them from one position to another.

To customize a menu, select “View/Customize Menu” from the main menu and you can do the same with menus as you can do with the toolbars.

You can also easily drag any toolbar and dock it on any side of the window or allow it to float. Just click on and drag the handle on the far left of the toolbar and let go of the mouse when it is positioned where you want it.

If you’re really adventurous you can play around with some of the other features of the Customize dialog. All customization settings should be saved and restored automatically for you when exiting and restarting the application.

If you drag a toolbar or menu to where it is floating, instead of docked to a side of a window, it’s possible the title bar may disappear, making it impossible to drag it again. If this happens, drag a corner of the menu or toolbar window to form a horizontal (instead of vertical) rectangle, and the title bar should reappear.

Window List

We no longer list open windows on the toolbar. Instead they are listed in the main “Window” menu. This is a more standard way of doing it and hope it works out better for you. We will be making further improvements to this interface in our next release.

Project/Site Submission Control Editing In Place

If you are used to entering data right into the Project/Site grid, then you need to know about the new way this is handled. *Incremental search on the “Site Name” column is enabled by default - try it out and see - we think you’ll like it! However, this means that we can’t always allow you to enter data directly into the grid. There is a new button on the toolbar and on the menu for “Edit in Place”. When you click it, you will be able to modify any of the fields in the focused row of the grid. It will automatically disable itself when you click on another row. If you want to “lock” it so that it remains enabled even when you click on another row, simply hold down the shift key while you click on the button. To disable it again, click the toolbar button.

**Incremental search* - when active any keys typed into the grid will accumulate and search for the closest matching name. To clear a search (start over) press the Escape key.

Enhancements to PAD Info Window (F10)

These enhancements really have nothing to do with the other changes to the interface, but have been added both to speed up configuration of sites on our part, and allow you to easily configure form-filling for sites that you add yourself.

You will note the addition of a choice between “Auto-clip” mode and “Drag” mode. Auto-clip mode means that clicking on a field will automatically copy the contents of the field to the clipboard. When in Drag mode you will notice that when the mouse passes over a field that can be dragged the field color will change to cyan. With a browser window open and a registration, login, search or submission form present, you can click on any field in the PAD Info window and drag it across to the appropriate field on the web form. This will copy the text, and is an alternative to having to click on the field in the PAD Info window and then manually paste it into the web form. The clipboard is not used at all for this operation, except for one exception: Fields on a web form that are for uploading a file are read-only in the COM interface, so the only way for us to get the data into them is to use the clipboard.

Template Builder - how to configure forms for automatic filling

This is not all! If the browser is positioned on a site that is one you have added yourself, you will see a new button on the browser toolbar or menu called “Template Builder”. After you have dragged all the fields from the PAD Info window to your web form, if you click on the Template Builder button before you submit you are in for a surprise! The form won’t actually be submitted, but instead the “Site Template Builder” form will be displayed and allow you to configure form-filling for that page.

When you drag data from the PAD Info window to your web form, not only does it copy the information, but Shareware Tracker remembers which PAD field it came from, and so when the Site Template Builder pops up it already has all those fields matched up. Remember that this will only occur if you dragged the values from the PAD Info window.

If this is a form that you want Shareware Tracker to bring up, fill in any possible fields, and then wait for you to submit yourself, then make sure “Fill Only” is checked. If it wasn’t already checked then click the “Build” button to rebuild the template with the change. If, on the other hand, you want Shareware Tracker to not only fill in the form but submit it for you as well, then clear “Fill Only”, making sure you re-“Build” the template if you changed the value of “Fill Only”. Now click on the “Save Template” tab. Select what kind of form it is (Search, Register, Login or Submission). In most cases you will want to make sure that “Both” is checked. If you selected “Fill Only” on the “Build Template” tab, then “Form” should be checked, otherwise “Post” should be, if you want Shareware Tracker to submit for you. Click on the “Save” button and you have built the same kind of template that we build for you on the sites that are already included in our database. To try it out, disable the “Template Builder” button in the browser by clicking on it again (make sure the button is up). If this was for a search, you should now see the “Search” button enabled - click on it and see how it works!

You can repeat this process for registration, login and submission forms and you will have automatic form-filling for your own sites! We are able to do far more with the Template Builder than what we have talked about here, but to take advantage of it you would have to become familiar with our own scripting language that we developed for this purpose. For now we are keeping it as simple as we can, and will enter into more advanced use later on, if there is a demand for it.

Export Function Changes

The method for exporting data from a grid has changed substantially. Unless you want to export all of the columns in the current view, you should first make sure that your current column settings are saved (see ‘Saving and Restoring Column Settings’) and then follow the instructions for adding, removing, moving or resizing columns so that they are arranged the way you want the export to look like. Save these column settings so you can easily restore them the next time you want to perform this kind of export. Then select “Tools/Export” from the window’s main or popup menu.

You can now choose from four export formats: Text, HTML, XLS (Excel) and XML. The XLS format will allow you to export directly to an Excel-formatted workbook, which will have the same appearance as the current grid. The HTML format also will output something that looks very similar to the current grid appearance. XML can be used if you want to display the data on a web page that is preformatted to display XML data. Text output can be imported into many different kinds of programs, including spreadsheets, databases, etc.

When you have selected the appropriate settings for the export, click on OK. If you plan on using the same settings most of the time, check “Make these default settings” before clicking OK.

The “Send to Clipboard” option has been restored in version 1.6.2, which allows you to send any export, except for XLS format, to the clipboard instead of saving it to a file.

Known Problem

If you select any browser functions from the Site Manager for a site that is filtered out of the Project/Site Submission Control grid, you will get a message that says, “Sorry, the requested action could not be performed…” This will be resolved in the next release when we combine all functionality for the Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control windows into one window.

Miscellaneous

In previous versions the database engine used by Shareware Tracker will have saved a file named ads_err.dbf in the root of your C: drive. Because this has been a potential cause of concern, and it is not good practice to store files in this manner, we have changed the database configuration so that it will instead save this file in your Shareware Tracker program folder. If you wish, you can go ahead and delete the old file if it still exists in your C: drive root.

Usage Instructions

We highly recommend that you take a look at our how-to viewlets that demonstrate the process of getting started and making your first submission with Shareware Tracker. You can either view them with your regular web browser at http://www.accusolve.biz/strack-viewlets.html, or click on "Help/Viewlets" from the main Shareware Tracker menu. Shareware Tracker has been improved so rapidly that the viewlets do not show all of the latest features and improvements. We hope to get caught up with that soon. In the meantime they will still give you much useful information that will help you to become very productive in a short time.

This document is intended to give a brief overview of the process of getting started, while the accompanying help file’s Quick Start Guide goes into greater detail. We suggest you read this first and then follow step-by-step through the Quick Start Guide.

We strongly recommend that you have a live Internet connection present when starting the application. While this is not normally required, the application is only minimally useful without a connection. If you are not connected to the Internet the first time the application is run, you will not be able to download the site database which powers the application.

As soon as the application is started you will see a notification that no database is registered. This is normal. Select ‘Yes’ and follow the directions with the Database Setup Wizard to create a new database. You will be asked to supply the location where your Shareware Tracker data files should be stored and will then be given the opportunity to connect to the Shareware Tracker server database to update your new database with all the latest updates. If you connect to the Internet through a proxy server you will need to set up that information as directed.

You can have Shareware Tracker check for database updates each time you start the application, which is the default setting. Update checking, of course, requires an active Internet connection. If none is present then this step will be skipped. When checking for database updates the program will also check to see if any program updates are available. Such updates are classified either as optional or critical. If you are notified of a critical update we highly recommend that you follow the instructions as soon as possible to download and install the update.

After your database has been created and updated you will want to arrange the 3 main application windows to suit your preference. We recommend that you run the application maximized. The most used window is the “Project/Site Submission Control”, so be sure and allocate plenty of space for it. Your window placement will always be remembered each time you restart the application.

Any hidden windows can easily be found by dropping down the Window main menu or the corresponding button on the main toolbar.

Creating Your First Project

Well, it's assumed you've already created your project, but Shareware Tracker needs to know about it and create a record for it in the database. You need to already have a PAD file created using PADGen or an equivalent tool. As used in Shareware Tracker the word "project" means your program or set of files you wish to distribute on the Internet.

Find the "Project Manager" window and click the "Add a new project" button on the toolbar, or select "New Project…" from the main window's "Project Manager" window or by right-clicking on the Project Manager grid. In most cases you will have these 3 options available for selecting tasks throughout the application.

Up pops the Project Editor. Either type in the path to your PAD file or browse for it using the file finder by clicking on the button at the right of the PAD File edit box. Click on or move to another field to accept it and it will automatically fill in the other details for you! You are free to change the name of the project in the Project Editor. This name is how it will be identified in Shareware Tracker and changing it will not affect your PAD file or your submissions.

The program name is used by default when searching sites for existing listings of your program. In some cases the full program name is not an ideal search term. You may override the program name used for searching by entering your preferred search term in the appropriate field. You will also be able to override the search term, if needed, on individual sites by entering it into the Project Submission Details editor.

Click on OK and your first project is ready for submitting and/or tracking!

Is My Program Listed?

Before submitting your program to a site you should check and see if it's already listed. Shareware site webmasters are usually very busy and don't like receiving unnecessary or redundant submissions. You can search for your program on a site either from the Project/Site Submission Control grid or from within a Shareware Tracker browser window. Select "Search" from either the "Project/Site" menu if the Project/Site Submission Control window is active, or "Search" from the "Site" menu if a browser window is active. Alternatively you can press F9 from either of these windows, or find the toolbar button that performs the same function. In most cases Shareware Tracker will submit the search in one operation and you will shortly see the search results in a browser window. If you searched from the Project/Site Submission Control window a new browser window will be created to perform the operation. If you search from within a browser window it will be performed in that same window.

There are a very few sites that require that the search be initiated from the web site itself -- in these cases the search form will be opened up and the search term (your program name) will be entered for you and all you need to do is click on the search submit button. Shareware Tracker includes server notes that guide you through any special considerations like this for each site. We will give you more information about notes a little further along.

Project/Site Submission Control

Select your new project using the combo box control at the top left of the Project/Site Submission Control toolbar. The grid will fill with a record for each site in the database. You're now ready to begin working with individual sites. The first column (Track) has a checkbox for each site which can be used to filter sites based on which ones you care about submitting to and tracking for a given project or program. If you have a shareware program, then you probably won't care about submitting to “Freeware only” sites so you can check “Track” for all sites but the “Freeware only” ones. To check the “Track” flag for all sites click on the “Track” column heading and select “Track All”. You can also clear all “Track” flags by selecting “Track None” the same way. See “Using Filters” for instructions how to filter sites based on this flag, or to filter sites so you can set the "Track" flag more easily.

Beginning with version 1.8 there is a new option to automatically set the “Track” flag on for new sites. By default this option is on. You may change it in the Database/Update section of the Options dialog.

Submitting a Project to a Site

Before submitting to a site, especially the first time, we highly recommend you read any site notes we have written concerning the site. There are three kinds of notes that can pertain to a site or project/site pair, and there are three buttons on the Project/Site Submission Control and Submission Browser toolbars, "PN", "UN" and "SN". These stand for "project (or submission) notes", "user notes" and "server notes". Server notes are entered by us for your benefit, imparting useful information that you should know about when working with a site. If a button is colored green then it means there are notes available to be read and you can view them in a small popup balloon simply by clicking on the button. User notes are notes that you have entered in the "Site Editor" that pertain to a site but not to any specific project. Project or submission notes can be entered in the "Project Submission Details" dialog to record pertinent information that you will want to remember about your submission of a project to a site.

