

A-Track Installation from the Distribution CD

The A-Track hardware and software installation program should run automatically when you insert the Distribution CD into any DVD or CD drive fitted to your computer.

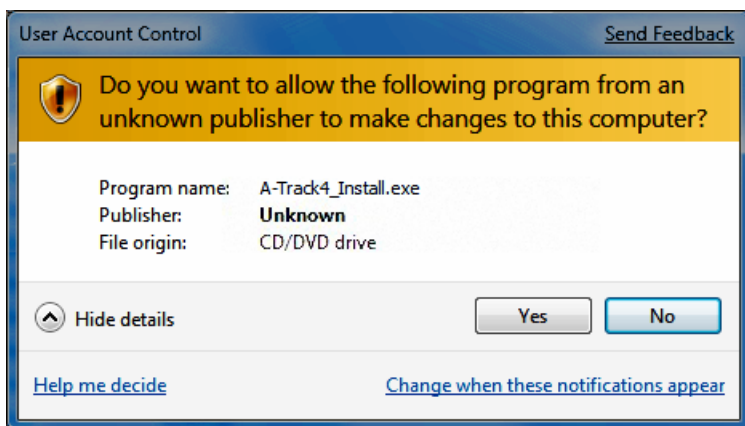
However, before inserting the distribution CD, ensure that no other applications are running on the PC, and that the active User has administrative rights (this is the normal status when the operating system is either Windows XP Home or Media Edition, and in both Windows Vista and Windows 7 Starter or Home Editions, but you may need to log on as an Administrator when using Windows XP Professional Edition, or Windows Vista and Windows 7 Business, Professional, or Ultimate Editions).

Once the hardware and program are installed, A-Track can be run by any User - no aspect of A-Track operation requires administrator privileges.

Although the installation program will normally run immediately under Windows XP, in the case of either Windows Vista or Windows 7, the standard operating system in-built security measures will first display an AutoPlay window to confirm that you wish to run the program –



Click **Run A-Track4_Install.exe** to continue, and then click **Yes** on the following security prompt, as shown below, to allow the A-Track installation to proceed –



If, for any reason, the Autorun (or AutoPlay) facility has been disabled on the PC, then click on **My Computer** in XP, or **Computer** in Vista or 7, and locate the drive holding the A-Track

Distribution CD (usually **D:** or **E:**). Double-click on the drive icon to reveal the list of files on the CD, then double-click on the file named **A-Track4_Install.exe**.

The A-Track installation window which opens presents you with a set of simple options –



The options can be selected in any order, with the following effects –

Install Hardware will display a set of instructions appropriate to the particular computer's operating system describing the steps required to install the driver for the A-Track USB / NCE (ATUN) Interface unit. These instructions can be downloaded as separate documents. The instructions are displayed using WordPad, the simple word-processor incorporated in all versions of Windows, and you can either leave them on the screen during the ATUN Interface unit driver installation, or print a copy for reference. Once the hardware installation is complete, the WordPad window should be closed before proceeding to installation of the A-Track program.

Install Program will close the installation window and then run the A-Track SetUp process, as described in the next section of this document. Note that the A-Track program can be installed either before or after installation of the ATUN Interface unit driver, although both have to be correctly installed before the full functionality of A-Track will be available.

User Guide will open a copy of the A-Track User Guide (this document) in Portable Document Format (.pdf) using the Adobe Reader program, assuming that it is an available program on your computer. If not, then Windows will display an error message.

Adobe Reader will install a copy of this free program (Version 9.40) if you do not already have a suitable version installed on your computer – just follow the prompts to complete the straightforward set-up.

Close removes the A-Track installation window from the screen – you can open it again by re-inserting the distribution CD into a DVD / CD drive, or by locating and double-clicking on the **A-Track4_Install.exe** file.

Installing the A-Track Program

Before installing A-Track from the distribution CD or from a downloaded copy of the SetUp file, ensure that no other applications are running on the PC, and that the active User has administrative rights (this is the normal status when the operating system is either Windows XP Home or Media Edition, and in both Windows Vista and Windows 7 Starter or Home Editions, but you may need to log on as an Administrator when using Windows XP Professional Edition, or Windows Vista and Windows 7 Business, Professional, or Ultimate Editions). Once the program is installed it can be run by any user - no aspect of A-Track operation requires administrator privileges.

Note that, as mentioned previously in the previous section, the A-Track USB / NCE (ATUN) Interface unit can be connected to the PC at any time, before or after installation of the A-Track application software, since it operates with standard Windows USB drivers which are already installed on your PC as part of the Windows operating system.

