

FFP Beta 1.4 ReadMe

Installing Film Free Projection

It is recommended that you decompress the downloaded .ZIP file before installing FFP. To do that, use Explorer to locate the downloaded double click the ZIP file and select "Extract all files" from the "Folders" panel. An "Extraction wizard" dialog box will open; click Next and then Next again to decompress the files.

It takes a little while to extract the files; once this is complete the Extraction wizard will offer a Finish button; before you click it, make sure that the "Show extracted files" option is ticked.

Once you click Finish, you'll see the installation files for FFP; to install the program, double click Setup.

If this is the first time you've installed FFP, then you may need to download .NET 2.0. This will be done automatically by the installation program, but the computer will need a connection to the Internet – and a broadband speed connection is strongly recommended. You will probably be asked if you want to install the program from an "Unknown Publisher"; click Install to proceed with the installation.

Assuming all is well; FFP will be installed and automatically started by Windows.

Film Free Projection is installed *per user*, so if you want other users on the same machine to use FFP you will need to install it separately for them.

Updating a Previous Version

The Windows installer may leave the earlier version of Film Free Projection on the computer – if you see two "Film Free Projections" in the Programs list under RGMM then this is what's happened. To uninstall the earlier version, go to the Windows Control Panel and select Add or Remove Programs (for Windows XP) or Program Features (for Windows Vista) and find the previous version, to check that it's the older version, click the "Click for Support Information" – this will show the version number, make sure its earlier than the version you've just installed. Click Change/Remove to uninstall the earlier version.

Installing on Windows Vista

FFP runs on both Windows XP and Windows Vista. However, some people have had met a problem installing FFP on Vista with FFP not appearing in the program list after installation. The problem was resolved by installing the program as XP compatible:

Before installation, *right* click the setup.exe file and select **Properties**.

A Properties window should appear, select the **Compatibility** tab.

Select **Run this program in compatibility mode for: Windows XP with Service Pack 2**.

Click **Ok** to close the Properties window.

Double click setup.exe file and installation should proceed correctly.

Changes to Version 1.4

Version 1.4 has a significant number of improvements over version 1.3. The principle improvements are the export of an entire sequence and options to display shooting information and scoring results on the projected screen. In no particular order the changes are:

A new export option has been added to the File Menu; *Export Sequence and Images*. This saves all the images of a sequence and an accompanying sequence file (sequence.dss) to a folder. The main purpose of this is to make it easy to prepare a sequence on one computer, then transfer the entire sequence to another computer.

There is now a facility to sort the images by score – click the Score heading and the images will be sorted with the highest scoring image first.

There is one note of caution; although earlier versions of FFP will be able to read the exported sequence it's recommended that version 1.4 or later be used for reading the sequence for full compatibility.

A new button (Project Exif) has been added to the control panel; this adds a camera style shooting display at the top of the projected image. Obviously, if there is no Exif information stored with the image, then the shooting information can't be displayed.

There is one caveat; early Nikon DSLR cameras (the D70 and D100) did not store the ISO settings in the usual place and FFP can't obtain the ISO setting for images taken with these cameras.

A new Add Folder button (and menu option) has been added; as it implies, this allows you to load an entire folder of images in one operation.

Also on the control panel, a new tick box *Show Index* has been added. This works in a similar way to Show Author and Show Title. It briefly superimposes the *index number* of the projected image – the number of the image in the sequence- and the total number of images; this helps guide the judge about how many images remain.

When viewing the results summary, a new button *Project Results* has been added; this projects the results on the screen.

Also on the results summary screen, there is a drop down which allows you to select the *subject* of the images to be scored. The Subject is part of the Exif of the image (similar to the Author and Title). If this feature is used, then entries must have the image subject correctly set. For example, the subject might be "Portrait", "Landscape", "Still-Life" or "Close-up". Then when the competition is scored with FFP it is possible to calculate an overall winner as well as winners for particular

subjects.

To aid with the above, a new column is available in the table view of the images; in the *Settings* menu there is an option to “Show Image Subjects” this will display the subject as well as the author and title. Also, in the Image Properties dialog box it is now possible to set the subject.

Finally, the help has undergone a revision and on the website you can now download a printable version of the manual.