You can also view notes, and even enter submission notes in the Notes window which can be opened and remain open as much as you need it. To open the Notes window select "Notes" from a main menu or click on the Notes toolbar button.

If the “Login” menu item is enabled then you will need to login to this site before submitting. See “Logging in to a Site” for instructions how to set up an account and login using Shareware Tracker. Once you are logged in (if necessary) proceed as follows:

Click the button on the toolbar entitled “Submit Project to this site” or press F7. A Shareware Tracker built-in browser will open up and in most cases navigate to the submission page for the site. For those sites who accept submissions via email, an email message editor will open up with pertinent information already filled into the body of the message. If submission is via a web form, Shareware Tracker will fill in as many fields as possible based on your PAD data. If you have to navigate further to get to the actual submission page, once you have the form in front of you, you can press Shift-F7 or select “Fill submit” from the menu to fill in the fields. There are some fields that Shareware Tracker won’t be able to fill for you. Please check the form thoroughly to ensure everything has been filled in correctly, either by Shareware Tracker or you. Shareware Tracker will often prompt you to save the values of any fields on a submission form that are not provided automatically from your PAD file. If Shareware Tracker detects any such fields you will be prompted to confirm saving of the information, which can be viewed later in the "Project Submission Details" editor on the "Custom Fields" tab. These values will be used if and when you resubmit to this site at a later time.

Once you have properly filled in the submission form or verified that the email message is correct, submit it by clicking the appropriate button. If everything responds appropriately then you can mark this site as submitted to by pressing Ctrl-Alt-S or selecting “Mark Submitted” from the menu. It will automatically fill in the project’s current version and today’s date. You can change this information, if needed, by modifying the data in the “Project/Submission Details” editor (F4) or by editing it directly in the “Project/Site Submission Control” grid.

Many sites will list your software immediately or soon after your submission. Once you have found the page on which it is listed you should mark the project as listed with that site by selecting

"Tools/Listed Ctrl-Alt-L" from the main menu or click on the corresponding toolbar button. This will popup the "Confirm Listing Details" dialog which allows you to control what is recorded about the listing. In many cases you can accept the default settings and click "OK".

If the site does not have a specific URL for your listing, but a search is required to view it then check "Must search to view listing". If this box is checked Shareware Tracker will save the word "SEARCH" in the "Listing URL" field which tells it to perform a search in order to view the listing. If your listing has a specific URL then leave this box blank and Shareware Tracker will enter the current page address into the "Listing URL" field. If the version and date fields are incorrect then you may correct them here. You can always correct them later by modifying them in the Project/Site Submission Control grid or in the Project Submission Details editor. If you want Shareware Tracker to always present the "Confirm Listing Details" dialog when you select the "Listed" function then make sure "Show Again" is checked. We recommend you leave it checked. You can also change this option in "File/Options/Submission/Prompts".

By having an address in the "Listing URL" field you can always easily view your listing to check to see if it's up-to-date or to view the number of downloads, user reviews, etc.

Logging in to a Site

Many download sites require that you have an account set up with them before they will accept submissions from you. This is usually a good thing as it allows them to control access to editing information about your programs.

If you already have an account with a site, all you need to do is go to the login page, enter your username and password, and submit. Shareware Tracker will automatically save the username and password you entered for future one-click logins, which is done by selecting "Login" from the menu, or pressing F6, or clicking on the corresponding toolbar button while the site is selected.

If you don't already have an account Shareware Tracker makes setting one up quick and painless! From the Site Manager select "Register" from the main menu or click the appropriate toolbar button. You will be taken to the registration page and any fields required that are also contained in your PAD file will be filled in automatically for you. We recommend you set up a default username and password in "File/Options/General/Defaults" as these will be used automatically anytime you don't enter a username and password for a site. When you submit the registration form Shareware Tracker will pick up the username and password you entered and save them for you so they can be used automatically when you login in the future. To enter the username and password manually into Shareware Tracker you can do so in the Site Editor, which is accessed from most windows by pressing F2.

NOTE: Automatically retrieving and storing your username and password from the login and registration forms is a new feature in version 1.5 and requires proper configuration for each individual site. Not all sites have been configured to support this yet, but we will be working on this to update all of them in as short a time as possible following this release. Until then, if this doesn't work it doesn't mean it is a bug, but it just hasn't been set up for that site yet.

Support

Visit our support page at http://www.accusolve.biz/support.html for various technical support options. Or you can send your request to support@accusolve.biz.

Uninstall

Select **Uninstall Shareware Tracker** from the Shareware Tracker start menu, or open ***Add/Remove*** programs from the control panel and double-click ***Shareware Tracker*** in the list box.

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Revision/Release History

Version 1.8.1.10 Release Date – January 16, 2004

- ***Fixed following error:***
    - In some cases not all PAD descriptions were being loaded into Shareware Tracker. This error was introduced in version 1.8.1.9.

Version 1.8.1.9 Release Date – January 8, 2004

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Around Dec. 20, 2003 several users started experiencing problems with automatic updates of their sites database. While the cause of this is still unknown, a work-around has been added that should resolve this problem.
    - If you are browsing a site that has subsequently been filtered out of the Project/Site Submission list, and you tried to update that record, it would update the wrong record.
- ***New Features:***
    - Improved error handling for site update errors.

Version 1.8.1.6 Release Date – July 22, 2003

- ***Fixed following error:***
    - Project Submission Control Project drop-down list box often didn't display all projects.

Version 1.8.1.5 Release Date – July 15, 2003

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Application would freeze when trying to update a listing on Shareup Networks.
    - Pressing 'Enter' to select an autocomplete item from a web form text control would unintentionally submit the form.

Version 1.8 Release Date – February 23, 2003

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Fixed a number of problems associated with backing up and restoring the database. Backup and restore functions are much more robust now.
    - Occasional access violations when navigating between sites in the Notes window.
    - Error when saving new site – "Value for 'CODE' must be unique - please try again."

    - When filtering some columns in the Project/Site Submission Control and Site Manager grids an access violation would be thrown.
    - "Tip of the Day" and "New User Help" dialogs don't show entire text for some messages. On some screens the dialog buttons were not visible. The New User Help dialog is resizable now.
    - Browser window would be closed when submitting via email from the browser.
    - Browser windows were not opening up in the proper position.
    - Fixed hidden site synchronization problems between Site Manager and Projest/Site Submission Control lists.
    - "View/Toolbar Captions" had not been working.
    - Several other minor errors not worth mentioning here.
- ***New Features:***
    - Option to automatically set "Track" flag on for new sites. Defaults to on. May be changed from the "Database/Update" section of the Options dialog.
    - Site User Notes may now be edited within the Notes window.
    - Changed wording of "limit" form variable from "Expires in n days" to "n-day Trial Period".
    - "Hide" column has been added to Site Manager grid so the list may be filtered accordingly.
    - Double-clicking on the Site Manager grid will open the Site Editor to the clicked column's corresponding tab so the value may be readily viewed and/or edited.
    - Search terms may be overridden at the project level and the project/site level, if desired. If entered these terms will be used for searches instead of the program name in the PAD file. Entering a search term value in the Project Editor will override all searches for that project. Entering a search term in the "Override" tab of the Project Submission Details dialog (F4 from Project/Site Submission Control or Browser windows) will only override the search term for that project/site pair. If a project/site override is found it will be used. Otherwise, if a project override is found it will be used. If no overrides are found then the PAD project name is used.
    - If the Notes window is open, moving to a different site in the Browser will synchronize the site in the Notes window with that of the Browser.
    - The site name columns of the Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control grids have been fixed so that scrolling to the right will not cause the site names to disappear. Other columns may be fixed as well by dragging them to the left of the bold "fixed" line.
    - Web pages on non-English speaking sites may easily be translated by clicking the new "Translate" button on the Browser toolbar or menu. In most cases the AltaVista Babelfish translator is used. When clicking on the button a new window will open up and the URL and language of the site will automatically be entered into the translation form. All you need to do is click the "Translate" button on the web form – sorry, with Babelfish they don't allow us to directly pull up the translated page. For Russian-English translations we use the PROMT translation service – no intervention is required in this case as the translated page will appear automatically in the new browser window. We use this for Russian translations as we feel it is superior to Babelfish.
    - "Display IE Errors" button has been added to browser menu and toolbar. If you're being disturbed by repeated error dialogs popping up on some sites, especially when we block popups, make sure this is turned off.
    - If database "auto-updates" is turned on, a database update will automatically run after restoring a database.
    - When submitting a web form, and you are asked to confirm saving of certain

field values, an option has been added to abort the submission altogether. This is especially useful when you notice, for example, that you haven't selected the proper category and you don't want the submission to complete. If aborted the form will remain as it is, allowing you to correct and resubmit.
- Replaced several menu/toolbar images with better ones.
- Added "Refresh Grid" function to Project/Site menu for rare occasions when the Project/Site Submission Control grid doesn't populate properly. Selecting this item from the Project/Site-Tools menu, or pressing Ctrl-R, will reload the grid with the proper data.
- Several other minor tweaks not worth mentioning here.

Version 1.7 Release Date – November 27, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Shareware Tracker would sometimes crash if a script error was encountered on a web page. The workaround for this was to turn off script debugging in Internet Explorer Options and to enable the internal popup-blocker. These steps should no longer be necessary.
  - The internal popup-blocker would block new windows even if they were a result of the user clicking on a link. Now, in most cases, only unexpected or unwanted windows will be stopped.
  - Errors when changing databases using the Database Setup Wizard.
  - If a record disappeared from the Project/Site Submission grid because it no longer met the filter criteria, the position in the grid would be lost. Proper positioning will now be maintained.
  - Customized browser menu and toolbar settings were sometimes being lost.
  - Sub-menu items could not be customized with the "in-place" sub menus introduced in version 1.6. These have been reverted to a more standard interface style, which also allows for customization. Any former customizations will be lost in this upgrade in order to make the change, which is not expected to be needed again.
  - Database backup path was not being properly saved.
  - Several other minor bug fixes, which should improve overall system stability.
- ***New Features:***
  - Added several columns, including notes, to Project/Site Submission Control grid for filtering and exporting/reporting.
  - Added sum totals to "Submitted" and "Listed" columns.
  - "Case-Insensitive Search" option when searching a site for your program. When enabled your program name is converted to lower case when searching, which works better on some sites, and doesn't yet seem to have any harmful effects on any searches we've tried with it.
  - Improved performance, especially in the Submission Browser.
  - Added "New User" help – these are messages that will popup, usually in context, to inform new users of features or tips they should be aware of. Such messages can be prevented from showing again by clearing the "Show Again" checkbox shown with each message. All established users will see these messages until they individually turn them off. They can all be turned back on by selecting "Help/New User Help On" on the main menu.

Version 1.6.2.6 Release Date – October 23, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Site update URLs were not being properly downloaded from the server, so that submitting to a site where your software was already listed would sometimes go the wrong URL.

    - Tip of the Day not showing entire text of some tips.
    - Multiple language descriptions, if used, were not properly being refreshed in the PAD Info window.
    - There was no indication of work being done when downloading site information using the Database Setup Wizard.
- ***New Features:***
    - Added field for "Number of Downloads" to the "Confirm Listing Details" dialog, to make entering download counts more convenient.

