

Train Simulator Manager

Quickstart Guide

Requirements

To use the Train Simulator Manager, hereafter referred to as TS Manager, the following prerequisites must be met:

- a legal installation of the Train Simulator
- Microsoft Windows operating system (tested on Windows 7 and Windows 10)

Usage

With the help of the TS Manager you can manage the content of the Train Simulator. The following advantages arise:

- Starting the Train Simulator is significantly shortened
- Program crashes caused by too much concurrently installed content are avoided
- the routes and scenarios lists are kept short and clear
- while creating your own train sets, the loading time of the rolling stock is shortened considerably or crashes are prevented and the subsequent list for the rolling stock is short and clear
- all providers and products lists in the editor are limited to the desired and required material, which makes the selection considerably easier
- the integrated database functions allow all content to be conveniently managed and linked to personal data/notes, which offers many additional options for managing the TS add-ons
- delete the Blueprint cache files without having to start the TS twice

Important notes

There are a few things you should be aware of when using the TS Manager:

- The TS Manager requires full read and write access. Therefore, it is best to start it as administrator if user account control is enabled.
- Deactivation of successfully completed scenarios will reset them the next time you start the Train Simulator.
- The TS Manager creates a "screenshot" of the TS content during the startup process in order to manage it effectively. Changes to the Assets or Content folder while the TS Manager is active may result in errors.
- Never use multiple instances of TS Manager at the same time.
- If you want to make changes to installed content, all addons involved must be activated beforehand. Alternatively, the "Maintenance Mode" can be used.

Installation

Unpack the archive with the TS Manager in a directory of your choice. It is strongly recommended to leave the tool with all files in the existing separate subfolder!

Then create a shortcut from the TS Manager on the desktop and drag the Railworks.exe (not a shortcut!) to this TS Manager-shortcut. The tool launches and automatically detects the Train Simulator directory.

Alternatively, you can drag the Railworks.exe directly to the TS-Manager.exe.

To create a shortcut from the TS Manager, open the directory of the TS Manager in a file explorer, drag the TS-Manager.exe onto a free area on the desktop with the right mouse button held down and select "create shortcut" from the context menu.

In the future, start the TS Manager via the created desktop shortcut or directly by double-clicking the TS-Manager.exe.

After starting the tool, you can adjust the TS Manager to your needs in the **"Settings"** menu. Probably the most important adaptation is the choice of Asset Manager mode. With the "simple mode" only the individual providers are handled together with all associated products, but with the "extended mode" each product can be managed individually.

Please note that after the first change from "simple mode" to "extended mode" the TS Manager must be restarted!

Manage TS Content

The TS Manager provides many ways to manage TS content. The simplest way should be briefly explained here. Basically, you should first activate the desired routes and scenarios. This can easily be done with the help of the "Routes Manager" or "Scenarios Manager". For a detailed description of these two modules please read the user manual.

Once all the desired routes and scenarios have been activated or all routes and scenarios that are not currently required have been deactivated, the "Assets Manager" can be used to sort the required assets. This can be done with menu item 4 ***"check all active Routes and Scenarios"***. All providers and products from the blueprint files are evaluated and provider and product lists are created with which the desired assets can then be activated via menu item 3 ***"activate all needed Providers/Products for selected Routes and Scenarios"***.

If a new route and/or scenario has been installed, the required assets can be activated fastest with the following method:

- select the new route or scenario when starting the TS Manager by dragging the corresponding *RouteProperties.xml* or *ScenarioProperties.xml* with the mouse onto the TS-Manager.exe or the TS Manager Desktop shortcut
- when the TS Manager is started, all required assets for the route and/or the scenario are then compiled in providers and products lists
- if you want to check the required assets for other scenarios, this is possible with the Scenarios Manager; the selected route should already be preselected in the "Scenario Manager"
- then the required assets can be activated with the menu item 3 ***"activate all needed Providers/Products for selected Routes and Scenarios"*** in addition to the already activated assets
- if you want to replace a player locomotive with another, additional assets can be activated manually

For detailed information about the "Assets Manager" and the other modules, please refer to the user manual.

Support

The developer only offers limited support for the TS Manager.

Program errors, suggestions for improvement, constructive criticism or other questions regarding the tool that are not answered by the documentation can be communicated via the following e-mail address:

ts-manager@web.de

The goal is to continuously develop the tool and, if necessary, to add new functions. If you would like to support this project, you can make a donation via the following link or QR code.

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