

VTC User Manual

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0.1 Introduction

The main purpose of the VTC software is to automatically count vehicle movements in video footage. This includes counting turns at intersections or simply counting passing vehicles on a straight road.

VTC accepts various video sources:

- .mp4
- .wmv
- .avi
- live webcam
- live IP camera

Target Users

Target users include anyone who performs traffic counts or desires to monitor the flow of traffic at a particular location. Applications include marketing surveys, real-time light control, evaluating intersections for light installation, etc.

0.2 System Requirements

VTC runs on a standard Windows PC. The main bottleneck is CPU; the maximum number of tracked objects is constrained by CPU speed.

- Processor: Intel CPU Core i5
- OS: Windows 7 or later
- Memory: 6 GB RAM
- Storage: 2 GB available space
- (Optional): USB webcam or IP camera

If an internet connection is available, the software can be configured to continuously broadcast traffic measurements to a logging server.

0.3 Setup

Select Video Source

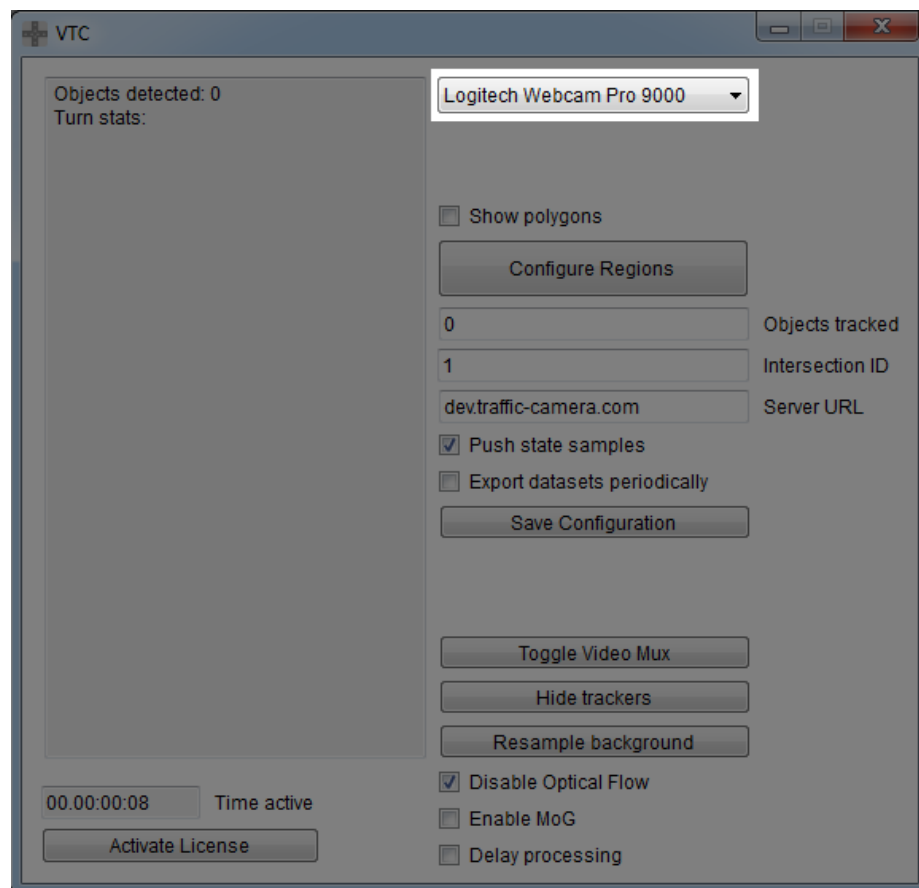
Existing Footage

Pass in the path to your footage using the command line:

```
>> TrafficCounter.exe "C:\footage\1.wmv"
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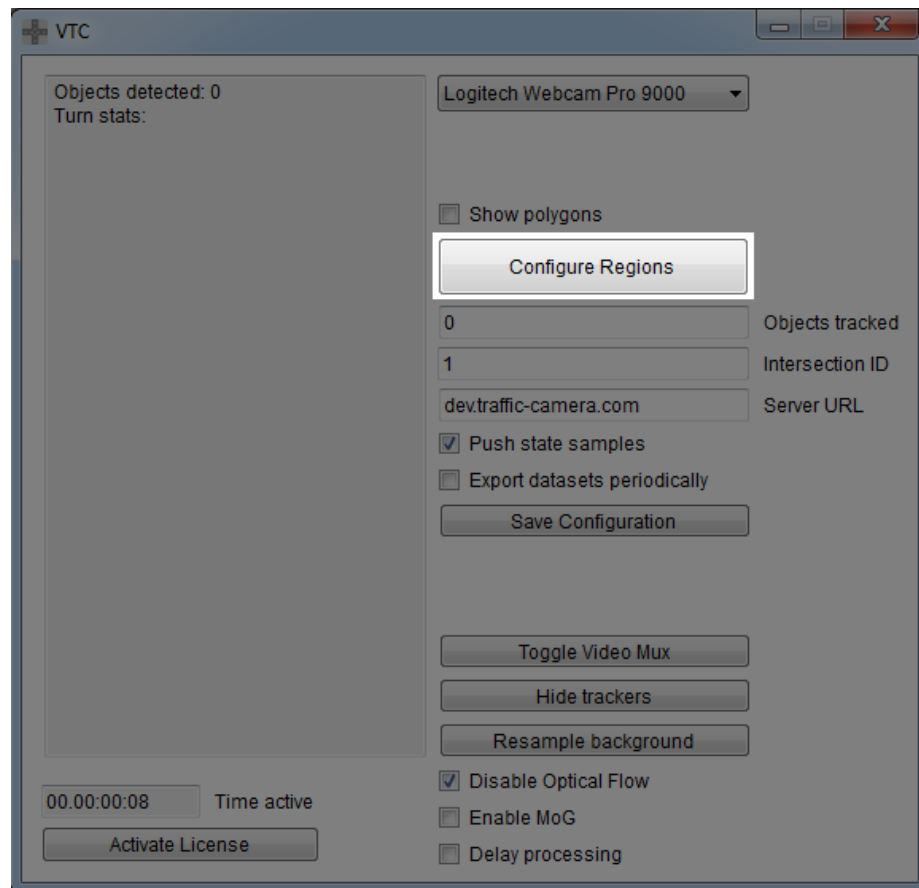
Live Video

Launch the software without any command-line argument. Select the appropriate video source from the drop-down list.