Version 1.6.2.5 Release Date – October 16, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Automatic and manual backup of database files was not working in most cases.
    - Occasional error when confirming saved values from submission forms.
    - Problem introduced in 1.6.2.2 that would cause the initial database update for a first-time user to fail due to an authentication problem.
- ***New Features:***
    - Added option to confirm backup file path before automatically backing up the data on exit. This is important for those who would like to maintain more than one backup file for their database. See "Options/Database/Backup".
    - The backup path for automatic backups has now been associated with the database, instead of being stored in the registry, which means it can be different for each database, if you are using multiple databases. See "Options/Database/Backup".

Version 1.6.2.3 Release Date – October 13, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
    - When using the external email client option for email submissions, the subject line of the email wasn't being decoded properly.

Version 1.6.2.2 Release Date – October 10, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Any ampersands (&) in descriptions were being replaced by '%26' when filled into form fields or in email body.
    - "Save Listing URL" (Ctrl-Alt-L) would sometimes update the wrong record.
    - When switching projects the site didn't remain the same.
    - Zero (0) download amounts were showing as blank in the Project/Site Submission Control grid.
    - Fixed numerous "Invalid Variant Type" errors, including the one that would sometimes make it impossible to close the application on Windows 2000.

- ***New Features:***
    - Added proxy server authentication options (username and password).
    - Added optional password field to outgoing mail server (SMTP) configuration for those whose servers require it.

Version 1.6.2 Release Date – September 25, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Errors resulting from changing the status of a record that causes it to no longer meet the filter criteria of a grid should now be fixed.

    - “Index out of bounds” error when clicking “OK” if no values are selected in the “Confirm Saved Values” dialog. It is no longer possible to click “OK” if no items are selected.
    - Invalid variant errors on exit of the application. We think we have resolved these, but will keep a close eye on them.

- ***New Features:***
    - “Select Filter” drop-down list box on Project/Site Submission Control toolbar (see “Column Filtering” above).
    - If you are working with multiple databases, you can now enter the database path on the Shareware Tracker command line to use that database instead of the last one in use when Shareware Tracker was closed.
    - “Send to clipboard” option added to export dialog (this was actually restored as it was present in versions prior to 1.6 and got left out in that version).

Version 1.6.1 Release Date - August 30, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Window system menus would disappear in Windows 98 when a window was maximized. This whole issue has been resolved.
    - Access violations occurring in msvcrt.dll on some Windows 2000/IE 6 systems.
    - Deleting a project would delete the wrong project - bug introduced in version 1.4.2.5. ☹
    - “Invalid variant errors” in several locations, as well as numerous other little bug fixes.

- ***New Features:***
    - Please see *“What’s New in this Version?”* above.

Version 1.5.0.3 Release Date - July 19, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Former problems with the export function may have corrupted the export.ini file in which settings are stored. If export isn't working properly for you, delete the export.ini file in your Shareware Tracker folder and then reopen the Export dialog. Also fixed some UI issues on this dialog.
    - Fixed a couple of other minor problems with the filter dialog and automatic data backup.
    - Fixed a problem with the internal browser which was causing mailto: links to be intercepted when clicked on a web page.

- ***New Features:***
    - Added the "Register" function to the Project/Site Submission Control menu and toolbar for greater convenience. It is still accessible also from the Site Manager.

Release Date - July 15, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Project name didn't show in Project/Site Submission Control Project combo box after switching databases.
    - Moving to another site in the Submission Browser resulted in newly-entered submission notes in the Notes window to be lost.

- Improper error handling when trying to perform various functions without first setting up a project.
- Large tooltips were often displayed as transparent. We were not immediately able to find and fix this problem so large tooltips have been removed until a resolution is found.
- Various access violation exceptions at program exit. This occurred when one or more browser windows were left open but not the active window. We believe we have tracked down and fixed all such errors.

- ***New Features:***
  - **Registered users may now add as many of their own sites** as they wish. Evaluation users are limited to adding one such site.
  - A **default username and password** can be entered in "File/Options/General/Defaults" that will be used for registration and login purposes if no other username and/or password have been specified in the Site Editor. NOTE: Even though some of the server notes may still instruct you to first enter your username and password in the Site Editor before registering, if you have entered a default username and password and wish to use them you can skip this step.
  - View or edit **Internet Explorer options** from the Submission Browser's menu "Tools/Internet Explorer Options."
  - Our form filling engine has been beefed up to enable **filling of many more fields than were possible previously**. Also, fields that couldn't be filled in automatically when submitting the first time can be remembered and entered automatically when resubmitting in the future. A new tab has been added to the "Project Submission Details" editor entitled "Custom Fields" which shows such saved values, if any. NOTE: This feature requires setup for each individual site which may not yet be complete.
  - If you have a **subscription license** your access to the program was cut off completely when your subscription expired. Now **you will still have access to all of your data after expiration** but will not be able to use the automated functions of Shareware Tracker until the subscription is renewed or replaced by a permanent license.

Version 1.4.3.4 Release Date - June 13, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - Rare occurrence of a buffer overflow depending on the contents of the PAD file.

Version 1.4.3 Release Date - May 25, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Note review buttons were not always being activated if a new submission note was added from within the browser.
  - Ampersands (&) in PAD description files were being improperly encoded in email submissions (would show as %26).
  - If toolbar captions were turned on then typing into a web page form could activate a toolbar button with the corresponding hot key assigned.
  - Incremental search in browser site combo wasn’t working - it now works as long as list is sorted alphabetically, which is as it should be.
  - System menu would often disappear if a window was maximized in Windows 98. Minimize, restore and maximize buttons are now added to the toolbar when the window is maximized.
  - Some tips would not display completely in the tip dialog. Until the tip dialog

is replaced with one of our own we have shortened any tips that were too long.
    - Search on Tucows site was causing Shareware Tracker to crash. This was due to our improper handling of a floating point error in their javascript. This has been fixed, not just for their site, but any other that generates floating point errors in their script.

- ***New Features:***
    - User-entered **notes can now be exported** using the Export function.
    - The **Notes window can now be forced to stay on top**.
    - There is now an **option to use your default email client for email submissions** instead of the internal one. To select this option go to "Options/Submission/Outgoing Mail" and check "Use system default". When submitting via email a new message will be created in your email application and the message body will be copied to the clipboard. You can then paste it into the body of the message. This is due to the limitation with many email clients of how much text can be passed with the mailto: url.
    - The **behavior of the "Notes" menu item and toolbar button has changed**. Before it acted to toggle the Notes window open and closed. Now, selecting the function will open the Notes window if it isn't already open, and always bring it to the front.
    - **If "AutoComplete" is enabled in your Internet Explorer options it will also be enabled in Shareware Tracker**. In IE see "Tools/Internet Options/Advanced/Browsing/Use inline AutoComplete".
    - **A column has been added to the Project/Site Submission grid for the site's priority**. You may now sort on this field.
    - You may now choose, on a site-by-site basis, whether to **allow your site priorities to be overwritten by those on the server**. By default they are locked, which means your priority will not be modified when downloading updates from the server, except in the case of new sites, which will be initialized with the priority we have assigned. To override this "lock", in the Site Editor Features tab clear the "Lock" checkbox in the Priority groupbox. This will allow this field to be overwritten when any updates for that site are downloaded. You can set the priority lock for all sites either on or off by selecting "Set priority lock for all sites…" on the Site Manager main menu. Shortly after this release we will send through an update for all sites with new priorities which reflect our own research and experience. If you haven't already gone to considerable trouble assigning your own priorities, you may want to allow these updates to come through and then you can lock them and modify them as you wish, or, leave them unlocked and rely on our judgment. If you want to rely on our judgment for some and not others then you can lock or unlock the priority on a site-by-site basis as described above.
    - We have added **two new functions having to do with registering for an account with sites that require this**. As of this release this will only be enabled for a very few sites, but we will be sending through updates shortly thereafter that will eventually enable this for all applicable sites. If it's enabled the Site Manager menu item "Register" and the new "Set up an account…" toolbar button will not be grayed. Click on the menu item or toolbar button to be taken to the registration start page. If the first page contains the registration form it will be automatically filled for you as much as possible from information in your PAD file. If you have to do some further navigation to get to the form, once you are there select "Tools/Fill Register" or click on the corresponding toolbar button to fill in the fields.
    - If you are managing multiple projects you can now easily **import the "Track" flags into one project from another**. Select "Import Tracked" from the

"Project/Site" main menu and select the project from which you want to import the settings. The current project is the target and the project you select is the source from which the settings will be copied.

Version 1.4.2.5 Release Date - Apr. 24, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Depending on which version you were upgrading from, you may have encountered database errors such as "ERROR IN SCRIPT AT LINE 2: qUtil: Error 7200: AQE Error: State=HY000; NativeError=7057; ..... the record update failed. The key value produced from this record was not unique…". This has been fixed.
    - If you were receiving errors when downloading updates from the server, such as "tblSite: Error 7057. The record update failed. The key value produced from this record was not unique, and an index for the current table has the UNIQUE property. The key value supplied for site: CODE is not unique", this should now be fixed. If you have the option set to automatically check for database updates when starting, this error would occur when the application is starting up.
    - If you have opted to automatically backup your database on exit, and the backup file could not be found (e.g. the backup path is on your floppy drive but there is no floppy present, or it is on a network drive that is not currently available), the backup would fail and an error message would very briefly show on the screen before the application terminates. This has been fixed so that if the file cannot be found, you will be prompted to enter a different file name.

- ***New Features***
    - You can now change the database backup destination from the Options/Database/Backup panel. It used to remember the last-used destination and always use that, but you would have to edit the system registry to change it.

Version 1.4.2.2 Release Date - Apr. 19, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Changed title of prodnamecode column and disabled sorting on it, which would cause an error.
    - Some database structure changes had not been made for established users which was causing some new features not to be realized.
    - The filter table wasn't being reopened after changing to a different database with the Database Setup Wizard.

- ***New Features***
    - Project name can now be different than PAD file program name. It will default to program name in PAD file, but you may now change it, effectively allowing you to have multiple projects for the same program, even if they all have the same program name in their respective PAD files.

Version 1.4.2.1 Release Date - Apr. 18, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - If Project/Site Submission Control list was sorted on anything other than the name in ascending order the drop-down site list in the browser would get all messed up.

Version 1.4.2 Release Date - Apr. 16, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Serious error caused when browser popup windows are closed by web page script.
  - Submission notes weren't saved when Notes window was closed.
  - Rare problem with database updates violating unique key constraints.
  - Updating a submission record via a browser function when that record is filtered out of Project/Site Submission Control -- would generate an error.
  - Project/Site Submission Control sort orders would get mixed up.
  - Both “Enable Filter” and “Login” were assigned to F6 hotkey in Project/Site Submission Control.
  - If a site is hidden from Site Editor and that site was selected in Project/Site Submission Control, the record pointer would go to first record.

- ***New Features***
  - New function “Reload PAD file” added to Project Manager.
  - Remember last tab selected in Notes window.
  - Next and previous site controls in Browser toolbar and menu.
  - 3 new buttons on toolbars of Project/Site Submission Control and Browser windows - PN, UN, SN. When the button is green it indicates there is a project submission note (PN), or a user site note (UN), or a server site note (SN) available. Clicking on the green button will display the note in a little popup hint window which can be closed by clicking the left mouse button.
  - Option to display easier to read tool tips - see main toolbar and View menu “Large tooltips”. This feature may be toggled on and off.
  - Can view Shareware Tracker How-to Viewlets directly in Shareware Tracker.
  - New “Close” button on browser toolbar and menu.

