

PTFB Pro V3.4.0.0 By Technology Lighthouse

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Changes in this release

- New Macro item: Program Monitor (ProgMon). This item keeps watch for a particular program and can either launch it automatically if it isn't running OR kill it if it isn't running. To create a ProgMon item, click the right hand side of the Macro button and choose New ProgMon Macro from the resulting menu. Note: Not available when running on Win9x.

Platforms

Windows Vista

Windows XP

Windows Server 2003

Windows 2000

NT4 SP6 (with IE5 or better)

Windows ME

Windows 98 (with IE5 or better)

Introduction

Thank you for downloading PTFB Pro. We hope that it will save you time, irritation and finger-wear! Please take a moment to read through the following notes. If you're new to PTFB, please read through the Getting Started section of the Help. This will quickly introduce you to PTFB Pro's features. If at any point you get stuck, the Troubleshooting guide should help you out.

What's New In Version 3?

Version 3 of PTFB Pro includes many new features and enhancements - here are the main changes from version 2:

- Separate initial and repeat delays for both single presses and macros (sequences)
- Ability to edit macros and insert custom commands (e.g. run command line, run other macro)
- Window-less macros (operate on entire screen)
- Greater speed range for macro playback (1/4 speed through to maximum possible)
- New triggering options:
 - when target window appears (as before, but now with ability to confine actions to certain days/hours)
 - repeating day/time schedule (like Windows scheduler)
 - your own choice of hotkey
 - command line (an external program can tell PTFB to run a macro on demand)
- Option to conceal macro contents from prying eyes
- New items take a snapshot of the original target window as a memory-jogger
- Ability to operate on minimized windows
- Ability to handle multiple on-screen instances of the same target window

Important Notes For Version 2.x Users

1) Upgrading

Please just install version 3 "over the top" of your existing installation without uninstalling first. This will preserve your existing target definitions, allowing PTFB Pro 3 to import them automatically. Your existing version 2 data file will be left untouched - if for any reason you wish to revert to PTFB version 2, just re-install the older version.

2) For licensed 2.x users - how to obtain a version 3 license

Licensed users of version 2 will notice that their registration name and key do not work with this new version. To obtain a version 3 license please visit the following web page:

<http://www.ptfbpro.com/upgrade.shtml>.

Release History

- 3.3.6.0 - Fix: Forced Delay macro item was broken under W2k/XP in a previous release, it's now fixed

- 3.3.5.0 - Fix: stopped infinite loop if time is deleted on trigger page.
Added new /NOICON command line option to cause PTFB Pro to run without its system tray icon.
Changed method of launching PTFB Pro after installation on Vista

- 3.3.4.0 - Initial and repeat delays can now be set to tenths of a second.
On systems running Vista or 2003 Server SP2 with DEP enabled for all processes, the installer now adds a DEP exception for PTFB automatically. In most cases this will be enough to avoid any incompatibilities with DEP.

- 3.3.3.0 - New command line option: /RELOAD causes reload of all targets from data file.
Improvements to installer for Vista.

- 3.3.2.0 - Changes to single press and macro playback to correct occasional problems occurring when switching between targets.
Improved Vista-style macro playback. All "real" mouse and key actions are blocked during playback, except for playback abort keys CTRL+ESC and Pause/Break.

- 3.3.1.0 - Fixes for incompatibility problems with some Computer Associates products. PestPatrol and AOL Safety & Security Center may still be affected. Please check the forums for details and workarounds.
Added option to restore previous active window after a single-press or macro has completed. This option is labelled "Restore Active Window" and is located on the General page of each macro/press item's property screen.

- 3.3.0.0 - Windows Vista support (based on RC2).
PTFB Pro can now dismiss irritating tray icon "balloon" tooltips on XP and Vista using Single Press - see the Help for details.
Run macro hotkey can now operate even when PTFB Pro is in "Watch" mode
More hotkeys available for PTFB Pro's main functions
Configure... screen now has a HotKey page for viewing and changing both application and macro hotkeys.
Can now specify actions to take immediately after creating a new item, e.g. Edit, Start Watching
Various tweaks and bug fixes

- 3.2.0.0 - Repeat option has been extended to cover all triggers. Can repeat indefinitely, for a limited time or for a specific number of times.
Added ability to place comment lines within the macro.
Macro editor now supports right-click and has additional functions.

- 3.1.2.0 - Added new "Switch To Program" macro action (Misc section on Edit page)
During a Windows restart/shutdown, PTFB Pro now delays its exit as long as possible. In many cases this will enable it to deal with popup messages that occur at this time.
- 3.1.1.0 - Provisional support for Windows Vista
Extended maximum initial and repeat delays to 8 hrs.
Clicking enable/disable checkbox on a selected item now toggles all selected items
Disabling an item or disabling PTFB while it is in the system tray temporarily releases any associated item hotkeys. This is handy if you've defined a hotkey that clashes with a menu shortcut in another program.
Command line now limited to two item IDs (space separated)
Corrected drag/drop ordering issue with items on 2nd tab and upwards
Minor bug fixes
- 3.1.0.0 - Added ability to enter a comment for each target. The comment is shown in the tooltips for each item on the main window.
Can now select multiple items in the list for easier ordering, enabling/disabling and deletion
management
Tabs - added ability to organize macros and targets into tabbed groups for easier
management
Various cosmetic tweaks
Minor bug fixes
- 3.0.1.0 - Added "Force CapsLock" macro item to ensure correct capitalization
Added option to hide PTFB Pro window while choosing target - see Config screen
Various cosmetic and usability tweaks
- 3.0.0.0 - First public release of PTFB Pro series 3.