If you have a previous version of A-Track installed on the PC, then it is recommended that you uninstall it before proceeding to install the latest version. The easiest way to do this is to use the **Uninstall A-Track** option from the Start Menu, as shown later in this Section.

Alternatively, you can open Control Panel and select Add or Remove Programs in Windows XP, or Uninstall a Program in Windows Vista or Windows 7 (access Programs and Features if you have the Classic View of Control Panel enabled in Windows Vista or an Icons View in Windows 7). Wait for the list of installed programs to be displayed then click on the entry for A-Track, and finally click on the Remove button in Windows XP, or the Uninstall button in Windows Vista or Windows 7. Once the A-Track program is uninstalled, close the open Control Panel window.

From the distribution CD, install A-Track by clicking the **Install Software** button in the installation window, as described previously.

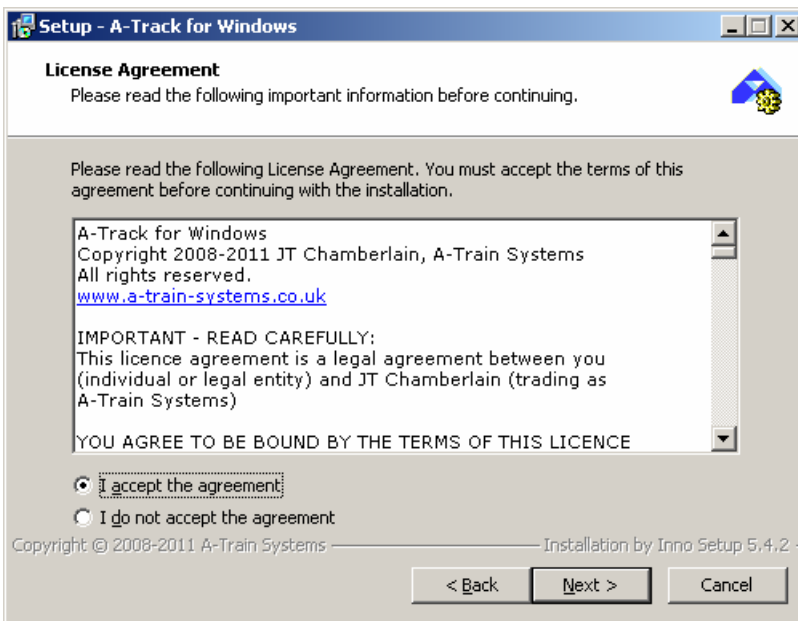
Alternatively, locate the A-Track SetUp file (**A-Track41-1-Setup.exe**) in the **A-Track4** folder on the drive holding the A-Track CD (usually **D:** or **E:**) or, if you have downloaded the SetUp file from the A-Train Systems website, locate the file in the relevant download folder. Then, in either case, double-click on the SetUp file to start the installation.

The default security settings in Windows Vista and Windows 7 (but not under Windows XP) will then display a couple of warnings, requiring you to allow the set-up program to run – and you may also receive some cautionary messages from any anti-virus or Internet security software which is installed on your machine – before the A-Track SetUp Welcome screen shown below is displayed.

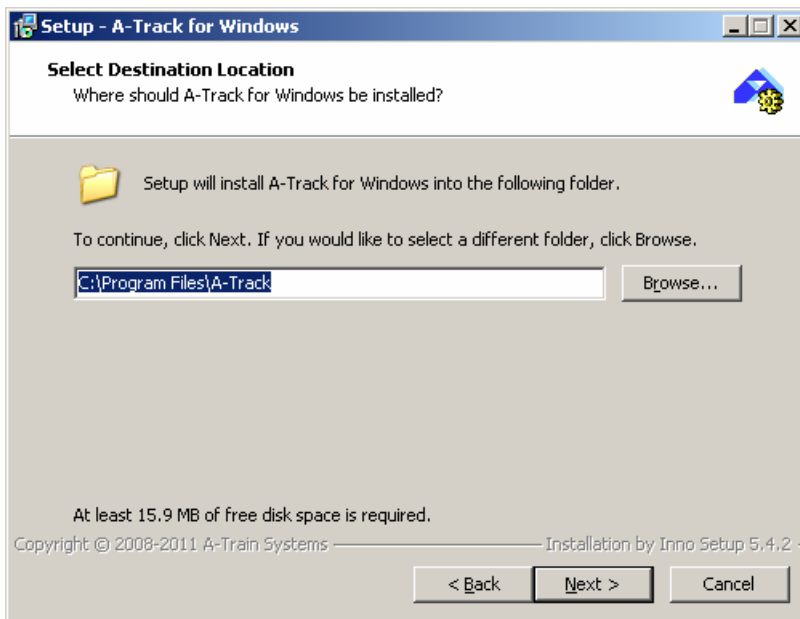
Again, as noted in the SetUp window, it is recommended that any other open programs or windows are closed before proceeding further.