Version 1.4.0.11 Release Date - Mar. 13, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Filter dialog problems.
  - New XML parser fixes all known PAD file parsing problems.
  - Several rare bugs.
  - Funny colors throughout the application ☺
  - Occasional Internet Explorer Script Error when blocking popup windows.

- ***New Features***
  - There used to be a number of sites whose submission forms we were unable to fill automatically - we no longer have this limitation.
  - Email submissions now done with internal email client.
  - Export data in either text or HTML format from Project Manager, Site Manager, and Project/Site Submission Control.
  - Ability to “hide” a site - see Site Editor Features tab. From within the Site Manager, right click and toggle “Show Hidden Sites” off to hide all sites with this flag set. When hidden they will also not show up in the Project/Site Submission Control list.
  - Sorting of Project/Site Submission columns - click title of column to sort ascending; click again to sort descending. Title of sorted column is highlighted.
  - When sites are added or updated a flag is set to indicate ‘New’ or ‘Updated’. You can clear this flag after you have submitted to the new or updated site.

In the meantime you can sort on this column in Project/Site Submission control.

- Added language to filtering options.
- Option to turn captions of toolbar buttons on and off.
- Added ‘First’ and ‘Last’ toolbar buttons in Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control.

Version 1.3.5 Release Date - Feb. 18, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - PAD Info dialog caption didn’t change when project was changed.
    - Using backspace key in Browser URL address field would cause an error.
    - If version confirmation dialog was cancelled, the “Show Again” option would be cleared.
    - Shift key wouldn’t allow new browser windows if popups were blocked.

- ***New Features***
    - Site Home Page URL will appear in Site Manager grid -- if clicked, it will open up in your system default browser.
    - Hyperlinks clicked in notes will now open up in internal browser.
    - If a toolbar is moved, its position will be remembered when the window closes.
    - Only one PAD Info window will be open at a time.
    - Date has been added to version confirmation dialog.
    - Popup blocker can be overridden by holding down Ctrl key.

Version 1.3 Release Date - Feb. 12, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Error when trying to modify submission information from within the Browser when the site is filtered out of the Project/Site Submission Control list. Sites that are filtered out will no longer appear in the Browser’s drop-down list.
    - Release date would appear in filled form fields according to the computer’s regional settings format instead of the standard MM/DD/YYYY format requested by most web sites. It will now appear in MM/DD/YYYY regardless of the regional settings unless the form calls for a different format. Please let us know if you discover a site where we are using the wrong format and we will fix it.

- ***New Features***
    - Support for multiple languages in PAD file. Each site now has a default language specified. If the default language for a site is not English, Shareware Tracker will look for the appropriate language description in the PAD file. If it is found it will use it - if not found, English will be used. If you have multiple language descriptions in your PAD file, you can select the language to be displayed in the PAD Info dialog. It will default to the default language of the web site, if there are descriptions for that language in the PAD file.
    - Ability to mask (hide) passwords in Site Editor.
    - Option to only be notified of critical version updates when updating database (see “File/Options/Database”).
    - Manual version update check (“Help/Check for New Version”).
    - Window menu with Cascade, Minimize All, Restore, and Tile functions. The Restore function can be used to restore maximized windows to normal size

when the system controls disappear in Windows 98.

Version 1.2.4 Release Date - Feb. 4, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Error when closing program with help file open.

- ***New Features***
  - Can now enter registration details from “Help/Enter License”.
  - Site Update Results report showing list of sites affected by server update.
  - “Tip of the Day”, initially including 15 tips for efficient use of Shareware Tracker.
  - Incremental search of site name in Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control, or project name in Project Manager.

Version 1.2.3.3 Release Date - Jan. 26, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - An ampersand ‘&’ in a title or description field would cause any text following it not to be copied into a submission form field.

Version 1.2.3.2 Release Date - Jan. 25, 2002

- ***Fixed following problem:***
  - Poor handling of confirmation message when setting the listing URL in the Browser.

Version 1.2.3 Release Date - Jan. 24, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Table open error first time running program.
  - Program crash when choosing not to create database first time.

- ***New Features***
  - Database Setup Wizard.
  - Proxy Server support.
  - Improved install and uninstall routines.

Version 1.2.0.2 Release Date - Jan. 18, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - “Invalid Variant Error” when Notes window is open and you move between sites or projects in Project/Site Submission Control.
  - Some other minor problems.

- ***New Features***
  - Manual and automatic data backup and restore functionality.
  - When entering text in a note field, the current date may be entered by pressing Ctrl-D, the current time with Ctrl-T, or both with Ctrl-Alt-T.
  - Option to confirm or modify the version number that is listed, when automatically setting the listing URL.
  - Added some additional fields to form-fill capability.

Version 1.1.0.5 Release Date - Jan. 12, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - Shareware Tracker would fail to run or would get lots of errors if the path to a project's PAD file was invalid, or if the PAD file was corrupt.

- ***New Features***
  - Shareware Tracker now checks for available program updates when checking for site updates. You are notified if the update is critical or not. If you choose to download the latest update, you are taken directly to the download page.
  - In the Project/Site Submission Control window, you can now mark all sites listed as tracked ("Track All") or all sites not tracked ("Track None"). This is available from any of the menus, as well as by clicking on the "Track" column heading.
  - You can now manually request an update of the sites database in "File/Options/Database". Click on "Update Now".
  - There is now a handy window that can be popped up from either the Project/Site Submission Control or Browser windows. Select "Notes" from the menu, or click the toolbar button with a picture of a notepad. Your own submission notes, your site notes, and the site notes provided by the server are displayed for the current project/site pair.
  - There is now an option to display a warning if you try to submit a version to a site that has already been submitted within the past 30 days. Many sites consider this spamming. Go to "File/Options/Submission" to set this option (on by default).
  - If a site becomes obsolete, we now have the ability to delete it from the server - you will be prompted for confirmation when the server is trying to do this, and can deny the request if you wish.

Version 1.0.4.17 Release Date - Jan. 10, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - When exiting, sometimes the application would not shut down completely, causing numerous problems when restarting
  - In the Project/Site Submission Control window, clicking on "Track" and then "Submitted" would cause an error
  - In the browser, clicking on "Set Listing URL" would cause the application to terminate with an error if "Options/Browser/Show confirmation message…" was turned on
  - Link to PAD Editor program would not start up program in correct working directory

Version 1.0 Release Date - Jan. 1, 2002

- First release - Happy New Year!

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What is Shareware Tracker?

Shareware Tracker is a tool for Shareware Developers who are interested in distributing their programs to the many shareware download sites on the internet. Not only can this dramatically increase the exposure of their programs to potential downloaders, but also can improve search engine rankings due to the increased link popularity resulting from publication on many sites. Shareware Tracker is designed to greatly simplify this process and allow greater control over the submission and tracking process than afforded by other similar tools.

Shareware Tracker automates much of this process, allowing the developer/publisher to distribute their software to more sites in less time, as well as keeping track of each program's status on all such sites. Even so, as it is, most developers will find it will already increase their efficiency and productivity greatly in this otherwise tedious and cumbersome process. You may **add your own sites** to your own local copy of the Shareware Tracker database. The evaluation version is limited to the addition of one site only. While we strive to keep up-to-date with all the new and newly-found sites you may have reason to add your own so you don't have to wait for us to add it, or perhaps it is a site that is useful to you but doesn't have much general interest. We encourage you to let us know which sites you are adding so we can add them too if they meet our criteria. When we add a site to the server database that you have already added to your database, it will be matched up when you perform your next database update and we will fill in important configuration information that will enable you to register, login, search and submit much faster. When you add a site yourself, you can only set up URL's for these functions -- no automation capability can be programmed by you. We may build a wizard in the future that will allow you to set up this kind of information, but for now it is rather complex.

Shareware Tracker works with and requires a separate **PAD** file for each project. **PAD** ("Portable Application Description") files can be generated using **PADGen**, a free tool available from the ASP ("Association of Shareware Professionals") web site, of which AccuSolve, Inc. is a member. See http://www.asp-shareware.org/pad for more details.

Features

- **Uses PAD files for project description information.**
- **Comes preconfigured for over 400 (and growing) download sites.** As sites are added on our server, they will be automatically downloaded to the user's local Shareware Tracker database whenever the program is started, or manual updates can be performed as required. The evaluation edition is limited in the number of sites that can be searched and submitted to.
- **Semi-automatic registration** on sites that require an account to be established. Set up a default username and password that is used by default when registering or logging in to a new site. If you enter a different username and/or password in the registration form Shareware Tracker will automatically record it for you to be used for future logins.
- **Automated login to sites that require authentication.** Once an account with a download site is established, the login information is recorded in the Shareware Tracker database so that future logins are automatic. A default username and password can be used for logging in to sites for which you have not entered any login information.
- **Automatic or semi-automatic submission process.** In many cases this means navigating to the site's submission page and automatically filling in their submission form

with all applicable information from the project's PAD file. In some cases it completes the entire submission process. Fields on submission forms that cannot be filled in from your PAD file, such as category, can be remembered by Shareware Tracker when submitting a form and automatically filled in for you when submitting future updates.

- **Track submission details** such as date and version submitted.
- **One-click site search.** No need to find search page and type in search terms. A click of a button is all it takes!
- **One-click tracking status update.** Stores information such as URL, date and version of a listing.
- **Site filter.** Create your own filters which can be saved and restored for easy categorization. For example create a filter that only lists sites to which the program has been submitted but not yet listed. Or only show sites whose listing isn't up-to-date (based on version). Many more filters possible.
- For sites that aren't yet automated, use **easy copy-and-paste or draggable form fields for quickly filling fields from PAD file**.
- **Built-in web browser** (see minimum requirements) designed for submitting and tracking project listings. Makes the whole process quick and painless!
- **Uses powerful Advantage Database Local Server** (www.advantagedatabase.com) for great performance and reliability yet with a relatively small footprint.
- Powerful **data export** function - not available in evaluation version.

Minimum Requirements

- Windows 98, ME, NT, 2000 or XP (has not been tested on Windows 95).
- Approx. 10 MB hard disk space.
- Pentium II or better recommended.
- Uses 10-20 MB RAM at runtime, depending on usage.
- Internet Explorer 5.5+ must be installed on computer (does not need to be default browser). Some users have been able to successfully use IE 5.0 but unfortunately we cannot guarantee it will work properly, and this is the absolute minimum version that may be used.
- High (16-bit) color.
- 800x600 screen resolution (1024x768 or better recommended).

Important Note About the Included Help File

The help file included with Shareware Tracker as of the date of release of version 1.8 is still not complete. The complete help file is in process of being finished and will be released as a separate download to all users as soon as it is complete. Thank you for your patience!

Installation

If file downloaded was strack.zip, unzip and run setup.exe. If file downloaded was strack-setup.exe, simply run that file to install.

Following is a list of major enhancements introduced in version 1.5:

New Settings Files

In an effort to make it easier to transfer your user interface and other customized settings to another computer, there is now a "Settings" subdirectory off of your Shareware Tracker program folder. When you uninstall the application, these files will be left untouched. If you will be installing on another system you can copy these files, along with your data files, to your new system and then delete them from the old.

These files store custom settings having to do with grid layouts, filters and menu and toolbar settings, which can now be extensively customized. To revert to all default settings you can simply delete all files and subdirectories in the Settings folder. You can also “reset” many of these settings individually from within the application, which restores the application defaults.

If you are upgrading from a beta test version 1.6.0.1 or 1.6.0.2 it is highly recommended that you delete all files in the Settings folder before running this version for the first time.

