PokerTracker

PokerTracker Software , LLC is the name of a poker tool software company that produces the popular PokerTracker line of poker tracking and analysis software . PokerTracker 's software imports and parses the hand histories that poker sites create during online play and stores the resulting statistics / information about historical play into a local database library for self @-@ analysis , and for in @-@ game opponent analysis using a real @-@ time Head @-@ up display .

The software allows the user to monitor each poker session 's profit or loss , hands played , time played , and table style . It calculates and graphs statistics such as hands per hour , winnings per hand , winnings per hour , cumulative profit and loss , and individual game profit and loss across multiple currencies .

Products

PokerTracker Software , LLC produces poker analysis software . Examples include PokerTracker Holdem v2 , PokerTracker Omaha v2 , PokerTracker 3 Hold 'em (PT3) for Texas Hold ' em , PokerTracker 3 Omaha (PTO) for Omaha Hold ' em , PokerTracker Stud for Stud poker , and TableTracker . The company previously developed the PokerAce Head @-@ Up Display , also known as PokerAce HUD or simply PAHUD , which provides real @-@ time information for live online poker play ; the functionality from this formerly separate application was eventually incorporated within PokerTracker 3 . Collectively , the company 's software has been described as " among the most comprehensive software programs in the online poker industry " by PokerSoftware.com. The company subsequently developed PokerTracker 4 in 2012 and 2013 , which is its most recent software development .

PokerTracker 3

In September 2009 , the company announced that as of March 31 , 2010 , PokerTracker Holdem v2 would no longer be supported . The decision was made because PokerTracker 3 had been released on May 15 , 2008 , nearly two years prior to the end @-@ of @-@ life date . The company felt that discontinuing support of v2 would avail resources which could be dedicated to improving PT3 and providing exceptional customer service . Similarly on December 31 , 2010 , PokerTracker Omaha v2 will also no longer be supported , as its features have been completely integrated into the PokerTracker 3 product line .

PokerTracker 3 supports online poker from the following poker networks and / or sites : 888 Poker Network , Bodog , Boss Media , Cake Network , Cereus Poker Network , Entraction Poker , Everest Poker , Full Tilt Poker , IPoker , Microgaming , Merge Gaming Network , OnGame , PartyPoker , PokerStars and Winamax . PokerTracker is available natively for both Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X @-@ based computers .

PokerTracker 3 competes against several similar programs . According to Total Gambler , its most notable competitors are Hold ? em Manager and PokerOffice , while Pokersoftware.com considers only Hold ? em Manager to be a serious competitor .

PokerTracker 4

PokerTracker 4 is poker tracking software that designed for several types of online poker : No @-@ Limit , Limit , or Pot @-@ Limit cash games , Sit N ? Go ? s and Multi @-@ Table Tournaments for both Texas Holdem and Omaha players . It is compatible with almost all online poker websites ' software and interfaces . PokerTracker 4 began public beta testing in March 2012 . In August 2012 , the company commercially launched a Microsoft Windows version of PokerTracker 4 . In January 2013 as PokerTracker version 4 @.@ 05 @.@ 10 was rolled out , the company began alpha testing an Apple OS X version of the software . PokerTracker 4 was produced from scratch rather than by refining PokerTracker 3 and other earlier versions .

= = Software features = =

On most online poker sites , players can have the client software create a locally stored text file that records the hand history as shown in the ' Sample Hand History ' example . These hand histories summarize the details of the hand in a format that can be parsed by computer software . PokerTracker reads these files and extracts the relevant information , which it converts into a database for later review or statistical analysis . The software is capable of combining hand history details of multiple accounts from different online poker services , which allows a user to aggregate his or her data . Statistical summaries can be consolidated from different poker sites regardless of whether the user 's screen name is the same at each site .