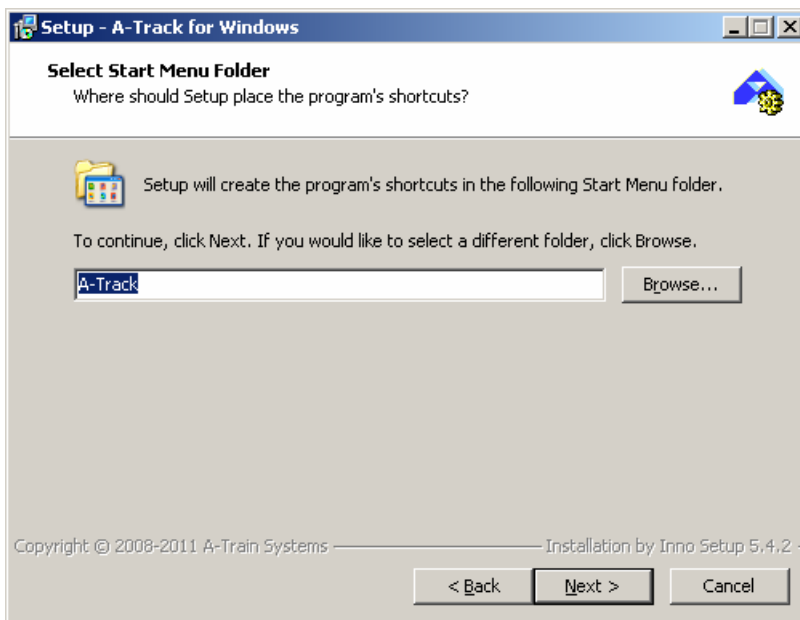
Click on **Next** to continue with the installation (or **Cancel** to quit SetUp) and to display the end-user licence screen. Here the full text of the licence, under which the A-Track software (and hardware) is provided, is available if you wish to read it (printed in full at the end of the A-Track User Guide). You must accept the terms of the licence, by clicking on '**I accept the agreement**', in order to display the **Next** button and be able to continue with A-Track installation –



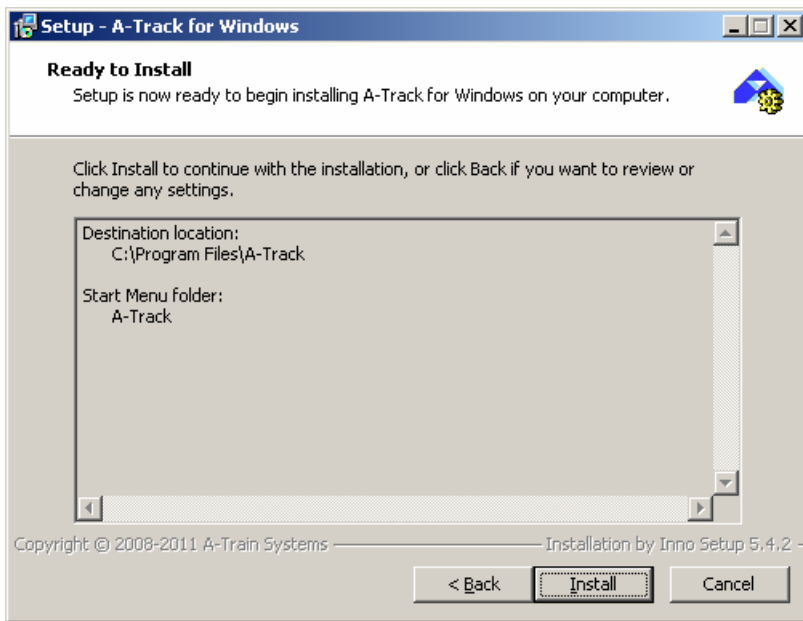
Click **Next** to display the default destination folder for A-Track. Unless you have very good reasons to change the install destination (and understand the possible complications of doing so) it is recommended that you leave it as shown at **C:\Program Files\A-Track** -