New and Changed Features

We have replaced all the menus, toolbars and grids with new components from Developer Express.

New Menus

The menus have, for the most part, the same functionality available as before, but we have segmented and grouped the functions so that the menus are not so long. You will notice that all menus have sub menus, but they work differently than traditional sub menus. When you click on a sub menu heading, instead of opening the sub menu on the right, it will expand the sub menu below and make all of its selections available with one click, until the heading is clicked again, which will close it back up. For the greatest efficiency you should make sure you have your most-used functions available on a toolbar (see Adding, Removing, Repositioning Toolbar Buttons and Menu Items).

New Grid Features

With the new grid components you will have much better sorting and filtering capabilities than before. Because of the superior filtering capability inherent in this grid, we have eliminated the old filtering mechanism. Following is a brief explanation of how to use the new sorting and filtering in any of the main grids:

Column Sorting

You may still sort on any column by clicking on its heading. When you do so you will see a sort indicator in the column heading indicating in which direction the contents are sorted. To change the direction click the heading again. To add multiple columns to your sort, hold down the shift key while clicking on the heading - this will add that column to any already being sorted. The order in which you add sorted columns is important. To remove a sort from a column, click on the heading while holding down the Ctrl key. Sorting status will be saved when you exit the application and automatically restored when it is restarted.

Column Filtering

You will notice drop-down arrows in the headings of any columns that may be filtered. To enable a filter, click on the arrow and you will be presented with a list of several options for filtering that column. You may choose any of the options for an easy and quick filter, or choose “Custom” to build your own. The “Custom AutoFilter” dialog is quite intuitive so you should be able to figure out how to use it. You can select filters for as many columns as you wish. To remove a filter from a single column select “All” from the drop-down list. To remove all filters for all columns, click on the “x” to the left of the filter status bar at the bottom left of the grid - this area provides a text description of the current filter status.

As with sorting, the current filter status will be saved on application exit and restored when restarted. However, you may save any filter combinations you wish and restore them later as needed. To save a filter for the Project/Site Submission Control grid, select “Save Filter” from the “Project/Site” menu. Enter a descriptive name to assign to the filter and then click on OK. You can change an existing saved filter by clicking on that filter in the list and overwriting it. To restore a saved filter select “Load Filter” from the same menu. Sorry, but we did not attempt to convert any old filters you have built to the new system. To delete an existing filter, right-click on the one you wish to delete and select “Delete”.

With version 1.6.2 a filter selection drop-down listbox has been added to the Project/Site Submission Control toolbar. This is a shortcut alternative to selecting a filter using the “Load Filter” command discussed previously. If you do not see this listbox on your toolbar, click on the customizing down arrow at the far right of the toolbar, click on “Add or Remove Buttons”, and then click on “Reset Toolbar”. If you confirm the reset you will see a new drop-down listbox appear on the toolbar, and when you select it with the mouse, or pass over it, you will see the hint “Select Filter”.

Manipulating Column Placement, etc.

You may rearrange the order of columns as before, but with the new grid you may also remove columns entirely from view, or add them back later, if you wish. To remove a column, simply drag it’s heading off the grid and drop it. It will disappear from view. To add it back, select “Add/Remove Columns” from the main menu or right-click popup menu and drag column(s) from the “Customize” window back into the position on the grid where you want it placed. We have added several columns to the Project/Site grid to enable you to have lots of flexibility with sorting and filtering. You can still resize a column in the same way as before.

Saving and Restoring Column Settings

In addition to adding, deleting and moving columns, you can save the current column settings at any time and then restore any saved settings at a later time. To save the current column settings select “Customize/Save Column Settings” from the menu belonging to the active window. You will be asked to give the saved settings a descriptive name so that these settings can easily be restored later. After entering a name, or selecting an existing set to overwrite, click OK. It works exactly like saving a filter.

To restore or load previously-saved column settings select “Customize/Load Column Settings” from the menu and select the name of the set you wish to restore, then click OK.

Column Grouping

Select “Show Group Panel” from the menu and a panel appears at the top of the grid with the text “Drag a column header here to group by that column.” Try it and see what happens! You can group as many columns as you wish - play around with it and you’re bound to find it very useful. Drag the column header back to the grid to remove it from grouping. You can change the sort order of groups by clicking on the column headers in the group panel, but you can’t filter a column while it is being grouped. When multiple columns are grouped a visual hierarchy is displayed in the group panel. You can easily change the structure by dragging and dropping columns to another position within the hierarchy.

The current status of grouping is saved when you exit the application, and restored upon startup, but we haven’t yet devised a scheme to allow you to save various grouping scenarios.

Adding, Removing, Repositioning Toolbar Buttons and Menu Items

You can also add, remove and reposition toolbar buttons and menu items. At the right of each toolbar there is a drop-down arrow which gives you access to such customizing features. You can simply remove a button from a toolbar by clicking on it and clearing its check mark. Click on it again to add it back. You have more options available if you select “Customize”. This opens the “Customize” dialog. Experiment around with this, if you wish, as we won’t go into detail about it here. With the Customize dialog open you can drag buttons off the toolbar or from the dialog to the toolbar (from the "Commands" tab) or drag them from one position to another.

To customize a menu, select "View/Customize Menu" from the main menu and you can do the same with menus as you can do with the toolbars.

You can also easily drag any toolbar and dock it on any side of the window or allow it to float. Just click on and drag the handle on the far left of the toolbar and let go of the mouse when it is positioned where you want it.

If you're really adventurous you can play around with some of the other features of the Customize dialog. All customization settings should be saved and restored automatically for you when exiting and restarting the application.

If you drag a toolbar or menu to where it is floating, instead of docked to a side of a window, it's possible the title bar may disappear, making it impossible to drag it again. If this happens, drag a corner of the menu or toolbar window to form a horizontal (instead of vertical) rectangle, and the title bar should reappear.

Window List

We no longer list open windows on the toolbar. Instead they are listed in the main "Window" menu. This is a more standard way of doing it and hope it works out better for you. We will be making further improvements to this interface in our next release.

Project/Site Submission Control Editing In Place

If you are used to entering data right into the Project/Site grid, then you need to know about the new way this is handled. *Incremental search on the "Site Name" column is enabled by default - try it out and see - we think you'll like it! However, this means that we can't always allow you to enter data directly into the grid. There is a new button on the toolbar and on the menu for "Edit in Place". When you click it, you will be able to modify any of the fields in the focused row of the grid. It will automatically disable itself when you click on another row. If you want to "lock" it so that it remains enabled even when you click on another row, simply hold down the shift key while you click on the button. To disable it again, click the toolbar button.

**Incremental search* - when active any keys typed into the grid will accumulate and search for the closest matching name. To clear a search (start over) press the Escape key.

Enhancements to PAD Info Window (F10)

These enhancements really have nothing to do with the other changes to the interface, but have been added both to speed up configuration of sites on our part, and allow you to easily configure form-filling for sites that you add yourself.

You will note the addition of a choice between "Auto-clip" mode and "Drag" mode. Auto-clip mode means that clicking on a field will automatically copy the contents of the field to the clipboard. When in Drag mode you will notice that when the mouse passes over a field that can be dragged the field color will change to cyan. With a browser window open and a registration, login, search or submission form present, you can click on any field in the PAD Info window and drag it across to the appropriate field on the web form. This will copy the text, and is an alternative to having to click on the field in the PAD Info window and then manually paste it into the web form. The clipboard is not used at all for this operation, except for one exception: Fields on a web form that are for uploading a file are read-only in the COM interface, so the only way for us to get the data into them is to use the clipboard.

Template Builder - how to configure forms for automatic filling

This is not all! If the browser is positioned on a site that is one you have added yourself, you will see a new button on the browser toolbar or menu called “Template Builder”. After you have dragged all the fields from the PAD Info window to your web form, if you click on the Template Builder button before you submit you are in for a surprise! The form won’t actually be submitted, but instead the “Site Template Builder” form will be displayed and allow you to configure form-filling for that page.

When you drag data from the PAD Info window to your web form, not only does it copy the information, but Shareware Tracker remembers which PAD field it came from, and so when the Site Template Builder pops up it already has all those fields matched up. Remember that this will only occur if you dragged the values from the PAD Info window.

If this is a form that you want Shareware Tracker to bring up, fill in any possible fields, and then wait for you to submit yourself, then make sure “Fill Only” is checked. If it wasn’t already checked then click the “Build” button to rebuild the template with the change. If, on the other hand, you want Shareware Tracker to not only fill in the form but submit it for you as well, then clear “Fill Only”, making sure you re-“Build” the template if you changed the value of “Fill Only”. Now click on the “Save Template” tab. Select what kind of form it is (Search, Register, Login or Submission). In most cases you will want to make sure that “Both” is checked. If you selected “Fill Only” on the “Build Template” tab, then “Form” should be checked, otherwise “Post” should be, if you want Shareware Tracker to submit for you. Click on the “Save” button and you have built the same kind of template that we build for you on the sites that are already included in our database. To try it out, disable the “Template Builder” button in the browser by clicking on it again (make sure the button is up). If this was for a search, you should now see the “Search” button enabled - click on it and see how it works!

You can repeat this process for registration, login and submission forms and you will have automatic form-filling for your own sites! We are able to do far more with the Template Builder than what we have talked about here, but to take advantage of it you would have to become familiar with our own scripting language that we developed for this purpose. For now we are keeping it as simple as we can, and will enter into more advanced use later on, if there is a demand for it.

Export Function Changes

The method for exporting data from a grid has changed substantially. Unless you want to export all of the columns in the current view, you should first make sure that your current column settings are saved (see ‘Saving and Restoring Column Settings’) and then follow the instructions for adding, removing, moving or resizing columns so that they are arranged the way you want the export to look like. Save these column settings so you can easily restore them the next time you want to perform this kind of export. Then select “Tools/Export” from the window’s main or popup menu.

You can now choose from four export formats: Text, HTML, XLS (Excel) and XML. The XLS format will allow you to export directly to an Excel-formatted workbook, which will have the same appearance as the current grid. The HTML format also will output something that looks very similar to the current grid appearance. XML can be used if you want to display the data on a web page that is preformatted to display XML data. Text output can be imported into many different kinds of programs, including spreadsheets, databases, etc.

When you have selected the appropriate settings for the export, click on OK. If you plan on using the same settings most of the time, check “Make these default settings” before clicking OK.

The “Send to Clipboard” option has been restored in version 1.6.2, which allows you to send any export, except for XLS format, to the clipboard instead of saving it to a file.

Known Problem

If you select any browser functions from the Site Manager for a site that is filtered out of the Project/Site Submission Control grid, you will get a message that says, “Sorry, the requested action could not be performed…” This will be resolved in the next release when we combine all functionality for the Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control windows into one window.

Miscellaneous

In previous versions the database engine used by Shareware Tracker will have saved a file named ads_err.dbf in the root of your C: drive. Because this has been a potential cause of concern, and it is not good practice to store files in this manner, we have changed the database configuration so that it will instead save this file in your Shareware Tracker program folder. If you wish, you can go ahead and delete the old file if it still exists in your C: drive root.

Usage Instructions

We highly recommend that you take a look at our how-to viewlets that demonstrate the process of getting started and making your first submission with Shareware Tracker. You can either view them with your regular web browser at http://www.accusolve.biz/strack-viewlets.html, or click on "Help/Viewlets" from the main Shareware Tracker menu. Shareware Tracker has been improved so rapidly that the viewlets do not show all of the latest features and improvements. We hope to get caught up with that soon. In the meantime they will still give you much useful information that will help you to become very productive in a short time.

