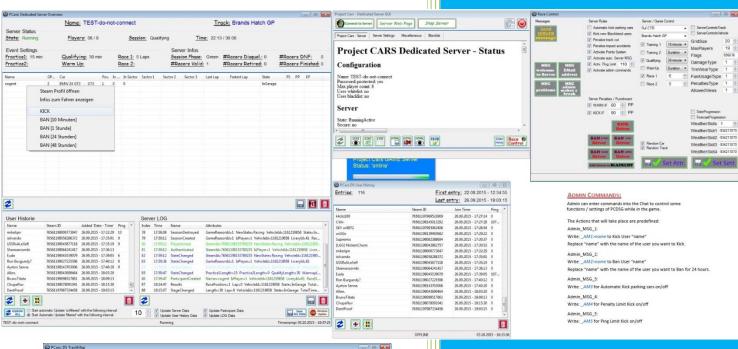
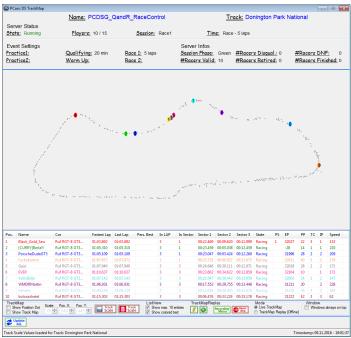
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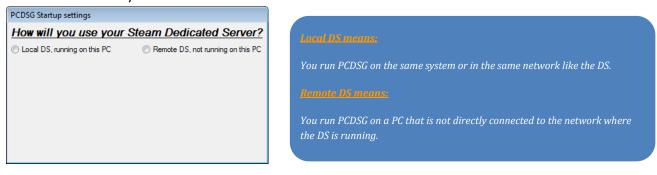
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## 0 - FIRST START - PCDSG STARTUP GUIDE:

1. Choose the method you use for the Steam Dedicated Server APP.



- 2. Follow the next steps for "local" or "remote" mode. DS Public IP and API Port is needed for "remote" mode.
- 3. Complete StartUp settings by using the Button that appears after all steps are done.



4. Use PCDSG, it restarts automatically after StartUp settings are done.

This StartUp dialog pop up when starting PCDSG for the first time.

To show it again activate the Checkbox 'Start "local / remote mode" guide next start' in PCDSG settings and restart PCDSG. It will show the **PCDSG STARTUP GUIDE** again on the next start.

## **Remote Mode:**

Everything that works in "local mode" should also work in "remote mode".

Exception is all what needs to be written to the server.cfg, Blacklist.cfg or Whitelist.cfg File.

These Files will be written and changed but you need to upload it manually to your remote DS Server or use the FTP Upload.

Remote Mode uses the Public IP to access DS HTTP API. It's not completely tested and I don't have the possibilities (access to a remote DS) to test or for developing.

## **Troubleshooting**

- 1. Use it on the same System/Network where the Pcars DS is running for best results
- 2. Be sure the settings in your server.cfg let PCDSG connect to the DS HTTP API.
- 3. PCDSG GUI can be closed at any time, the File "StartPCarsDS.exe" continues running in the background.
- 4. If DS is already running then you can also start the File "StartPCarsDS.exe" in system folder manually without the main GUI.
- 5. You can restart or close "StartPCarsDS "Window by using the Butons if it hangs
- 6. On startup PCDSG detects your local or public IP depending on settings, writes it to the server.cfg File for whitelist and access to the DS API.

HTTP API access settings in your server.cfg File are important, PCDSG needs access to the API to work correctly.

If it does not connect to the DS search and edit the following lines in the server.cfg. Settings for IP detection can be set in PCDSG settings GUI.