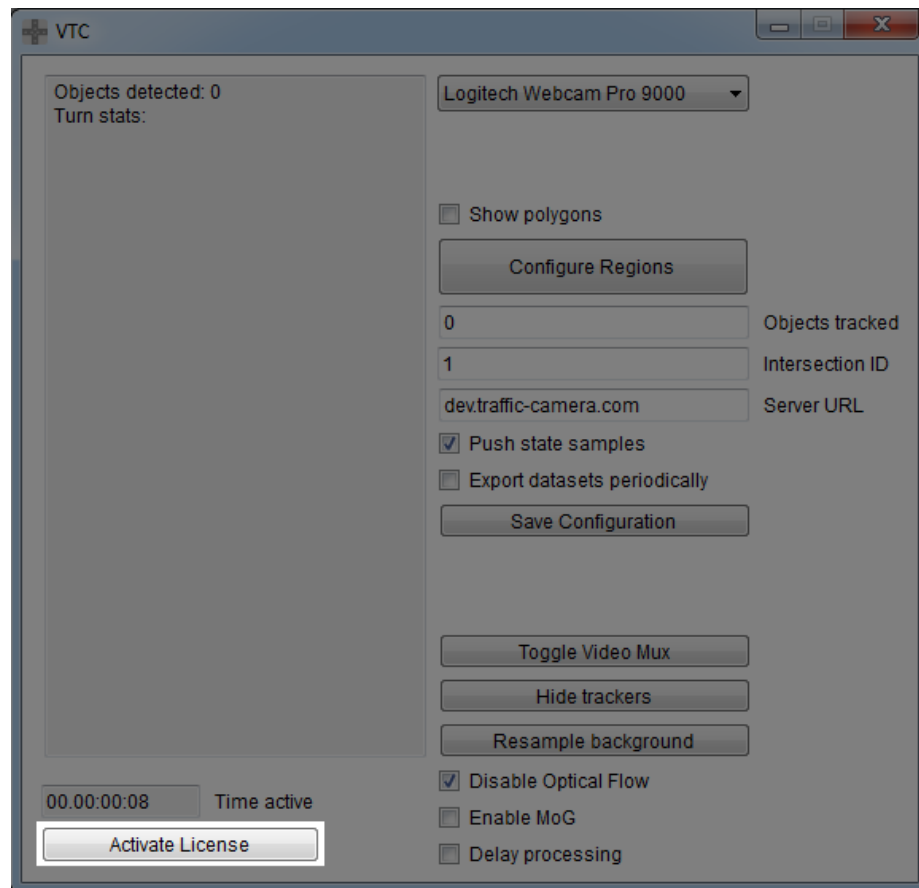
Configure Regions

Launch the Configure Regions dialog and select the main Region of Interest.



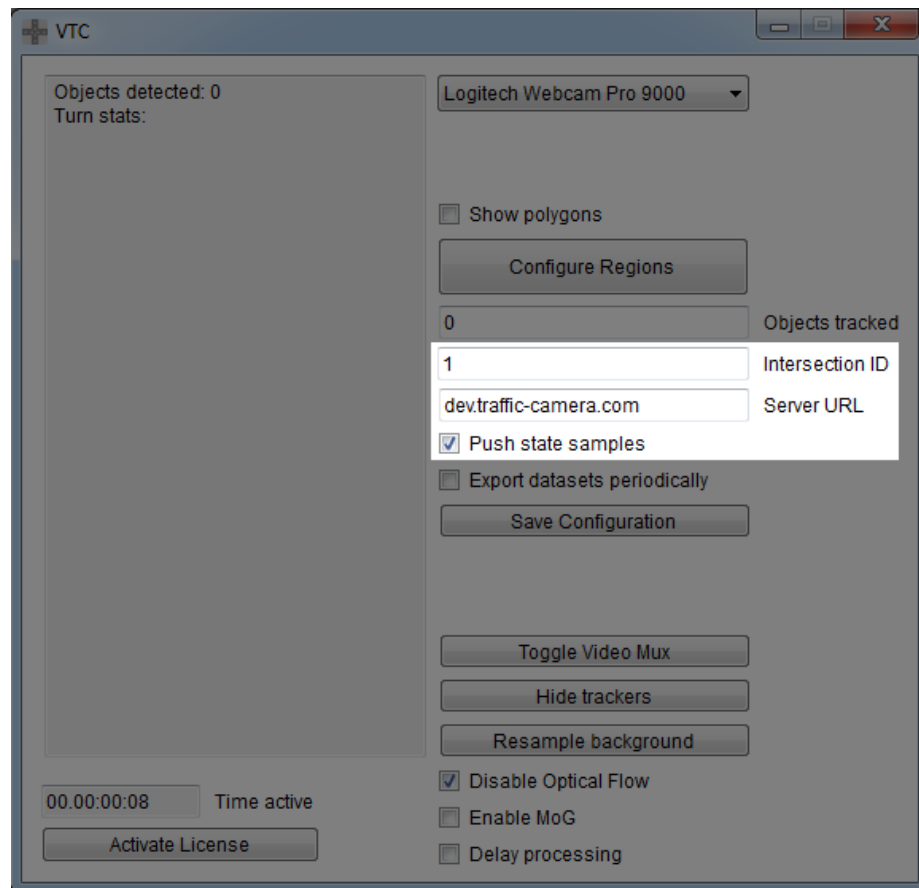
Activate License

Launch the "Activate License" dialog and enter your license key.



(Optional) Configure Server

Enter the URL and intersection ID for your server and location. VTC transmits HTML POST requests at periodic intervals, containing the position and location of tracked vehicles. Additionally, VTC transmits HTML POST requests whenever a completed movement is counted (left-turning, right-turning or straight-through vehicles).



Contact VTC support to provide a logging server for your intersection.

0.4 Detailed Configuration

The following parameters can be configured in the application configuration file `TrafficCounter.exe.config`:

FTPpassword	TBD
FTPusername	TBD
server_url	TBD
RoiMaskPath	TBD
RegionConfig	TBD
FRAME_UPLOAD_INTERVAL_MINUTES	TBD
FrameWidth	TBD
FrameHeight	TBD
ClassifierSubframeWidth	TBD
ClassifierSubframeHeight	TBD
VelocityFieldResolution	TBD
MoGUpdateDownsampling	TBD
state_upload_interval_ms	TBD
ClientSettingsProvider.ServiceUri	TBD
Alpha	TBD
PerCarMinimum	TBD
ColorThreshold	TBD
PruningRatio	TBD
Q_position	TBD
Q_color	TBD
R_position	TBD
R_color	TBD
VehicleInitialCovX	TBD
VehicleInitialCovVX	TBD
VehicleInitialCovY	TBD
VehicleInitialCovVY	TBD
VehicleInitialCovR	TBD