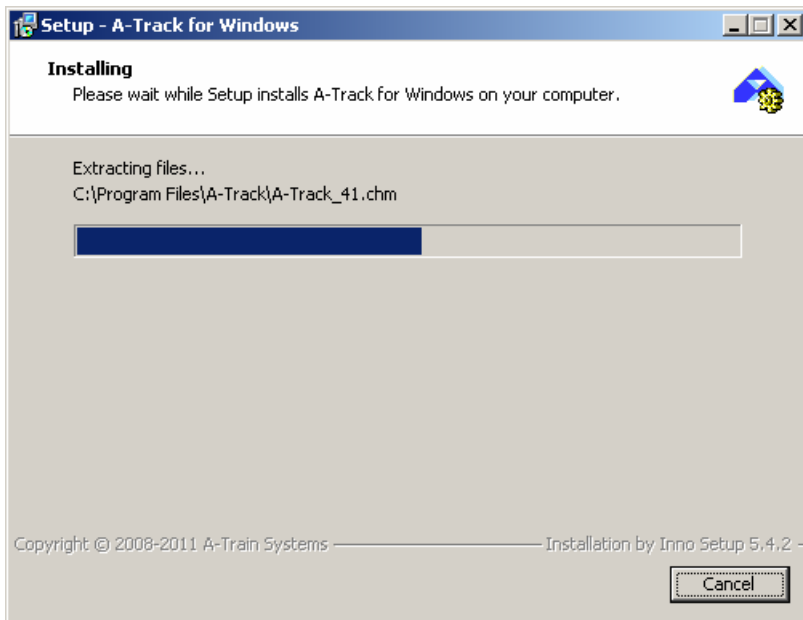
Click on **Next** to continue. The set-up program will now ask you to confirm that it should proceed to create a set of entries for A-Track on the computer's Start Menu. These will be complemented by the placement of an A-Track icon on the Desktop. As in previous windows, you are also offered the options of returning to change your previous selection (**Back**), or of abandoning the A-Track SetUp (**Cancel**) -



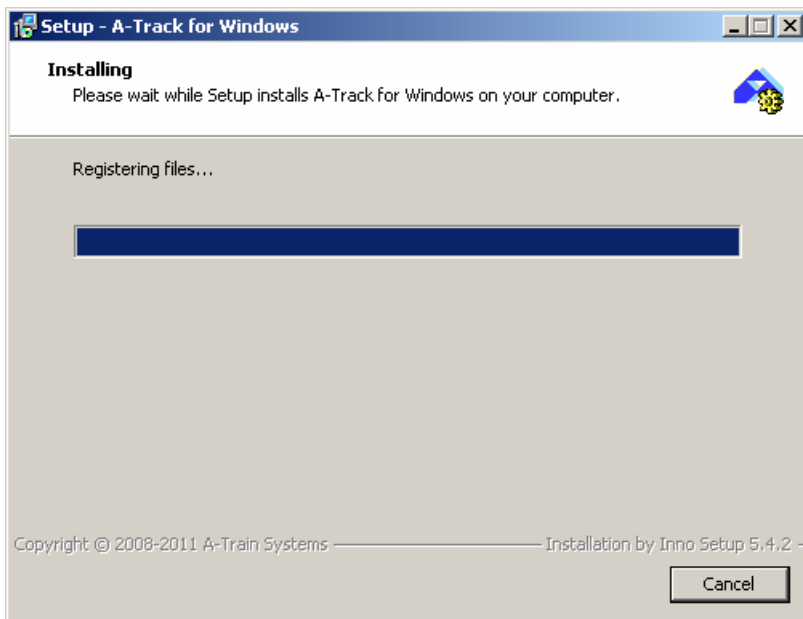
Accepting the default option gives A-Track its own entry on the Start Menu, but you can choose to place the A-Track entry within an existing Start Menu folder (like Accessories) by using the **Browse** button. When you are happy, click **Next** to continue -



On the confirmation screen, if you are satisfied with the installation settings, click **Install**. Setup will then proceed to install all of the files required to support A-Track, together with the A-Track executable program itself. If any of the support files are already installed in the PC then Setup will only install a replacement version if it is more up-to-date than the existing file