PokerTracker is capable of analyzing cash ring games in which players play for cash during each hand , sit and go tournaments in which players compete for set prizes after the prescribed number of competitors join the tournament , and multi @-@ table tournaments in which players compete for tournament prizes based on the total number of entries at the scheduled start time . Statistics can be tracked by position , session , tournament , best & worst hands , and hand results . The helps the user analyze statistics based on starting hand or final hand . The software also enables the user to replay any specific hand .

The software 's database uses tournament summaries such as the ' Sample Tournament Summary ' example and hand histories to provide a three section summary (see infobox screenshot) . The top section of the general information tab provides tournament summaries of profit / loss as well as ordinal placement summary . The other sections summarize situational statistics based on the level of the blinds and the starting hand . Additional tabs in the software produce detailed information for various statistical interests .

PokerTracker 's probability graphs , as well as historical statistics of the hands a user and his or her opponents have played , enable the user to analyze conditional statistical possibilities and optimal betting amounts . The situations it analyzes are conditional on the opposition 's playing characteristics and the player 's position relative to the dealer . Graphs can be produced for a single session or for any part of one 's playing history . One of the biggest improvements in PokerTracker 3 over PT2 is that it is fully customizable so that all statistics and reports can be tailored to the individual user . The Guardian claims most serious players use PokerTracker during online play to constantly calculate situational optima .

PokerTracker 3 is also known for its integrated heads @-@ up display , a transparent video overlay data presentation that makes statistics and notes are readily available during play . The HUD allows an online poker player to focus his attention on the poker table he or she is playing at , rather than on the PokerTracker application . The HUD provides a vast array of realtime statistics for in @-@ game analysis , customizable to the user 's preference . In addition to the statistics available constantly during play on the poker window , detailed statistics are available in a pop @-@ up window , accessible via a single mouse click . Marbella Slim of the Daily Star used the vision of Arnold Schwarzenegger 's Terminator character in an analogy with the HUD : " In some scenes , you get to see what the robot Terminator is seeing and he has all these data streams in front of his vision - it 's a HUD or a head @-@ up display . " Unlike other poker tracking products , PokerTracker 3 includes a HUD as part of the basic program . The PT3 HUD , which automatically overlays a player 's opponents ' statistics next to their avatars , is essentially a built @-@ in version of the formerly available PokerAce HUD .

PokerTracker 3 also offers a monthly subscription @-@ based service called TableTracker . TableTracker is an integrated service that automatically identifies ring tables with competition suitable to the user 's playing style . PokerTracker 's servers constantly monitor which players are playing and what tables they are playing at on various major poker sites , which allows TableTracker to find the weakest players across multiple online poker websites . The user can search based on the software 's built in scoring system or any other statistics of his or her choosing .

= = Use and legality = =

Serious poker pros and casual amateurs alike can benefit from the poker tracking software , and poker magazines such as Card Player repeatedly remind poker players of the usefulness of tracking software . Total Gambler says that in addition to experience and skill the other necessity for a gambler to become a professional poker player is a good software package such as PokerTracker .

Several websites portray PokerTracker as either the world 's leading or the world 's most popular poker tracking software . For example , Pokersource.com describes it as " the most popular poker tracking and analysis software available " and Party Poker describes PokerTracker as " the original and largest piece of poker tracking software " . PokerSoftware.com says " Poker Tracker has been the industry standard ... for years " . Total Gambler says that for more than a two @-@ year period PokerTracker 2 was the " prominent force in online poker tracking " , but at the time of its December 2008 review it speaks of this leadership position in the past tense , noting that PT3 had not yet been " fully released " at the time of its testing .

Major online card rooms forbid the use of software that gives a player an " unfair advantage . " This typically includes software that allows players to share their hole cards with other players during live play and software that automates decision making . Since PokerTracker software doesn 't fit into either of these categories it is generally allowed on most sites , including industry leader PokerStars.com. Legality aside , some players feel the use of PokerTracker takes away from the game ; for example , Victoria Coren of The Guardian remarks " there is only one downside [to using PokerTracker] . Where 's the bloody fun in it ? "