VehicleInitialCovG	TBD
VehicleInitialCovB	TBD
CompensationGain	TBD
Timestep	TBD
MaxObjCount	TBD
CarRadius	TBD
MinObjectSize	TBD
PerCarMin	TBD
NoiseMass	TBD
MissThreshold	TBD
MaxHypTreeDepth	TBD
MaxTargets	TBD
KHypotheses	TBD
ValRegDeviation	TBD
LambdaX	TBD
LambdaF	TBD
LambdaN	TBD
Pd	TBD
Px	TBD
class_Car	TBD
class_Bus	TBD
class_Pedestrian	TBD
class_TrafficLight	TBD
class_Other	TBD
UnitTestDll	TBD

0.5 Troubleshooting

Vehicles aren't being tracked

Check region polygon. Ensure that the main Region of Interest occupies the correct area.

Vehicles are tracked but turns are not counted

Check entry/exit polygons. If entry and exit polygons are correct, try slightly shrinking the main Region of Interest so that it does not extend to the edge of the image.

Tracking accuracy is poor

This can have several causes. It may be necessary to contact VTC support for detailed troubleshooting.

Start by checking the camera position. Ideal mounting positions are high above the area of interest (several stories above ground if possible), facing straight down. A mounting position near ground-level will result in poor tracking accuracy.

Processing is lagging/slow

One possible way to alleviate performance issues is reducing the Region of Interest. Limiting the number of vehicles being tracked simultaneously reduces demands on the computer.

Alternatively, the maximum number of tracked vehicles can be explicitly configured in the application settings file.