

acTagger 2004 PRO/Lite©

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Automatic Information update within AutoCAD
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Introduction

Overview

acTagger 2004© gives the AutoCAD user the possibility to create some special-named attributes, whose text-strings will be automatically replaced by the following user-configured system informations:

- Drawing's creation date
- Drawing's creation time
- Drawing's last saved date
- Drawing's last saved time
- Plot date
- Plot time
- User name (actual user logged into the PC)
- Drawing's name
- Drawing's path

Additionally, acTagger 2004© gives the user full control on which tags are going to be updated, and in which situations this update will occur.

Compatibility

- AutoCAD 2002 and 2004 (VBA support must to be installed and enabled). For newer AutoCAD releases, please visit our website.
- Windows NT, 2000 or XP
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (for the documentation)

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Installing acTagger 2004©

To install acTagger 2004© close all AutoCAD sessions you may have open. Run the install application "acTaggerLite.exe" or "acTaggerPRO.exe" (depending on the version you've got), available in our website, and when prompted, choose the AutoCAD profile you want to install acTagger 2004© at. You may choose as many profiles as you want.

Manual installation: unzip the files contained into "acTaggerLite.zip" or "acTaggerPRO.zip" to a folder referred by the AutoCAD search paths (f.i. AutoCAD support folder). Run AcadInst.exe and when prompted, choose the AutoCAD profile you want to install acTagger 2004© at. You may choose as many profiles as you want. *Note: for this kind of installation, please visit our website and download the ZIP file, instead of the standard EXE file.* Using this method, the Windows menu entries will not be created.

Should you have already installed acTagger 2004© for one user and desire to configure AutoCAD to run it for another one as well, or even for a different profile, follow the steps bellow:

- Go to the Windows Start Menu -> Programs -> acTagger -> Configure for this User.
- Go to the acTagger 2004© folder and run Acadinst.exe. The described steps above shall be followed (*Manual Installation*).

Uninstalling acTagger 2004©

Assisted unistall: at the Windows menu, go to Start -> Programs -> acTagger -> Uninstall or use the Windows Control Panel.

Manual uninstall: go to the acTagger 2004© folder and run *uninstall.bat*. After, delete the acTagger 2004© folder and its menu entry.

Bug Report

To report a bug, please visit our website:

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Getting Support

Should you be a registered user (acTagger 2004 PRO©), please visit our website to get mail-based support:

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Downloading acTagger 2004 Lite©

Please go to one of the following websites:

<http://larrezze.tripod.com/downloads.html>

<http://www.freecadapps.com> - search through the sharewares

<http://www.caddepot.com> - search through the sharewares

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Registering and Downloading acTagger 2004 PRO©

In order to get the the fully functional version of acTagger 2004 PRO©, please visit our website (<http://larrezze.tripod.com/purchase.html>), which will lead you to an online store. After the purchase **(US\$ 25 each license)** you will receive the acTagger 2004 PRO© installer and will be eligible for web-based support.

Important: a single acTagger 2004 PRO© license allows you to install it at only one PC. Should you want to install acTagger 2004 PRO© at more than one PC, the correspondent number of licenses must be purchased.

Using acTagger 2004© and how it works

Running acTagger 2004©

acTagger 2004© searches the active drawing for some special-named attributes – called tags – and replace them by system informations when some AutoCAD events happen. The main routine will be automatically loaded when you open AutoCAD and remain active until you close it, unless you unload the acTagger© macro through the AutoCAD command "vbaman". For acTagger© to work properly, you simply shall create some blocks containing attributes with the following tag names:

Tag	Effect
CRDATE	Drawing's creation local date
CRTIME	Drawing's creation local time
UPDATE	Drawing's last saved local date
UPTIME	Drawing's last saved local time
PLTDATE	Plot local date (or simply actual date)
PLTTIME	Plot local time (or simply actual time)
USERNAME	Actually logged user name
DWGNAME	Drawing's name
DWGPATH	Drawing's path

Depending on how you have configured acTagger 2004©, one or more of the following events will trigger the automatic update: *Dwg activate*, *Dwg close*, *Dwg plot*, *Dwg save*, *Dwg deactivate*. The way acTagger© will behave will be managed by the user, and the configuration shall be done through the command **act**, to be typed at the AutoCAD command line. This command will cause acTagger 2004© to show the following dialog box:

acTagger 2004 PRO©:

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Formating Options

Creation Date: 10/05/2003

Creation Time: 11:05:59 PM

Last Save: 10/05/2003

Save Time: 11:05:59 PM

Plot Date: 10/05/2003

Plot Time: 11:05:59 PM

User Name: userA

dwg Name: drawing.dwg

Path: drive:\path1\path2\

Space Options

check Model Space

check Layouts

Checking Options

dwg Activate

dwg Close

dwg Plot

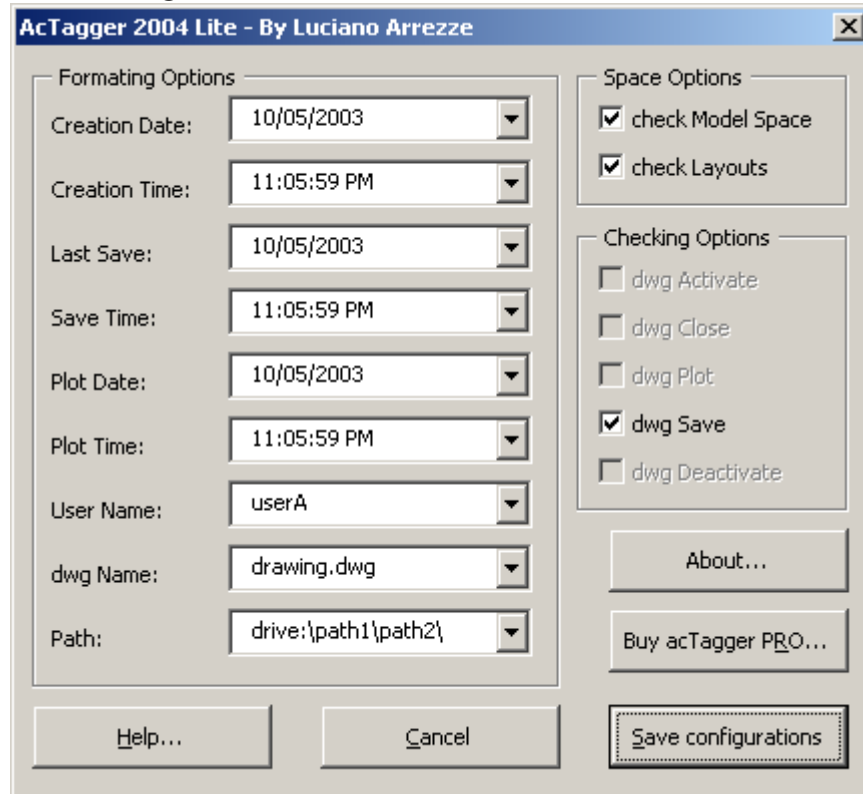
dwg Save

dwg Deactivate

About...

Help... Cancel Save configurations

acTagger 2004 Lite©:



- At the *Formating Options* frame you can choose the way the tags will be updated or even which will be disabled.
- At the *Space Options* frame you can turn on or off the tags update at model space and layouts. Please notice that if you have turned on the tags update at layouts (check layouts), only the active layout (if there is an active layout) will be updated. This is to avoid loss of time when acTagger© makes the tag search through all the drawing.
- At the *Checking Options* frame you can configurate which events will trigger the acTagger© tag update routine. Should you turn off all of them, acTagger© will not update any special tag you may have in your drawing. Please notice that at acTagger 2004 Lite© the only available option will be *dwg Save*. In this case, should you want to, for instance, plot a drawing with updated tags, you must first save the drawing in order to update the tags, and then plot it.

To store your personal configurations, press the button *Save configurations* in order to acTagger 2004© work properly. By pressing the button *Cancel* you will discard all the changes you may have made in the acTagger 2004© configurations. The button *Help...* will lead you to this manual, and the button *Buy acTagger PRO* will lead the user to our website.

A sample drawing with all the special tags is provided with acTagger 2004©, and you can access it through:

- Windows Start Menu -> acTagger -> acTaggerSampleDrawing.dwg

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