#### This needs to be done manually by yourself:

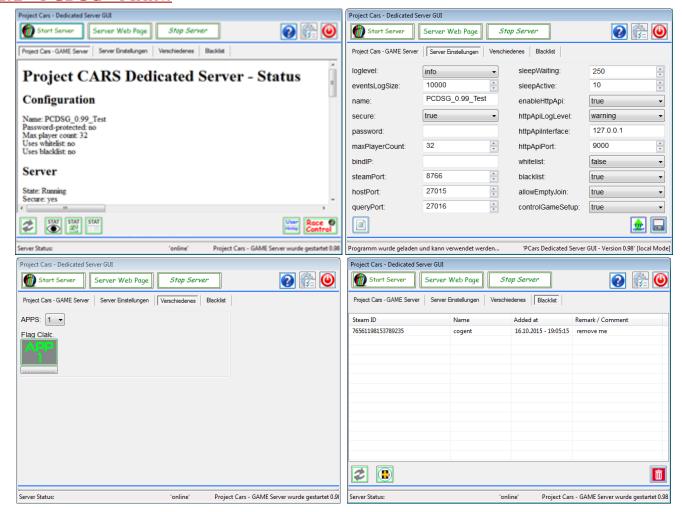
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// Http API access level overrides.
// Each HTTP API endpoint defines its default access level, usually one of "public", "private" or "admin".
// This map can override these levels to anything else. The keys are wildcard endpoint paths, and the values are the
// access levels to use. The first path that matches will be used, processing them in the order as written here.
// The wildcard patterns are case-sensitive and can contain:
// - '*': matches 0 or more characters
// - '%': matches 0 or more characters except for forward slash
// - '?': matches 1 character
httpApiAccessLevels : {
// The default is empty, using defaults as defined by the endpoints themselves.
// But you could for example use this to change all access levels to public (not recommended!)
"*" : "public"
// Or this to hide the status from public
// "" : "private"
// "status" : "public"
// And similar to hide the help and lists from public
// "api/help" : "public"
// "api/list*" : "public"
// As you can see from the example above, the paths should be written with no initial or trailing slashes.
}
```

# This is done by PCDSG GUI (if you use it). If you don't use the GUI it needs to be done manually by yourself:

On startup it detects your local or public IP depending on settings, writes it to the server.cfg File for whitelist and access to the DS API.

## 1 - PCDSG - WINDOWS & FUNCTIONS:

## 1.1 - PCDSG - MAIN:



## TAB 1 - Project Cars - Game Server:



### 1. Start or Connect to DS Server

Different action depending which mode (local or remote DS) is activated.

## 2. Opens Web Page

Opens PCDSGwiki WebPage with standard Internet Explorer.

Web Page Address that is used can be set in config.ini, section [Einstellungen], key "WebPage="

### 3. Close / Stop DS Connection

This Button should be used to stop the DS Server or close the connection. This will avoid errors and issues on next start. Use it also if a message pop ups saying that the server is already running.

## 4. Info – Opens PCDSG Guide

Opens "PCDSG Guide.pdf" (or online PDF if the File is missing) in PCDSG folder with some explanations.

## 5. Settings – Opens PCDSG Settings Window

Opens Program settings Window where different options can be changed.

## 6. Exit PCDSG – Closes / Stops DS Connection and closes all PCDSG Windows

Use this Button every time you want to exit PCDSG. This will avoid errors and issues on next start.



- 7. Updates DS Server Status Page inside PCDSG Window
- 8. Opens DS Server Status Page with Standard Internet Explorer
- 9. Saves DS Server Status Page as XLS File and open it in MS Excel
- 10. Opens PCarsDSOverView Window
- 11. Opens User History Window
- 12. Opens Race Control Window

## **TAB 2 - Server Settings:**



- 1. Opens server.cfg from dedicated server path with text editor
- 2. Uploads server.cfg file from dedicated server path to FTP CFG folder
- 3. Saves settings to server.cfg File in dedicated server folder

## TAB 3 - Miscellaneous:

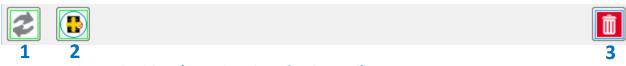


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1. APP 1 – Select up to 5 APPS, choose path to start APP with APP1 Button

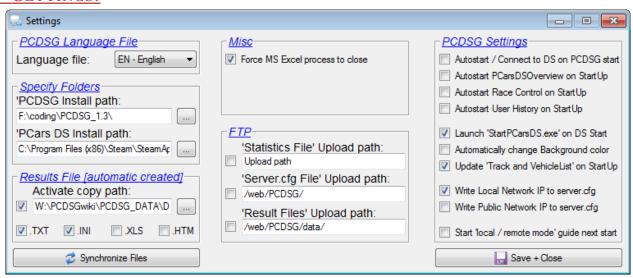
Buttons are hidden on first start, select number of Apps after first start to see the first Button.

