QUALISYS TRACK MANAGER
(QTM)
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**FEATURES**

- 2D/3D/6DOF data tracking
- Real-time streaming
- 4ms latency
- Automatic Identification of Markers (AIM)
- Marker masking
- Passive and active marker support
- Video overlay
- Runs with portable or desktop with Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 10
- Facility licensed - no dongles

**Motion Capture software for tracking movements**

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**Tracking**

**CALIBRATION**
For any measurement, the system needs to be calibrated. QTM uses a dynamic calibration method. A wand is simply moved around in the volume while a stationary reference object in the volume defines the coordinate system for the capture. All settings for the calibration are controlled by QTM and the result of the calibration is visualized in a quick and intuitive way often executing in under one minute depending on the volume.

The refine calibration tool is used to recalibrate in setups where it is hard to place the L-frame. A refined calibration is done with only a wand and uses the same settings as a standard calibration with added results.

**VOLUME VISUALIZATION**
QTM gives you the tools to visualize your volume in 3D once the calibration is complete. View your calibrated volume and/or show the camera view cones to help you plan your capture volume. QTM also lets you visualize camera rays after a measurement is captured, highlighting a single trajectory to count the number of cameras it is seen by.

**ACCURATE 2D / 3D / 6DOF TRACKING**
QTM’s advanced 3D / 6DOF tracker computes 3D and 6DOF data from 2D marker data with minimal latency. Tracking can be done in real-time or in post-processing. In real-time, marker data is displayed on screen allowing instant confirmation of accurate data acquisition. The cameras have an architecture adapted for low latency which, together with the frame rate-independent latency of the QTM processing pipeline, provides an exceptionally low latency.

**6 DEGREE OF FREEDOM - 6DOF**
The 6DOF tracking function provides 6 Degree of Freedom (pitch, roll, yaw, x, y, z) data from user defined rigid bodies. The 6DOF data will give information about the position and rotation of a moving body. QTM can save 6DOF data and send 6DOF data over TCP/UDP in real-time.

**REAL-TIME SDK**
QTM has a built-in real-time server which can be used to stream motion data (2D, 3D and 6DOF) over TCP or UDP for integration with other applications. This is useful for closed control loops, real-time visualizations or real-time biomechanical feedback. A wide range of applications are integrated with QTM using the real-time server. For a full list of integrated applications, visit [www.qualisys.com/software/](http://www.qualisys.com/software/).
Editing

AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION OF MARKERS - AIM
A useful feature of the QTM software is the option to use a pre-defined Automatic Identification of Markers (AIM) model to label your markers automatically. The AIM feature allows our customers to spend less time identifying trajectories and more time performing captures or analyzing data.

The AIM model is created from an identified file and can then be applied to any measurement that captures similar motions. All markers that fulfill the rules and constraints of the AIM model will be identified. As you use the AIM model, it becomes more and more familiar with the marker set in place and the process of manually identifying and processing trajectories will no longer be necessary.

The QTM software indicates how many markers were identified in each frame of the capture, which means no more searching for missing markers. AIM works in real-time with any marker or marker set and is not limited to humanoids.

EASY TRAJECTORY EDITING
With a built in Trajectory Editor tool, identifying, editing, and processing trajectories has never been easier. The Trajectory Editor can open as a separate window to make your workspace easier to manage as you use the tool to locate and fill any gaps or detect and smooth artifacts.

GAP-FILL BASED ON TRAJECTORIES
While the AIM model significantly minimizes incomplete identification that may cause gaps in the measurement, in some cases, markers may be completely covered and impossible to be tracked. With the gap-fill feature, you can identify, select, and fill gaps using a graphical representation of the captured and missing data.

Gaps can be interpolated as a linear connection of the trajectory edges, a cubic polynomial interpolation between the edges, or they can be filled based on the movement of the surrounding markers which QTM categorizes as Relational.

VIRTUAL MARKERS
In addition to the interpolated gap-fill features, QTM allows you to virtually fill the data in the selected range. By choosing the Static fill option, you specify the fixed X, Y, and Z values of the trajectory. Alternatively, you can create a virtual marker by specifying 1-3 context markers used to define a new one.

SMOOTHING AND SPIKE DETECTION
QTM's Trajectory Editor allows you to detect spikes, or artifacts, in your measurement, and smooth them as you find fit. Artifacts are detected based on the acceleration threshold, which can also be adjusted in QTM. Artifacts are plotted in the Trajectory Editor window to aid in the selection and analysis of artifacts. Smooth the artifact in a selected frame range by means of an unweighted moving average or through a low-pass filter.
**Processing**

**BATCH CAPTURE AND PROCESSING**
Speed up the time from data acquisition to analysis by capturing and processing a set of measurements in an automated way within QTM. The measurement files are then automatically processed and saved.