Installed files are linked into the Windows Registry as required -



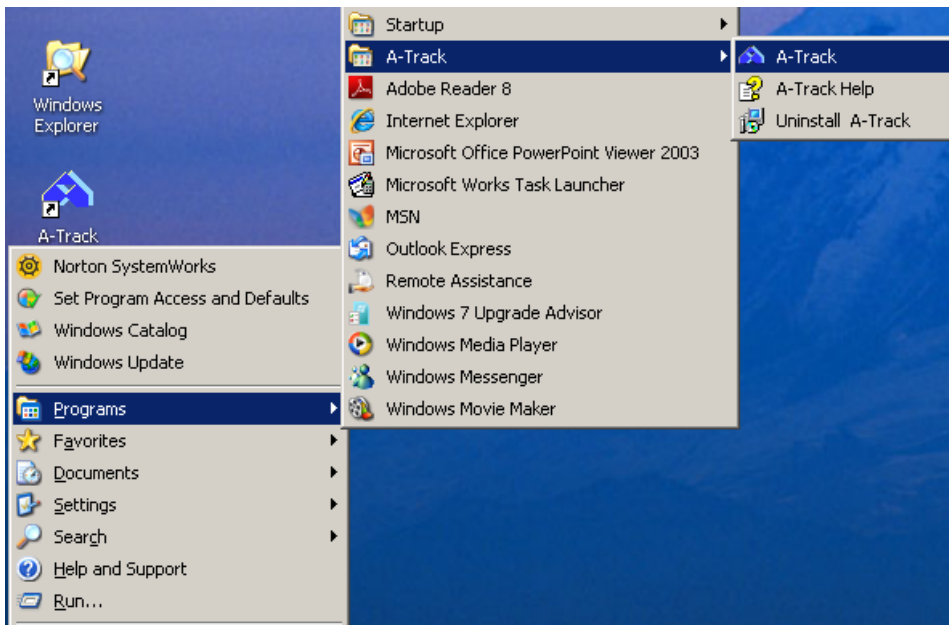
- and then a final window is displayed to show that the A-Track installation is complete -



Click **Finish** to close A-Track SetUp and return to the Desktop.

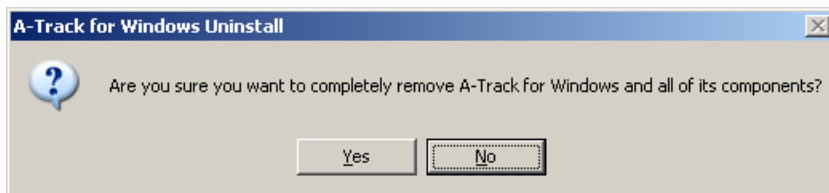
To launch A-Track double-click on the program icon (🚂) on the Desktop.

You can also launch A-Track from the Start Menu by clicking on **Start**, then **Programs** (or **All Programs**, depending on your selected Start Menu format), and then locating the A-Track folder and **A-Track** program as shown in the Windows XP screen-shot below, which also shows the A-Track Desktop icon.

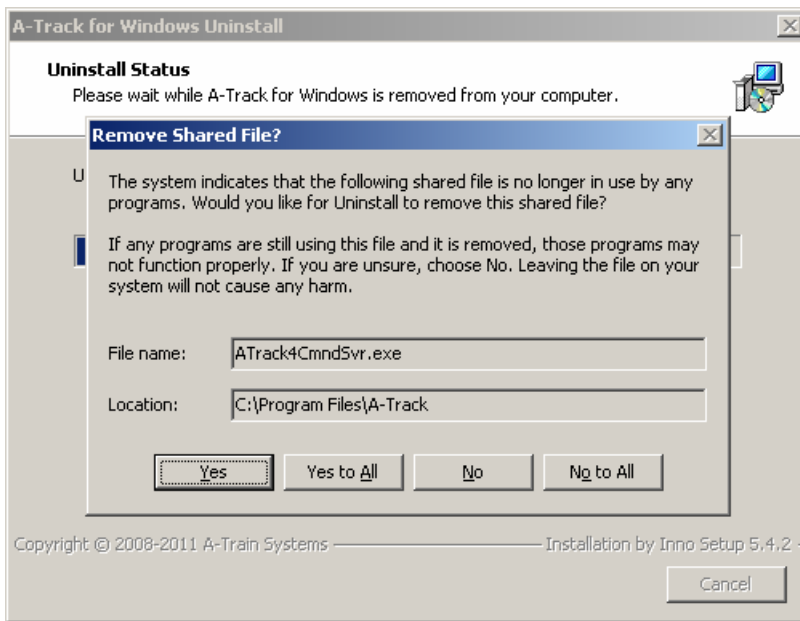


Note that, as well as an entry for the executable program, **A-Track**, the A-Track Start Menu folder also contains a link to the **A-Track Help** file. This file contains the full text of the A-Track User Guide and Installation Notes (this document) and, as will be described later, can be accessed from anywhere within the A-Track program while it is running by using the normal **Help** menu, or by pressing the **F1 key** at any time.