## TAB 4 - Blacklist or Whitelist:



- 1. Update Blacklist (or Whitelist if selected)
- 2. Add user to the Blacklist (or Whitelist if selected)
- 3. Delete selected user from the Blacklist (or Whitelist if selected)

## 1.2 - SETTINGS:



## PCDSG Language File:

• Change the language file, German, English and French are available.

## Specify Folders:

- PCDSG Install path is the path where PCDSG is installed and in use.
- PCars DS Install path is the path where you have installed your Project Cars Dedicated Server.

## Results File [automatic created]:

- Activate copy path Checkbox enables the creation of a copy of all Results and Statistic Files. Write or choose the
  path where these copies will be created, for example a folder on Web Server or something like that. It's the path
  where PCDSG copies all important Files generated by PCDSG with Info's about the DS, running Session, users,
  Points and so on. These Files can be used to Display the various Information's on a web pageor to share it.

  <u>Example Web Page with PCDSG DS Server Infos</u> (Using <u>AutoIndex PHP Script</u>)
- Choose the File Extension for the Result File. Results are saved at the end of each session/event in "...\PCDSG\data\Results\" folder (default) and if selected in the 'copy' folder.

#### Misc:

Force MS Excel process to close. Use this to avoid problems with .xls or .htm Results creation function.

### FTP: (currently not working correctly in 1.3, needs to be updated)

- Statistics Files Upload path is the FTP folder for the various Statistics Files saved by PCDSG
- Server.cfg File Upload path is the FTP folder for the DS Server.cfg File
- Results File Upload path is the FTP folder the Results Files created by PCDSG

### **PCDSG Settings:**

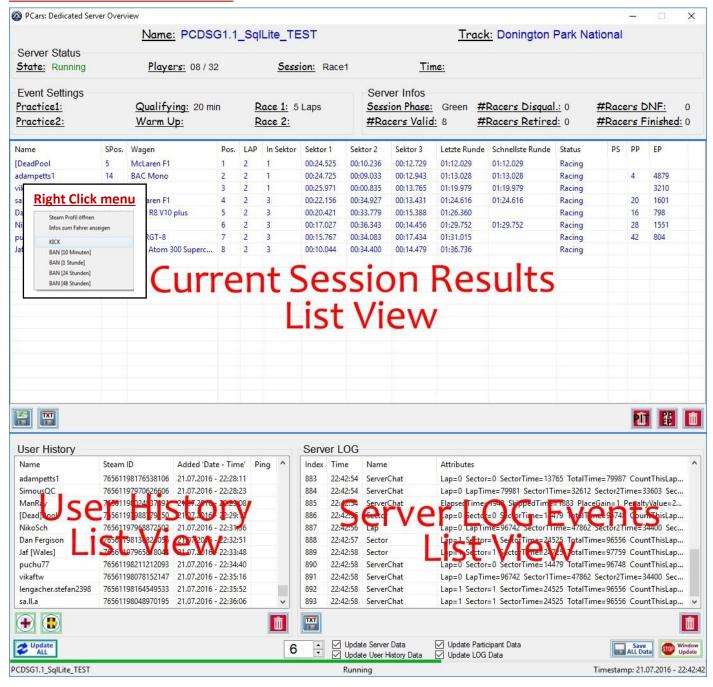
- Various Autostart settings
- Write Local IP to server.cfg can be enabled or disabled, PCDSG needs access to the DS HTTP API.
- Write Public IP to server.cfg can be enabled or disabled, PCDSG needs access to the DS HTTP API.
- Start Local/Remote Mode guide on next start can be activated, if this is/was selected then PCDSG shows the StartUp Guide on next start. This can be useful if you want to switch from local mode to romote mode and to have access to a DS Server that is not running in the same network using his Public IP.

#### **Buttons:**

Use Synchronize Files to copy all Results from "...\PCDSG\data\Results\" folder to the 'copy' folder.

Use Save + Close to save all settings. (Most settings like Checkboxes are saved on use and don't need the Button)

## 1.3 - PCARSDSOVERVIEW:



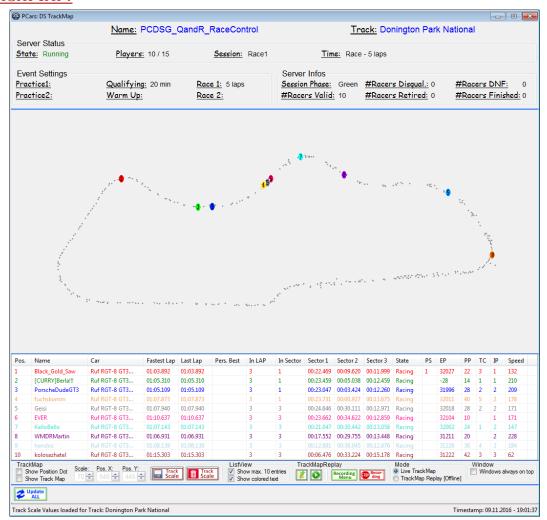
### PCARSDSOVERVIEW GUI WINDOW:

This GUI Window shows various Information's generated or saved from PCDSG. It is divided in three sections with List Views displaying the data.

The "Current Session Results List View" includes an mouse right click menu with Info's, Kick and Ban options for the player that was selected in the List View.

Every List View has some Buttons with functions or options, description for them will show up/pop up if the Button is highlighted with the mouse pointer.

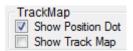
## 1.4 - TRACKMAP:

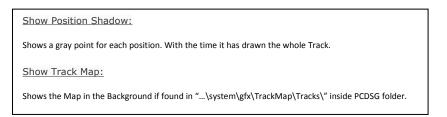


## PCARS: DS TRACKMAP:

This Window shows the Track and the current position of the drivers in position 1 to 10. On Start it checks automatically the current Track and tries to load the Scale settings for the Track from "...\system\TrackMap\TrackMap.ini" in PCDSG folder. If there are no values then it loads the last values and if they don't match they can be changed using the Up/Down Buttons for scale, X and Y position.

