## **Technical Note**



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# PI Update Finder

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#### General

The *PI Update Finder* is a program which helps you find updates for your PI software. It identifies the PI software installed on your computer and compares it with the software available on the PI server. This comparison is made via the Internet. If more up-to-date software is available on the PI server, the *PI Update Finder* will offer you a download link which directs you to the relevant software.

#### Note

The comparison of software versions does not involve the transmission of confidential customer data. Only the following data will be transmitted: software component and version, Internet browser, operating system and IP address.

## Copyright Information

Windows<sup>®</sup> and Windows Internet Explorer<sup>®</sup> are registered trademarks of the Microsoft Corporation in the United States and other countries. Mozilla Firefox<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of the Mozilla Foundation.

## System Requirements

Operating systems: Microsoft Windows XP/Vista/7

Browser: Windows Internet Explorer (from version 7) or Mozilla Firefox (from version 3)

Internet connection



## Starting the PI Update Finder

To start the *PI Update Finder*, you have the following options (if you have already installed the PI software, see number 3):

### 1. Download and start the PI Update Finder

- 1. Visit our website <a href="http://update.pi-portal.ws">http://update.pi-portal.ws</a>.
- 2. Click the *Download* button to download the *PI Update Finder*. A new windows opens.
- 3. Save and/or open the ZIP file and open the file PI\_UpdateFinder.exe contained therein.

#### 2. Start the PI Update Finder from the product CD

On your product CD, you can find the *PI Update Finder* program in the *PI\_UpdateFinder* directory. Open the file *PI\_UpdateFinder.exe*.

#### 3. Start the PI Update Finder using the Windows Start Menu

After installing the PI software, you can find the *PI Update Finder* in the Windows Start Menu. Choose *Start > All Programs > PI*.



## Starting Search

- 1. Start the PI Update Finder.
  - A table with information about the PI software installed on your computer is displayed (see Figure 1). If this table is empty or incomplete, follow the instructions in the <u>Custom Search for Updates</u> section (see p. 6).
- 2. Click the *Find Updates* button (see Figure 1).

  A browser window opens and a table with software information is displayed. If available, the software updates are displayed in the *Download Link* column using the *PI server* link (see the Downloading and Saving Updates section, Figure 3).



Figure 1: Table with software information and "Find Updates" button



## **Custom Search for Updates**

By default, the *PI Update Finder* only searches the standard installation directories for PI software. If one or several components of the PI software are not located there, you must specify the installation directories of these components. When you start the search, the *PI Update Finder* will use the directories specified to compare software versions and to search for updates.

#### 1. Specify the installation directories of the PI software

- 1. Start the PI Update Finder.
- 2. Click *specify the directories where your PI software components are installed*. A new window (see Figure 2) opens. There all the directories are listed which the *PI Update Finder* will browse when comparing software versions.
- 3. Click the button and select the directory on your hard disk where the PI software is installed.
  - The directory is displayed in the input field at the bottom left of the window. You can also manually enter directories there.
- 4. To add the directory to the list, proceed as follows:
  - Add directory without subdirectories:
    - Click the *Add* button.
    - The directory appears at the bottom of the list.
  - Add directory including all its subdirectories: Activate the *Include subdirectories* check box. Then click the *Add* button. The directory and its subdirectories appear at the bottom of the list.
- 5. If you want to remove a directory from the list, select it and click the *Remove Selected Directory from List* button.
- 6. When you have specified all installation directories, click *OK*. If PI software is found, it is displayed in the table on the initial screen of the *PI Update Finder* (see Figure 1).



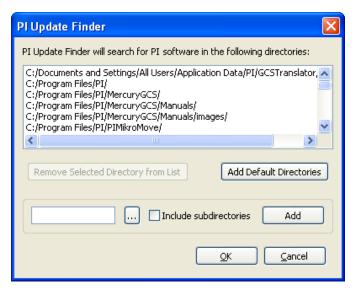


Figure 2: Specifying the installation directories of the PI software

#### Note

If you accidently removed one or several standard directories from the list, you can add them again to the list again using the *Add Default Directories* button.

#### 2. Start the user-defined search

Click the *Find Updates* button (see the <u>Starting Search</u> section, Figure 1).



## Downloading and Saving Updates

#### Note

To ensure that the software update is compatible with your hardware and firmware, read the relevant *Release note* or the *readme.txt* file before installing the update. Click the *Release note* link in the table (see Figure 3) or search the downloaded update file for more information.

- 1. To download an update, click *PI server* in the *Download Link* column (see Figure 3). A new window opens.
- 2. Save the update file to the hard disk of your computer.
- 3. Go back to the initial screen of the *PI Update Finder*. In the *Directory* column (see Figure 4), click the installation directory of the software for which you have downloaded the update file.
  - The relevant directory on your hard disk opens.
- 4. Move the downloaded update file to this directory so that it can be opened from there.
- 5. Open the update file and follow the instructions given.



Figure 3: Browser window with download links for updates





Figure 4: Installation directories of installed PI software