This document is intended to give a brief overview of the process of getting started, while the accompanying help file’s Quick Start Guide goes into greater detail. We suggest you read this first and then follow step-by-step through the Quick Start Guide.

We strongly recommend that you have a live Internet connection present when starting the application. While this is not normally required, the application is only minimally useful without a connection. If you are not connected to the Internet the first time the application is run, you will not be able to download the site database which powers the application.

As soon as the application is started you will see a notification that no database is registered. This is normal. Select ‘Yes’ and follow the directions with the Database Setup Wizard to create a new database. You will be asked to supply the location where your Shareware Tracker data files should be stored and will then be given the opportunity to connect to the Shareware Tracker server database to update your new database with all the latest updates. If you connect to the Internet through a proxy server you will need to set up that information as directed.

You can have Shareware Tracker check for database updates each time you start the application, which is the default setting. Update checking, of course, requires an active Internet connection. If none is present then this step will be skipped. When checking for database updates the program will also check to see if any program updates are available. Such updates are classified either as optional or critical. If you are notified of a critical update we highly recommend that you follow the instructions as soon as possible to download and install the update.

After your database has been created and updated you will want to arrange the 3 main application windows to suit your preference. We recommend that you run the application maximized. The most used window is the “Project/Site Submission Control”, so be sure and allocate plenty of space for it. Your window placement will always be remembered each time you restart the application.

Any hidden windows can easily be found by dropping down the Window main menu or the corresponding button on the main toolbar.

Creating Your First Project

Well, it's assumed you've already created your project, but Shareware Tracker needs to know about it and create a record for it in the database. You need to already have a PAD file created using PADGen or an equivalent tool. As used in Shareware Tracker the word "project" means your program or set of files you wish to distribute on the Internet.

Find the "Project Manager" window and click the "Add a new project" button on the toolbar, or select "New Project…" from the main window's "Project Manager" window or by right-clicking on the Project Manager grid. In most cases you will have these 3 options available for selecting tasks throughout the application.

Up pops the Project Editor. Either type in the path to your PAD file or browse for it using the file finder by clicking on the button at the right of the PAD File edit box. Click on or move to another field to accept it and it will automatically fill in the other details for you! You are free to change the name of the project in the Project Editor. This name is how it will be identified in Shareware Tracker and changing it will not affect your PAD file or your submissions.

The program name is used by default when searching sites for existing listings of your program. In some cases the full program name is not an ideal search term. You may override the program name used for searching by entering your preferred search term in the appropriate field. You will also be able to override the search term, if needed, on individual sites by entering it into the Project Submission Details editor.

Click on OK and your first project is ready for submitting and/or tracking!

Is My Program Listed?

Before submitting your program to a site you should check and see if it's already listed. Shareware site webmasters are usually very busy and don't like receiving unnecessary or redundant submissions. You can search for your program on a site either from the Project/Site Submission Control grid or from within a Shareware Tracker browser window. Select "Search" from either the "Project/Site" menu if the Project/Site Submission Control window is active, or "Search" from the "Site" menu if a browser window is active. Alternatively you can press F9 from either of these windows, or find the toolbar button that performs the same function. In most cases Shareware Tracker will submit the search in one operation and you will shortly see the search results in a browser window. If you searched from the Project/Site Submission Control window a new browser window will be created to perform the operation. If you search from within a browser window it will be performed in that same window.

There are a very few sites that require that the search be initiated from the web site itself -- in these cases the search form will be opened up and the search term (your program name) will be entered for you and all you need to do is click on the search submit button. Shareware Tracker includes server notes that guide you through any special considerations like this for each site. We will give you more information about notes a little further along.

Project/Site Submission Control

Select your new project using the combo box control at the top left of the Project/Site Submission Control toolbar. The grid will fill with a record for each site in the database. You're now ready to begin working with individual sites. The first column (Track) has a checkbox for each site which can be used to filter sites based on which ones you care about submitting to and tracking for a given project or program. If you have a shareware program, then you probably won't care about submitting to “Freeware only” sites so you can check “Track” for all sites but the “Freeware only” ones. To check the “Track” flag for all sites click on the “Track” column heading and select “Track All”. You can also clear all “Track” flags by selecting “Track None” the same way. See “Using Filters” for instructions how to filter sites based on this flag, or to filter sites so you can set the "Track" flag more easily.

Beginning with version 1.8 there is a new option to automatically set the “Track” flag on for new sites. By default this option is on. You may change it in the Database/Update section of the Options dialog.

Submitting a Project to a Site

Before submitting to a site, especially the first time, we highly recommend you read any site notes we have written concerning the site. There are three kinds of notes that can pertain to a site or project/site pair, and there are three buttons on the Project/Site Submission Control and Submission Browser toolbars, "PN", "UN" and "SN". These stand for "project (or submission) notes", "user notes" and "server notes". Server notes are entered by us for your benefit, imparting useful information that you should know about when working with a site. If a button is colored green then it means there are notes available to be read and you can view them in a small popup balloon simply by clicking on the button. User notes are notes that you have entered in the "Site Editor" that pertain to a site but not to any specific project. Project or submission notes can be entered in the "Project Submission Details" dialog to record pertinent information that you will want to remember about your submission of a project to a site.

You can also view notes, and even enter submission notes in the Notes window which can be opened and remain open as much as you need it. To open the Notes window select "Notes" from a main menu or click on the Notes toolbar button.

If the “Login” menu item is enabled then you will need to login to this site before submitting. See “Logging in to a Site” for instructions how to set up an account and login using Shareware Tracker. Once you are logged in (if necessary) proceed as follows:

Click the button on the toolbar entitled “Submit Project to this site” or press F7. A Shareware Tracker built-in browser will open up and in most cases navigate to the submission page for the site. For those sites who accept submissions via email, an email message editor will open up with pertinent information already filled into the body of the message. If submission is via a web form, Shareware Tracker will fill in as many fields as possible based on your PAD data. If you have to navigate further to get to the actual submission page, once you have the form in front of you, you can press Shift-F7 or select “Fill submit” from the menu to fill in the fields. There are some fields that Shareware Tracker won’t be able to fill for you. Please check the form thoroughly to ensure everything has been filled in correctly, either by Shareware Tracker or you. Shareware Tracker will often prompt you to save the values of any fields on a submission form that are not provided automatically from your PAD file. If Shareware Tracker detects any such fields you will be prompted to confirm saving of the information, which can be viewed later in the "Project Submission Details" editor on the "Custom Fields" tab. These values will be used if and when you resubmit to this site at a later time.

Once you have properly filled in the submission form or verified that the email message is correct, submit it by clicking the appropriate button. If everything responds appropriately then you can mark this site as submitted to by pressing Ctrl-Alt-S or selecting “Mark Submitted” from the menu. It will automatically fill in the project’s current version and today’s date. You can change this information, if needed, by modifying the data in the “Project/Submission Details” editor (F4) or by editing it directly in the “Project/Site Submission Control” grid.

Many sites will list your software immediately or soon after your submission. Once you have found the page on which it is listed you should mark the project as listed with that site by selecting

"Tools/Listed Ctrl-Alt-L" from the main menu or click on the corresponding toolbar button. This will popup the "Confirm Listing Details" dialog which allows you to control what is recorded about the listing. In many cases you can accept the default settings and click "OK".

If the site does not have a specific URL for your listing, but a search is required to view it then check "Must search to view listing". If this box is checked Shareware Tracker will save the word "SEARCH" in the "Listing URL" field which tells it to perform a search in order to view the listing. If your listing has a specific URL then leave this box blank and Shareware Tracker will enter the current page address into the "Listing URL" field. If the version and date fields are incorrect then you may correct them here. You can always correct them later by modifying them in the Project/Site Submission Control grid or in the Project Submission Details editor. If you want Shareware Tracker to always present the "Confirm Listing Details" dialog when you select the "Listed" function then make sure "Show Again" is checked. We recommend you leave it checked. You can also change this option in "File/Options/Submission/Prompts".

By having an address in the "Listing URL" field you can always easily view your listing to check to see if it's up-to-date or to view the number of downloads, user reviews, etc.

Logging in to a Site

Many download sites require that you have an account set up with them before they will accept submissions from you. This is usually a good thing as it allows them to control access to editing information about your programs.

If you already have an account with a site, all you need to do is go to the login page, enter your username and password, and submit. Shareware Tracker will automatically save the username and password you entered for future one-click logins, which is done by selecting "Login" from the menu, or pressing F6, or clicking on the corresponding toolbar button while the site is selected.

If you don't already have an account Shareware Tracker makes setting one up quick and painless! From the Site Manager select "Register" from the main menu or click the appropriate toolbar button. You will be taken to the registration page and any fields required that are also contained in your PAD file will be filled in automatically for you. We recommend you set up a default username and password in "File/Options/General/Defaults" as these will be used automatically anytime you don't enter a username and password for a site. When you submit the registration form Shareware Tracker will pick up the username and password you entered and save them for you so they can be used automatically when you login in the future. To enter the username and password manually into Shareware Tracker you can do so in the Site Editor, which is accessed from most windows by pressing F2.

NOTE: Automatically retrieving and storing your username and password from the login and registration forms is a new feature in version 1.5 and requires proper configuration for each individual site. Not all sites have been configured to support this yet, but we will be working on this to update all of them in as short a time as possible following this release. Until then, if this doesn't work it doesn't mean it is a bug, but it just hasn't been set up for that site yet.

Support

Visit our support page at http://www.accusolve.biz/support.html for various technical support options. Or you can send your request to support@accusolve.biz.

Uninstall

Select **Uninstall Shareware Tracker** from the Shareware Tracker start menu, or open ***Add/Remove*** programs from the control panel and double-click ***Shareware Tracker*** in the list box.

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Version 1.8.1.10 Release Date – January 16, 2004

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - In some cases not all PAD descriptions were being loaded into Shareware Tracker. This error was introduced in version 1.8.1.9.

Version 1.8.1.9 Release Date – January 8, 2004

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Around Dec. 20, 2003 several users started experiencing problems with automatic updates of their sites database. While the cause of this is still unknown, a work-around has been added that should resolve this problem.
  - If you are browsing a site that has subsequently been filtered out of the Project/Site Submission list, and you tried to update that record, it would update the wrong record.
- ***New Features:***
  - Improved error handling for site update errors.

Version 1.8.1.6 Release Date – July 22, 2003

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - Project Submission Control Project drop-down list box often didn't display all projects.

Version 1.8.1.5 Release Date – July 15, 2003

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Application would freeze when trying to update a listing on Shareup Networks.
  - Pressing 'Enter' to select an autocomplete item from a web form text control would unintentionally submit the form.

Version 1.8 Release Date – February 23, 2003

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Fixed a number of problems associated with backing up and restoring the database. Backup and restore functions are much more robust now.
  - Occasional access violations when navigating between sites in the Notes window.
  - Error when saving new site – "Value for 'CODE' must be unique - please try again."