## Settings:







Scale: Set the Scale/Zoom of the Track and positions from 1 (small) to 99 (big)

Pos. X: Set the position of the Track (X axis) from 1 (left) to 999 (right)

Pos. Y: Set the position of the Track (Y axis) from 1 (up) to 999 (down)

Save Track Scale: Saves current settings to "...\system\TrackMap\TrackMap\TrackMap.ini"

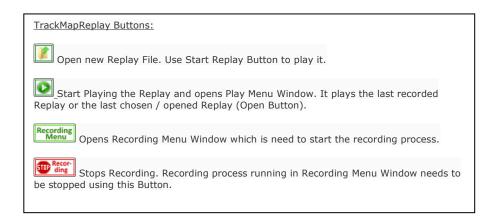
Delete Track Scale: Deletes current settings in "...\system\TrackMap\TrackMap.ini"



Show max. 10 entries: Limits the number of drivers showed in the List View

Show colored Text: Add colors to the List View for each driver

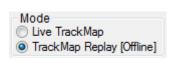








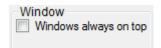
The Window shows some Information's about current running DS Session, provides some Status Information's about the recording or Play process and include some options for recording or playback.





<u>Live TrackMap:</u> If activated then the Track Map Window will use "Live" Data from the current running DS Session.

<u>TrackMap Replay [Offline]:</u> If activated then the Track Map Window will only use Replay Data from saved Results Files.



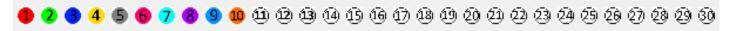
#### Windows always on top:

If activated then the Track Map Window will always be on the Top of all Windows.

## **Visualization:**

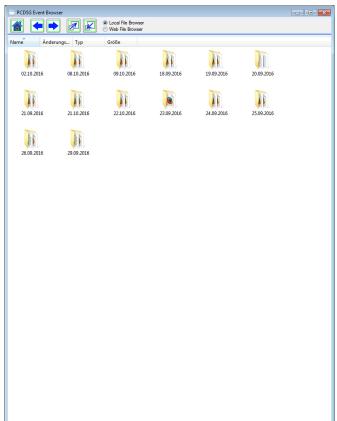
In Live TrackMap Mode the Numbers represent the current Race Position of the Driver.

In TrackMap Replay [Offline]: Mode the Numbers represent the Members ID of the Driver.



## 1.5 - PCDSG EVENT BROWSER:

## **Local Browser**



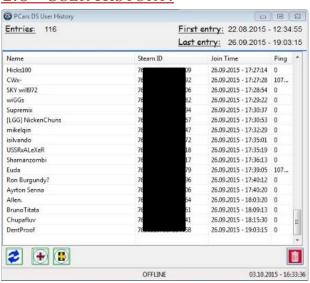
#### Web Browser



The Event Browser can be used to show and browse all Results saved in "...\data\Results\" folder inside PCDSG folder. This folder is the default folder where all Results are saved if it is activated in settings menu. It uses two modes to show the data. First one is "Local File Browser" (left picture), this one is default and can be used by everyone. The second is "Web File Browser" (right picture), this can only be used together with "AutoIndex PHP Script". AutoIndex PHP Script is easy to setup and can be used to show the data for all on a web Server. / Homepage.

**Example:** PCDSG DATA using AutoIndex PHP Script

## 1.6 - USER HISTORY:



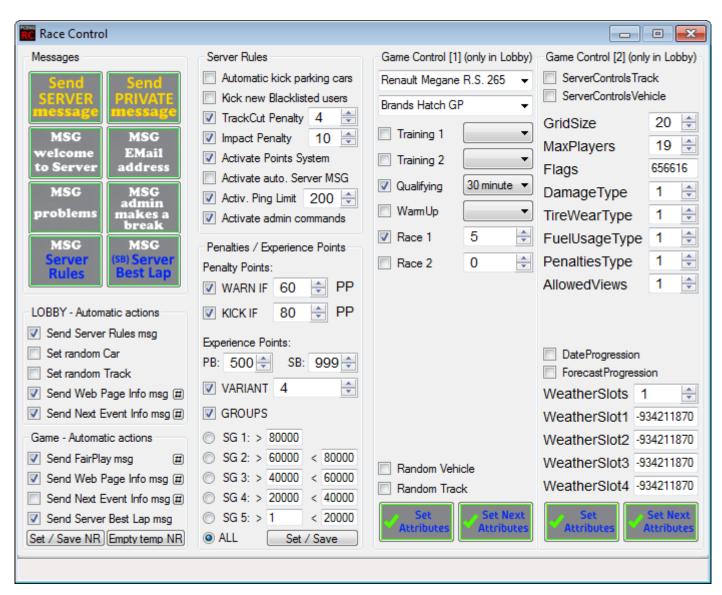
This Window shows all the users that joined to your server.

It is possible to add users from this list to the Blacklist or Whitelist.

## 1.7 - RACE CONTROL:

Race Control does not save the Server / Game Control settings to the server.cfg File.

It only sends Attributes using HTTP API DS access and only in the lobby.



RaceControl Window offers different options, settings and functions for PCars DS Server. Like other PCDSG functions it uses the PCars DS HTTP API to get or to send the needed data. Be sure you have access to the DS HTTP API, Test it before using PCDSG if you are not sure.

It is possible to send different Game Chat Messages by using the Buttons. PCDSG also send some automatic or predefined messages. Most automatic messages can be enabled or disabled by using the Checkbox Activate auto. Server MSG in Server Rules section. Predefined messages can be also enable or disabled using the Checkboxes in LOBBY - Automatic actions and Game - Automatic actions section.