The third entry within the A-Track Start Menu folder is **Uninstall A-Track** which will launch an Uninstall utility to completely remove A-Track from your computer. This is a quicker route to program removal than going through the Windows Control Panel, and starts with a request for confirmation –

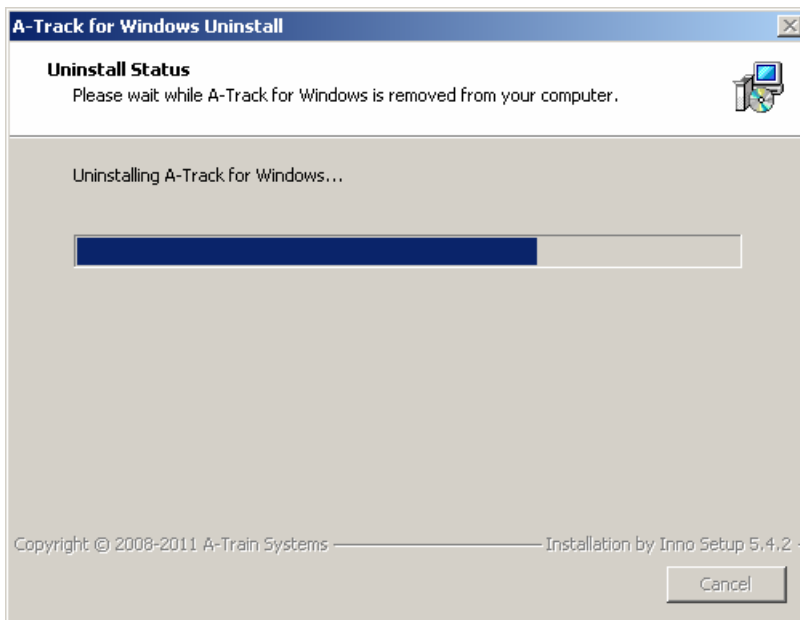


During the uninstall process you may be presented with a set of windows inviting you to remove shared files which were installed with A-Track, and which are not believed to be used by any other installed program. For example –

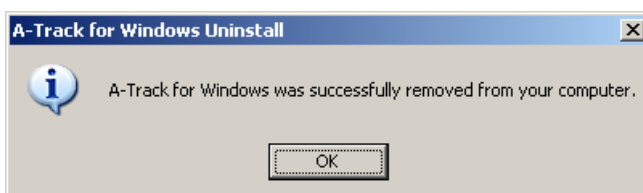


Leaving these files in place will not cause any harm, nor slow down the performance of your computer, and is the ultra-safe approach, but you can choose to uninstall them if you wish, by clicking on the appropriate button shown above.

The A-Track program itself is then uninstalled –

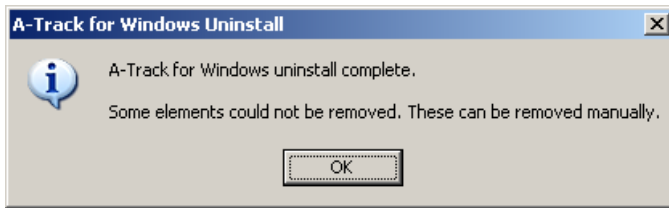


– followed by a final confirmation window –



Click **OK** to complete the uninstall process.

In some circumstances you may see a different confirmation window –



Generally this will occur when changes have been made to the installation folders or their contents following installation (not to be recommended at any time), or you have saved some of your own files to an installation folder (again not really recommended), and the A-Track uninstaller is unable to remove one or more installation folders.

After clicking **OK** in such cases, you can either leave the remaining files or folders in place, since they will not have any adverse effects on your computer's operation. Or you can open the **A-Track** entry in **C:\Program Files** and manually delete, or move, the offending files or folders.

Note that, in all cases, uninstalling A-Track will still leave a small set of A-Track custom settings within the Registry. These settings are stored automatically during your normal use of A-Track and reflect your preferences regarding window formats and views, together with lists of the most-recently used files and any selected options. If you then reinstall A-Track at a later time, your preferred settings will be re-applied to configure A-Track. The custom settings occupy a very small proportion of the Registry and will not have any discernable effect on the performance of your computer or other applications.