- When filtering some columns in the Project/Site Submission Control and Site Manager grids an access violation would be thrown.
    - "Tip of the Day" and "New User Help" dialogs don't show entire text for some messages. On some screens the dialog buttons were not visible. The New User Help dialog is resizable now.
    - Browser window would be closed when submitting via email from the browser.
    - Browser windows were not opening up in the proper position.
    - Fixed hidden site synchronization problems between Site Manager and Projest/Site Submission Control lists.
    - "View/Toolbar Captions" had not been working.
    - Several other minor errors not worth mentioning here.
- ***New Features:***
    - Option to automatically set "Track" flag on for new sites. Defaults to on. May be changed from the "Database/Update" section of the Options dialog.
    - Site User Notes may now be edited within the Notes window.
    - Changed wording of "limit" form variable from "Expires in n days" to "n-day Trial Period".
    - "Hide" column has been added to Site Manager grid so the list may be filtered accordingly.
    - Double-clicking on the Site Manager grid will open the Site Editor to the clicked column's corresponding tab so the value may be readily viewed and/or edited.
    - Search terms may be overridden at the project level and the project/site level, if desired. If entered these terms will be used for searches instead of the program name in the PAD file. Entering a search term value in the Project Editor will override all searches for that project. Entering a search term in the "Override" tab of the Project Submission Details dialog (F4 from Project/Site Submission Control or Browser windows) will only override the search term for that project/site pair. If a project/site override is found it will be used. Otherwise, if a project override is found it will be used. If no overrides are found then the PAD project name is used.
    - If the Notes window is open, moving to a different site in the Browser will synchronize the site in the Notes window with that of the Browser.
    - The site name columns of the Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control grids have been fixed so that scrolling to the right will not cause the site names to disappear. Other columns may be fixed as well by dragging them to the left of the bold "fixed" line.
    - Web pages on non-English speaking sites may easily be translated by clicking the new "Translate" button on the Browser toolbar or menu. In most cases the AltaVista Babelfish translator is used. When clicking on the button a new window will open up and the URL and language of the site will automatically be entered into the translation form. All you need to do is click the "Translate" button on the web form – sorry, with Babelfish they don't allow us to directly pull up the translated page. For Russian-English translations we use the PROMT translation service – no intervention is required in this case as the translated page will appear automatically in the new browser window. We use this for Russian translations as we feel it is superior to Babelfish.
    - "Display IE Errors" button has been added to browser menu and toolbar. If you're being disturbed by repeated error dialogs popping up on some sites, especially when we block popups, make sure this is turned off.
    - If database "auto-updates" is turned on, a database update will automatically run after restoring a database.
    - When submitting a web form, and you are asked to confirm saving of certain

field values, an option has been added to abort the submission altogether. This is especially useful when you notice, for example, that you haven't selected the proper category and you don't want the submission to complete. If aborted the form will remain as it is, allowing you to correct and resubmit.
- Replaced several menu/toolbar images with better ones.
- Added "Refresh Grid" function to Project/Site menu for rare occasions when the Project/Site Submission Control grid doesn't populate properly. Selecting this item from the Project/Site-Tools menu, or pressing Ctrl-R, will reload the grid with the proper data.
- Several other minor tweaks not worth mentioning here.

Version 1.7 Release Date – November 27, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Shareware Tracker would sometimes crash if a script error was encountered on a web page. The workaround for this was to turn off script debugging in Internet Explorer Options and to enable the internal popup-blocker. These steps should no longer be necessary.
  - The internal popup-blocker would block new windows even if they were a result of the user clicking on a link. Now, in most cases, only unexpected or unwanted windows will be stopped.
  - Errors when changing databases using the Database Setup Wizard.
  - If a record disappeared from the Project/Site Submission grid because it no longer met the filter criteria, the position in the grid would be lost. Proper positioning will now be maintained.
  - Customized browser menu and toolbar settings were sometimes being lost.
  - Sub-menu items could not be customized with the "in-place" sub menus introduced in version 1.6. These have been reverted to a more standard interface style, which also allows for customization. Any former customizations will be lost in this upgrade in order to make the change, which is not expected to be needed again.
  - Database backup path was not being properly saved.
  - Several other minor bug fixes, which should improve overall system stability.
- ***New Features:***
  - Added several columns, including notes, to Project/Site Submission Control grid for filtering and exporting/reporting.
  - Added sum totals to "Submitted" and "Listed" columns.
  - "Case-Insensitive Search" option when searching a site for your program. When enabled your program name is converted to lower case when searching, which works better on some sites, and doesn't yet seem to have any harmful effects on any searches we've tried with it.
  - Improved performance, especially in the Submission Browser.
  - Added "New User" help – these are messages that will popup, usually in context, to inform new users of features or tips they should be aware of. Such messages can be prevented from showing again by clearing the "Show Again" checkbox shown with each message. All established users will see these messages until they individually turn them off. They can all be turned back on by selecting "Help/New User Help On" on the main menu.

Version 1.6.2.6 Release Date – October 23, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Site update URLs were not being properly downloaded from the server, so that submitting to a site where your software was already listed would sometimes go the wrong URL.

    - Tip of the Day not showing entire text of some tips.
    - Multiple language descriptions, if used, were not properly being refreshed in the PAD Info window.
    - There was no indication of work being done when downloading site information using the Database Setup Wizard.
- ***New Features:***
    - Added field for "Number of Downloads" to the "Confirm Listing Details" dialog, to make entering download counts more convenient.

Version 1.6.2.5 Release Date – October 16, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Automatic and manual backup of database files was not working in most cases.
    - Occasional error when confirming saved values from submission forms.
    - Problem introduced in 1.6.2.2 that would cause the initial database update for a first-time user to fail due to an authentication problem.
- ***New Features:***
    - Added option to confirm backup file path before automatically backing up the data on exit. This is important for those who would like to maintain more than one backup file for their database. See "Options/Database/Backup".
    - The backup path for automatic backups has now been associated with the database, instead of being stored in the registry, which means it can be different for each database, if you are using multiple databases. See "Options/Database/Backup".

Version 1.6.2.3 Release Date – October 13, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
    - When using the external email client option for email submissions, the subject line of the email wasn't being decoded properly.

Version 1.6.2.2 Release Date – October 10, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Any ampersands (&) in descriptions were being replaced by '%26' when filled into form fields or in email body.
    - "Save Listing URL" (Ctrl-Alt-L) would sometimes update the wrong record.
    - When switching projects the site didn't remain the same.
    - Zero (0) download amounts were showing as blank in the Project/Site Submission Control grid.
    - Fixed numerous "Invalid Variant Type" errors, including the one that would sometimes make it impossible to close the application on Windows 2000.

- ***New Features:***
    - Added proxy server authentication options (username and password).
    - Added optional password field to outgoing mail server (SMTP) configuration for those whose servers require it.

Version 1.6.2 Release Date – September 25, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Errors resulting from changing the status of a record that causes it to no longer meet the filter criteria of a grid should now be fixed.

    - "Index out of bounds" error when clicking "OK" if no values are selected in the "Confirm Saved Values" dialog. It is no longer possible to click "OK" if no items are selected.
    - Invalid variant errors on exit of the application. We think we have resolved these, but will keep a close eye on them.

- ***New Features:***
    - "Select Filter" drop-down list box on Project/Site Submission Control toolbar (see "Column Filtering" above).
    - If you are working with multiple databases, you can now enter the database path on the Shareware Tracker command line to use that database instead of the last one in use when Shareware Tracker was closed.
    - "Send to clipboard" option added to export dialog (this was actually restored as it was present in versions prior to 1.6 and got left out in that version).

Version 1.6.1 Release Date - August 30, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Window system menus would disappear in Windows 98 when a window was maximized. This whole issue has been resolved.
    - Access violations occurring in msvcrt.dll on some Windows 2000/IE 6 systems.
    - Deleting a project would delete the wrong project - bug introduced in version 1.4.2.5. ☹
    - "Invalid variant errors" in several locations, as well as numerous other little bug fixes.

- ***New Features:***
    - Please see *"What's New in this Version?"* above.

Version 1.5.0.3 Release Date - July 19, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Former problems with the export function may have corrupted the export.ini file in which settings are stored. If export isn't working properly for you, delete the export.ini file in your Shareware Tracker folder and then reopen the Export dialog. Also fixed some UI issues on this dialog.
    - Fixed a couple of other minor problems with the filter dialog and automatic data backup.
    - Fixed a problem with the internal browser which was causing mailto: links to be intercepted when clicked on a web page.

- ***New Features:***
    - Added the "Register" function to the Project/Site Submission Control menu and toolbar for greater convenience. It is still accessible also from the Site Manager.

Release Date - July 15, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Project name didn't show in Project/Site Submission Control Project combo box after switching databases.
    - Moving to another site in the Submission Browser resulted in newly-entered submission notes in the Notes window to be lost.

    - Improper error handling when trying to perform various functions without first setting up a project.
    - Large tooltips were often displayed as transparent. We were not immediately able to find and fix this problem so large tooltips have been removed until a resolution is found.
    - Various access violation exceptions at program exit. This occurred when one or more browser windows were left open but not the active window. We believe we have tracked down and fixed all such errors.

- ***New Features:***
    - **Registered users may now add as many of their own sites** as they wish. Evaluation users are limited to adding one such site.
    - A **default username and password** can be entered in "File/Options/General/Defaults" that will be used for registration and login purposes if no other username and/or password have been specified in the Site Editor. NOTE: Even though some of the server notes may still instruct you to first enter your username and password in the Site Editor before registering, if you have entered a default username and password and wish to use them you can skip this step.
    - View or edit **Internet Explorer options** from the Submission Browser's menu "Tools/Internet Explorer Options."
    - Our form filling engine has been beefed up to enable **filling of many more fields than were possible previously**. Also, fields that couldn't be filled in automatically when submitting the first time can be remembered and entered automatically when resubmitting in the future. A new tab has been added to the "Project Submission Details" editor entitled "Custom Fields" which shows such saved values, if any. NOTE: This feature requires setup for each individual site which may not yet be complete.
    - If you have a **subscription license** your access to the program was cut off completely when your subscription expired. Now **you will still have access to all of your data after expiration** but will not be able to use the automated functions of Shareware Tracker until the subscription is renewed or replaced by a permanent license.

Version 1.4.3.4 Release Date - June 13, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
    - Rare occurrence of a buffer overflow depending on the contents of the PAD file.

Version 1.4.3 Release Date - May 25, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Note review buttons were not always being activated if a new submission note was added from within the browser.
    - Ampersands (&) in PAD description files were being improperly encoded in email submissions (would show as %26).
    - If toolbar captions were turned on then typing into a web page form could activate a toolbar button with the corresponding hot key assigned.
    - Incremental search in browser site combo wasn’t working - it now works as long as list is sorted alphabetically, which is as it should be.
    - System menu would often disappear if a window was maximized in Windows 98. Minimize, restore and maximize buttons are now added to the toolbar when the window is maximized.
    - Some tips would not display completely in the tip dialog. Until the tip dialog

is replaced with one of our own we have shortened any tips that were too long.
    - Search on Tucows site was causing Shareware Tracker to crash. This was due to our improper handling of a floating point error in their javascript. This has been fixed, not just for their site, but any other that generates floating point errors in their script.