Settings in Game Control [1] (only in Lobby) and Game Control [2] (only in Lobby) are only working in the Lobby.

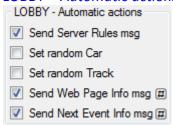
## Messages:



Send Server message: Pop up appears to choose or enter message using "Send Server Message" Button. The others: Send predefined messages. They can be changed in config.ini File.

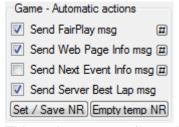
Message\_1=Test Message 1
Message\_2=Test Message 2
Message\_3=Test Message 3
Message\_4=Test Message 4
Message\_5=Test Message 5
Message\_6=Test Message 6
Message\_7=Test Message 7
Message\_8=Test Message 8
Message\_9=Test Message 9
Message\_9=Test Message 10
Message\_10=Test Message 10
Message\_Wellcome=Wellcome to PCDSG Server
Message\_Email=PCDSG@web.de
Message\_Problems=Have some problems
Message\_Admin=Admin makes a break

#### LOBBY – Automatic actions:



This actions are performed if PCDSG detects state Lobby. They will send a Server message after applied in PCars game Chat. They only work in the Lobby and are only executed in the Lobby. Use Button to customize the messages.

## Game- Automatic actions:



This actions are performed while PCDSG is running in PCars game Chat.

Use **Button** to customize the messages.

Use Set / Save NR Button to change the time – Intervals for the messages.

Use Empty temp NR Button

#### Server Rules:



Enable or disable the Checkboxes for the various settings and set the value you want to use.

## Penalties / Experience Points:

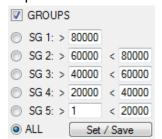
Enable or disable the Checkboxes for the various settings and set the value you want to use. Penalties are only given for impacts with other cars.



Activate Warning Points Limit and enter the number of Points for the Limit. Activate Kick Points Limit and enter the number of Points for the Limit.

Enter the number of Points PCDSG will give if someone drives a Personal Best Lap or a Server Best Lap. Use the Variant to set height of the points that are given.

PCDSG can use "Safety Groups" for all users depending on the Experience Points. Available Groups: SG1 – SG5, depending on the values. SG6 is used for new users without any Experience Points.



Limit Race entry by using SG Class Limit: Depending on the SG Class set as entry Limit PCDSG will Check SG Class of the user and remove the user from the starting grid before the race starts if his SG Class is lower than the Limit.

#### Game Control [1]:

controlGameSetup needs to be activated in "server.cfg". → controlGameSetup: true

Set the Attributes you want. Use the Buttons depending what you want to take over.

Car and Track selection can be set to random. Track will only be changed if the grid size matches / is not too high for the Track. There will be some Server messages showing the settings after they are applied.

Race Control uses the DS HTTP API and needs access to it. This function only works in the Lobby. Use LUA add-ons to change Server Attributes before or during joining.

#### Game Control [2]:

controlGameSetup needs to be activated in "server.cfg". → controlGameSetup : true

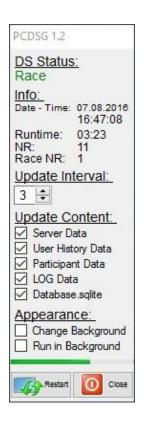
Set the Attributes you want. Use the Buttons depending what you want to take over.

There will be some Server messages showing the settings.