**PROJECT AUTOMATION FRAMEWORK**
Project Automation Framework, or PAF, is a framework used to create QTM projects with extended functionality, also known as analysis modules. Project Automation Framework allows you to create your own analysis pipeline and run it directly from Qualisys Track Manager. The end user will never have to see the analysis code and can treat it as a black box.

**A/D Signal Acquisition**
QTM has integrated support for 64-channel & 16-channel A/D-interfaces. Through the A/D-interface, basically any type of signal can be acquired synchronously with motion data.

**Control QTM via HTTP**
QTM comes with a built-in web server that exposes a (RESTful) HTTP API making it possible to run commands as well as read, create, modify & deleting PAF resources via client applications.

**Export**
Export 3D data to C3D format for analysis in C3D compatible software, export 3D/6DOF/force/analog data to MATLAB and LabVIEW or to tab separated value files.

**STAY UP TO DATE**
Major updates are released about 2 times annually. If you are within support warranty, access the QTM updates by visiting your Qualisys dashboard at [https://www.qualisys.com/my/](https://www.qualisys.com/my/)

If you are no longer within warranty or if you have any other questions regarding QTM, contact your regional sales manager or support representative to renew your support license and for additional information.
Integrations

**Hardware**

External hardware
Analog and digital data from devices such as EMG, force plate, and eye tracking devices can be recorded and collected along with mocap data. View and plot data in different window layouts as a captured file or in real-time.

Video devices
Video cameras can be connected to present a synchronized video with the 3D capture. QTM can capture video from DV cameras, webcams and via HDMI input using Video 210c or Miquis Video. 3D data can overlay the 2D video image.

Open Sound Control (OSC)
The stream of identified 3D data, 6DOF data and/or analog data can be packaged in OSC messages for transport over UDP/IP to an OSC-aware software such as Max/MSP/Jitter.

Passive & active markers
QTM can use both passive and active markers with the same camera system. The short range active marker is a lightweight active marker, which can be used in situations when it is hard to use the passive markers.

External timebase
The system can be synchronized to a periodic TTL signal. It is also possible to use a time code signal as an external timebase source. SMPTE and IRIG standards are supported.

**Software**

LABVIEW

UNREAL

MOTIONBUILDER

UNITY

VRPN

MATLAB

Precision Time Protocol (PTP)
PTP is the most powerful and accurate way to synchronize devices connected to an Ethernet network. Use an external clock master that utilizes GPS satellite signals to get the most accurate time.
Project Automation Framework

The Project Automation Framework (PAF) for Qualisys Track Manager (QTM) is a customizable infrastructure that lets you automate repetitive tasks in your workflow, effectively streamlining the motion capture process for any particular application.

Clicking the Start Processing button triggers data export from QTM and report generation, often using processing software such as Visual3D. This makes PAF the perfect tool where data must be collected according to a specific protocol, for example in a research study.

Pre-defined modules exist for a number of applications, including gait, running, golf and baseball. Alternatively, the PAF built into QTM allows you to create your own analysis module. Use Visual3D, Matlab, Python, Excel or any other application to do the biomechanical calculations. Example modules are available for free download at https://github.com/qualisys/paf-resources.

FEATURES
• Unified project workflow
• Automated report generation
• Ability to create custom modules
• Metadata management
• Full QTM integration
• Not limited to single marker set

AVAILABLE MODULES
• CAST, IOR and Conventional Gait Model
• Golf swing & putting
• Running
• Cycling
• Equine
• Baseball
• Open - develop your own analysis module.
MANAGEMENT OF METADATA
PAF comes with powerful tools for managing metadata, which can easily be entered and changed directly in QTM. The data is stored in a simple, transparent file hierarchy, making it easy and hassle-free to move the data across disks and computers.

MARKER SET FREEDOM
The Project Automation Framework itself is not limited to any specific marker set – you can adapt it to any marker set you want. However, each pre-defined PAF module is programmed to work with a number of common marker sets. For example, the Gait package works with CAST, IOR and Conventional Gait Model.

WORD REPORT TEMPLATES
Most of the PAF modules come with a finished template for creating reports in Microsoft Word. The template is like any other Word document except that it has special fields – fields that get populated with plots and data when run through PAF.

WEB REPORT
Selected modules come with a customizable, interactive web report where you can add your own comments or training advice. The results are presented in an attractive design and user-friendly layout.

Penn State’s Golf Teaching and Research Center, GTRC (US) uses the Qualisys PAF Golf module for research & education.

Clinical Gait Analysis & Research Facility at Salford University (UK) uses Qualisys PAF Gait module and the CAST marker set.

Texas Health Ben Hogan Sports Medicine - Baseball (US) uses Qualisys PAF Baseball module.