Z3D Table Editor — User Guide

Overview

Z3D Table Editor helps you **triage**, **annotate**, **and correct** Z3D receiver files quickly, especially during large IP/Resistivity campaigns. It brings together timing, location, and station metadata so that operators and processors can spot problems early (missing channels, bad stations, time overlaps) and **fix coordinates** consistently.

Workflow Recipes

A) Day-summary with TX overlap highlighting

- 1. Start the app with your **RX** folder(s) for the day.
- 2. File → Load TX folder and select the day's TX folder.
- 3. The RX rows that overlapped any TX pulse window are highlighted.
- 4. File → Export CSV... and share with the crew for the day log.

B) Normalize receiver coordinates from RXC

- 1. File → Load RXC (Waypoints.rxc) to parse station positions.
- 2. Review auto-assigned RXC STN for each row (distance shows in dist to rxc m).
- 3. If needed, pick a different station via the dropdown.
- Select rows and press Apply RXC → Z3D (↑%A / Ctrl+shift+A).
 This updates the row's UTM and writes Lat / Lon back into each file header.

C) Manual coordinate correction

- 1. Double-click easting m / northing m and enter the correct UTM.
- 2. Select the rows and hit **Apply Changes** (#4 / Ctrl+Enter).

Notes on Time Handling

- Times are derived from GPS week and seconds of week present in the file.
- The app converts GPS→UTC using a constant GPS_UTC_LEAP_SECONDS = 18. Update if needed.
- The --tz option accepts IANA names (Europe/Paris) or fixed offsets (+02:00).

Safety Considerations

- **Backups**: header updates are in-place. Keep a copy of raw Z3D files before batch operations.
- **Header scan range**: only the first **2 MB** are scanned/rewritten (header_scan_bytes constant).
 - If header fields live deeper in some variant, increase the constant.
- Radians/Degrees detection: If existing header values are within ±3.2, they're treated as radians; otherwise as degrees.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: The table shows rate Hz as empty for some files.

A: The value is parsed from a Rate header token. If missing, the column stays blank.

Q: Distances to RXC look wrong.

A: Ensure your RXC contains correct UTM **zone/hemisphere** fields or define **\$Survey.UTMZone=** in the preamble.

Q: Can I undo a header write?

A: There's no in-app undo. Re-apply correct coordinates or restore from backup.

Q: Does it modify binary samples?

A: No. Only ASCII header strings like Lat=..., Lon=... within the scanned header region are replaced.

Q: Why is 'Apply Changes' writing radians or degrees?

A: It mirrors the original header's unit style (radians if original looked like radians, else degrees).

Advanced

- Increase header scan window: set HEADER SCAN BYTES = 4 000 000 for larger headers.
- **Precision/format**: the writer preserves the original field width and uses scientific notation if the original contained **E** / **e** .
- Sort & columns: click headers to sort; use View options to toggle "fit columns to window".

Support

Open an issue in your internal repo, or ping the maintainer.