Race Control uses the DS HTTP API and needs access to it. This function only works in the Lobby. Use LUA add-ons to change Server Attributes before or during joining.

## 2 - PCDSG EVENT LAPPER (STARTPCARSDS.EXE):

This is the main function of the Program and there are two ways to run and use it. After selecting the Button 'Start Server' or 'Connect to Server' on the PCDSG main GUI the Program will start the File 'StartPCarsDS.exe' located in '...\PCDSG\system\' folder. This File starts the other Files and reads the data from DS using the Dedicated Server HTTP API. The Status of the DS Server, current state of the loop and some options can be found on the GUI Window together with the reset and close Button.



This window is permanently open while PCDSG is running and while it is grabbing the data using HTTP API from it. It shows also some Information's from the DS Server like the status, Date and Time, runtime, number of loops, number of races done and some settings.

It can be set to the Background using the Checkbox "Run in Background" in Appearance section. To bring the Window back to the foreground use the Button "Show Windows" in PCDSG main GUI.

### **Update Interval:**

It is also possible to influence the break between each loop the Event Lapper does using the 'Update Interval' UpDown Option. If you have to high CPU usage on a Session with a high number of participants then increase this value.

#### **Update Content:**

There are 5 different 'types' of Data that PCDSG reads from the DS Server. It is possible to enable or disable each of them using the Checkboxes. This will influence the time/duration of the loop but also the amount of available data PCDSG can use. For example: If you don't use the User History function and don't care about it then you can disable this function and it will reduce CPU usage and the time/duration of the loop.

### Appearance:

Changing Color of the Background on every loop can be activated. Run in Background option hides everything with the exception of GUI Windows to the Background. GUI Windows are minimized. To unhide them it is needed to open PCDSG main GUI Window again and use the Button to sow the hidden Windows.

## 3- FTP UPLOAD:

## (server.cfg, blacklist.cfg, whitelist.cfg):

You can use the FTP Upload function to Upload your .cfg Files to the remote DS. Use FTP Upload Button on Tab 2 to start it manually.



It will ask for the FTP Password. (Optionally you can save the password in config.txt)



FTP Password will not be saved so that it asks for it every time you use it.

FTP settings can be written into PCDSG config.ini in [FTP] section.

If you write your FTP password into the .ini File be sure the File is secure because you write it in "plain text".

[FTP]
FTP\_Username=
FTP\_Password=
FTP\_Server\_Name\_IP=
FTP\_Port=21
FTP\_Passive=1
FTP\_sqlite\_folder=/web/PCDSG/data/
FTP\_CFG\_folder=/web/PCDSG/

If it doesn't work then try using "FTP Passive=0"

## 4 - ADMIN COMMANDS (FOR PCARS GAME CHAT):

Admin can enter commands into the Game Chat to control some functions / settings of PCDSG while in the game.

Some commands can be used by all users and others can only be used by the current admin of the Game.

Commands that will be accepted by PCDSG can be set in config.ini File, section [Race\_Control].