- ***New Features:***
    - User-entered **notes can now be exported** using the Export function.
    - The **Notes window can now be forced to stay on top**.
    - There is now an **option to use your default email client for email submissions** instead of the internal one. To select this option go to “Options/Submission/Outgoing Mail” and check “Use system default”. When submitting via email a new message will be created in your email application and the message body will be copied to the clipboard. You can then paste it into the body of the message. This is due to the limitation with many email clients of how much text can be passed with the mailto: url.
    - The **behavior of the “Notes” menu item and toolbar button has changed**. Before it acted to toggle the Notes window open and closed. Now, selecting the function will open the Notes window if it isn’t already open, and always bring it to the front.
    - **If “AutoComplete” is enabled in your Internet Explorer options it will also be enabled in Shareware Tracker**. In IE see “Tools/Internet Options/Advanced/Browsing/Use inline AutoComplete”.
    - **A column has been added to the Project/Site Submission grid for the site’s priority**. You may now sort on this field.
    - You may now choose, on a site-by-site basis, whether to **allow your site priorities to be overwritten by those on the server**. By default they are locked, which means your priority will not be modified when downloading updates from the server, except in the case of new sites, which will be initialized with the priority we have assigned. To override this “lock”, in the Site Editor Features tab clear the “Lock” checkbox in the Priority groupbox. This will allow this field to be overwritten when any updates for that site are downloaded. You can set the priority lock for all sites either on or off by selecting “Set priority lock for all sites…” on the Site Manager main menu. Shortly after this release we will send through an update for all sites with new priorities which reflect our own research and experience. If you haven’t already gone to considerable trouble assigning your own priorities, you may want to allow these updates to come through and then you can lock them and modify them as you wish, or, leave them unlocked and rely on our judgment. If you want to rely on our judgment for some and not others then you can lock or unlock the priority on a site-by-site basis as described above.
    - We have added **two new functions having to do with registering for an account with sites that require this**. As of this release this will only be enabled for a very few sites, but we will be sending through updates shortly thereafter that will eventually enable this for all applicable sites. If it’s enabled the Site Manager menu item “Register” and the new “Set up an account…” toolbar button will not be grayed. Click on the menu item or toolbar button to be taken to the registration start page. If the first page contains the registration form it will be automatically filled for you as much as possible from information in your PAD file. If you have to do some further navigation to get to the form, once you are there select “Tools/Fill Register” or click on the corresponding toolbar button to fill in the fields.
    - If you are managing multiple projects you can now easily **import the “Track” flags into one project from another**. Select “Import Tracked” from the

"Project/Site" main menu and select the project from which you want to import the settings. The current project is the target and the project you select is the source from which the settings will be copied.

Version 1.4.2.5 Release Date - Apr. 24, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Depending on which version you were upgrading from, you may have encountered database errors such as "ERROR IN SCRIPT AT LINE 2: qUtil: Error 7200: AQE Error: State=HY000; NativeError=7057; ..... the record update failed. The key value produced from this record was not unique…". This has been fixed.
  - If you were receiving errors when downloading updates from the server, such as "tblSite: Error 7057. The record update failed. The key value produced from this record was not unique, and an index for the current table has the UNIQUE property. The key value supplied for site: CODE is not unique", this should now be fixed. If you have the option set to automatically check for database updates when starting, this error would occur when the application is starting up.
  - If you have opted to automatically backup your database on exit, and the backup file could not be found (e.g. the backup path is on your floppy drive but there is no floppy present, or it is on a network drive that is not currently available), the backup would fail and an error message would very briefly show on the screen before the application terminates. This has been fixed so that if the file cannot be found, you will be prompted to enter a different file name.

- ***New Features***
  - You can now change the database backup destination from the Options/Database/Backup panel. It used to remember the last-used destination and always use that, but you would have to edit the system registry to change it.

Version 1.4.2.2 Release Date - Apr. 19, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Changed title of prodnamecode column and disabled sorting on it, which would cause an error.
  - Some database structure changes had not been made for established users which was causing some new features not to be realized.
  - The filter table wasn't being reopened after changing to a different database with the Database Setup Wizard.

- ***New Features***
  - Project name can now be different than PAD file program name. It will default to program name in PAD file, but you may now change it, effectively allowing you to have multiple projects for the same program, even if they all have the same program name in their respective PAD files.

Version 1.4.2.1 Release Date - Apr. 18, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - If Project/Site Submission Control list was sorted on anything other than the name in ascending order the drop-down site list in the browser would get all messed up.

Version 1.4.2 Release Date - Apr. 16, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Serious error caused when browser popup windows are closed by web page script.
    - Submission notes weren't saved when Notes window was closed.
    - Rare problem with database updates violating unique key constraints.
    - Updating a submission record via a browser function when that record is filtered out of Project/Site Submission Control -- would generate an error.
    - Project/Site Submission Control sort orders would get mixed up.
    - Both “Enable Filter” and “Login” were assigned to F6 hotkey in Project/Site Submission Control.
    - If a site is hidden from Site Editor and that site was selected in Project/Site Submission Control, the record pointer would go to first record.

- ***New Features***
    - New function “Reload PAD file” added to Project Manager.
    - Remember last tab selected in Notes window.
    - Next and previous site controls in Browser toolbar and menu.
    - 3 new buttons on toolbars of Project/Site Submission Control and Browser windows - PN, UN, SN. When the button is green it indicates there is a project submission note (PN), or a user site note (UN), or a server site note (SN) available. Clicking on the green button will display the note in a little popup hint window which can be closed by clicking the left mouse button.
    - Option to display easier to read tool tips - see main toolbar and View menu “Large tooltips”. This feature may be toggled on and off.
    - Can view Shareware Tracker How-to Viewlets directly in Shareware Tracker.
    - New “Close” button on browser toolbar and menu.

Version 1.4.0.11 Release Date - Mar. 13, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Filter dialog problems.
    - New XML parser fixes all known PAD file parsing problems.
    - Several rare bugs.
    - Funny colors throughout the application ☺
    - Occasional Internet Explorer Script Error when blocking popup windows.

- ***New Features***
    - There used to be a number of sites whose submission forms we were unable to fill automatically - we no longer have this limitation.
    - Email submissions now done with internal email client.
    - Export data in either text or HTML format from Project Manager, Site Manager, and Project/Site Submission Control.
    - Ability to “hide” a site - see Site Editor Features tab. From within the Site Manager, right click and toggle “Show Hidden Sites” off to hide all sites with this flag set. When hidden they will also not show up in the Project/Site Submission Control list.
    - Sorting of Project/Site Submission columns - click title of column to sort ascending; click again to sort descending. Title of sorted column is highlighted.
    - When sites are added or updated a flag is set to indicate ‘New’ or ‘Updated’. You can clear this flag after you have submitted to the new or updated site.

In the meantime you can sort on this column in Project/Site Submission control.
- Added language to filtering options.
- Option to turn captions of toolbar buttons on and off.
- Added ‘First’ and ‘Last’ toolbar buttons in Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control.

Version 1.3.5 Release Date - Feb. 18, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - PAD Info dialog caption didn’t change when project was changed.
    - Using backspace key in Browser URL address field would cause an error.
    - If version confirmation dialog was cancelled, the “Show Again” option would be cleared.
    - Shift key wouldn’t allow new browser windows if popups were blocked.

- ***New Features***
    - Site Home Page URL will appear in Site Manager grid -- if clicked, it will open up in your system default browser.
    - Hyperlinks clicked in notes will now open up in internal browser.
    - If a toolbar is moved, its position will be remembered when the window closes.
    - Only one PAD Info window will be open at a time.
    - Date has been added to version confirmation dialog.
    - Popup blocker can be overridden by holding down Ctrl key.

Version 1.3 Release Date - Feb. 12, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
    - Error when trying to modify submission information from within the Browser when the site is filtered out of the Project/Site Submission Control list. Sites that are filtered out will no longer appear in the Browser’s drop-down list.
    - Release date would appear in filled form fields according to the computer’s regional settings format instead of the standard MM/DD/YYYY format requested by most web sites. It will now appear in MM/DD/YYYY regardless of the regional settings unless the form calls for a different format. Please let us know if you discover a site where we are using the wrong format and we will fix it.

- ***New Features***
    - Support for multiple languages in PAD file. Each site now has a default language specified. If the default language for a site is not English, Shareware Tracker will look for the appropriate language description in the PAD file. If it is found it will use it - if not found, English will be used. If you have multiple language descriptions in your PAD file, you can select the language to be displayed in the PAD Info dialog. It will default to the default language of the web site, if there are descriptions for that language in the PAD file.
    - Ability to mask (hide) passwords in Site Editor.
    - Option to only be notified of critical version updates when updating database (see “File/Options/Database”).
    - Manual version update check (“Help/Check for New Version”).
    - Window menu with Cascade, Minimize All, Restore, and Tile functions. The Restore function can be used to restore maximized windows to normal size

when the system controls disappear in Windows 98.

Version 1.2.4 Release Date - Feb. 4, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Error when closing program with help file open.

- ***New Features***
  - Can now enter registration details from “Help/Enter License”.
  - Site Update Results report showing list of sites affected by server update.
  - “Tip of the Day”, initially including 15 tips for efficient use of Shareware Tracker.
  - Incremental search of site name in Site Manager and Project/Site Submission Control, or project name in Project Manager.

Version 1.2.3.3 Release Date - Jan. 26, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - An ampersand ‘&’ in a title or description field would cause any text following it not to be copied into a submission form field.

Version 1.2.3.2 Release Date - Jan. 25, 2002

- ***Fixed following problem:***
  - Poor handling of confirmation message when setting the listing URL in the Browser.

Version 1.2.3 Release Date - Jan. 24, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - Table open error first time running program.
  - Program crash when choosing not to create database first time.

- ***New Features***
  - Database Setup Wizard.
  - Proxy Server support.
  - Improved install and uninstall routines.

Version 1.2.0.2 Release Date - Jan. 18, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - “Invalid Variant Error” when Notes window is open and you move between sites or projects in Project/Site Submission Control.
  - Some other minor problems.

- ***New Features***
  - Manual and automatic data backup and restore functionality.
  - When entering text in a note field, the current date may be entered by pressing Ctrl-D, the current time with Ctrl-T, or both with Ctrl-Alt-T.
  - Option to confirm or modify the version number that is listed, when automatically setting the listing URL.
  - Added some additional fields to form-fill capability.

Version 1.1.0.5 Release Date - Jan. 12, 2002

- ***Fixed following error:***
  - Shareware Tracker would fail to run or would get lots of errors if the path to a project's PAD file was invalid, or if the PAD file was corrupt.

- ***New Features***
  - Shareware Tracker now checks for available program updates when checking for site updates. You are notified if the update is critical or not. If you choose to download the latest update, you are taken directly to the download page.
  - In the Project/Site Submission Control window, you can now mark all sites listed as tracked ("Track All") or all sites not tracked ("Track None"). This is available from any of the menus, as well as by clicking on the "Track" column heading.
  - You can now manually request an update of the sites database in "File/Options/Database". Click on "Update Now".
  - There is now a handy window that can be popped up from either the Project/Site Submission Control or Browser windows. Select "Notes" from the menu, or click the toolbar button with a picture of a notepad. Your own submission notes, your site notes, and the site notes provided by the server are displayed for the current project/site pair.
  - There is now an option to display a warning if you try to submit a version to a site that has already been submitted within the past 30 days. Many sites consider this spamming. Go to "File/Options/Submission" to set this option (on by default).
  - If a site becomes obsolete, we now have the ability to delete it from the server - you will be prompted for confirmation when the server is trying to do this, and can deny the request if you wish.

Version 1.0.4.17 Release Date - Jan. 10, 2002

- ***Fixed following errors:***
  - When exiting, sometimes the application would not shut down completely, causing numerous problems when restarting
  - In the Project/Site Submission Control window, clicking on "Track" and then "Submitted" would cause an error
  - In the browser, clicking on "Set Listing URL" would cause the application to terminate with an error if "Options/Browser/Show confirmation message…" was turned on
  - Link to PAD Editor program would not start up program in correct working directory

Version 1.0 Release Date - Jan. 1, 2002

- First release - Happy New Year!