## Example with explanations (config.ini):

Admin\_MSG\_1=>KU> (cannot be changed) → Kick User → write: ">KU>name" Admin MSG 2=>BU> (cannot be changed) → write: ">BU>name" → Ban User Admin\_MSG\_3=>RPC → Remove parking cars 0n/off → write: ">RPC" Admin MSG 4=>PPK → Penalty Points Kick 0n/off → write: ">PPK" → Ping Limit Kick On/off → write: ">PLK" Admin\_MSG\_5=>PLK Admin\_MSG\_6=>StartRR → Start TMR Replay recording → write: ">StartRR" Admin\_MSG\_7=>StopRR → Stop TMR Replay recording → write: ">StopRR"

Be sure "Activate admin command" is selected in Race Control Window

Activate admin commands

## **Default Commands:**

## These predefined actions / commands can be used by 'ALL' users: Server Best Lap Time: Write: >SB to show PCDSG Server Best Lap Time Personal Best Lap Time: Write: >PB to show PCDSG Personal Best Lap Time Safety Group [SG] Ranking: Write: >SG to show PCDSG Safety Group Ranking Experience Points [EP] Ranking: Write: >EP to show PCDSG Experience Points These predefined actions / commands can be used by 'ADMIN' users: Admin\_MSG\_1: Write: >KU>name to Kick User "name" Replace "name" with the name of the user you want to Kick. Admin MSG 2: Write: >BU>name to Ban User "name" Replace "name" with the name of the user you want to Ban for 24 hours. Admin\_MSG\_3: Write: >RPC for Automatic Kick parking cars on/off Admin\_MSG\_4: Write: >PPK for Penalty Point Limit Kick on/off Admin MSG 5: Write: >PLK for Ping Limit Kick on/off Admin\_MSG\_6: Write: >StartRR to Start the recording of the TrackMap Replay Admin MSG 7: Write: \_>StopRR to Stop the recording of the TrackMap Replay These predefined actions / commands for APPS from TAB3 can be used by 'ADMIN' users: Admin APP 1: Write: >A1 to Start APP 1 Admin APP 2: Write: >A2 to Start APP 2 Admin\_ APP \_3: Write: >A3 to Start APP 3 Admin\_ APP \_4: Write: >A4 to Start APP 4

Admin\_ APP \_5:

Write: >A5 to Start APP 5

## 5 - PCDSG ADD-ONS:

Add-ons can be copied to PCDSG\system\ folder.

For example "Web TrackMap Add-On". If this add-on is copied to the "...PCDSG\system\" folder it will create the TrackMap and make it available for homepage or for sharing.

## How to use Add-ons:

Up to five Add-ons can be used; they will be executed in the same interval as the other PCDSG Files if they are detected.

ADD-ON1.exe

ADD-ON2.exe

ADD-ON3.exe

ADD-ON4.exe

ADD-ON5.exe

To write an Add-on you can use any language. You can use all data that is in PCDSG\system\ folder available to add new functions. Compile it to an .exe File before you use it.

## **6 - PCDSG RESULTS FILE OUTPUT:**

If activated in settings menu (Results File Extension) PCDSG will created Results Files depending on the selection. These Files are created using Name of the Session and the current Time and saved in the folder with the date for the matching day. If that folder with the date of the day does not exist it will be created. Files and folders are created inside of PCDSG data folder 'PCDSG\data\'.

Using the '.HTM' selection it is also possible to create Files that can be viewed with Internet Explorer or integrated into the web pager.

Example HTM web page File output

### **PCDSGwiki page** (Browse to 'PCDSG – Results')

This example uses 'AutoIndex PHP Script'. It can be set easily and shows a list of all files for easy online access.

## 7 - MISCELLANEOUS:

## **PCDSGWIKI PAGE:**

You can find the Downloads, Updates, and more information on the PCDSGwiki page.

## **PCDSGwiki** page

## PCDSG PCARS FORUM THREAD:

Visit Pcars Forum for Discussions or further questions.

Project Cars Dedicated Server GUI Launcher, with "live timing" (results, timetable,)