

Updates to File and Monitor Handlers



Here are some of the recent (Summer 2018) updates that have been made to the File Handler and Monitor Handler. Go to [eTMAHandlers for Mac, iPad and Linux - and even Windows!](#) if you wish to update. Updates don't need to be installed so they can be saved anywhere you wish on your computer.

Updates you'll notice

- Splash screen whilst the program loads
- The comments box can be resized horizontally by dragging the side of the window
- Right-clicking in the comments box gives a Copy, Paste etc menu
- Check for updates does what it says: if there's an update it will open the webpage using the default browser
- (File handler only) Send Email ... opens OWA in your browser with the email address and subject filled in. Mac users have the additional option of using Apple Mail
- Version info under Help
- Linux and Windows: installer to create desktop icon and entry on start menu
- Two versions of average score are now displayed. One is the weighted average of TMA scores so far; the other is the percentage achieved of the total marks for the module.

Back-end stuff, updates you may not notice

- All operating systems now include latest version of Java embedded in the program: 64-bit Java 10. No need to install Java
- Same .jar file for all three operating systems so they should all have the same features.
- Mac: consistent and correct icons in the Dock and dialog boxes. Menu and Dock icon text renamed as File Handler or Monitor Handler
- Linux and Windows: correct icon shown in the taskbar
- Reduces the possibility of the OU system rejecting TMAs with long file paths
- Minor rewrite of parts of code.

Cosmetic improvements

- Linux and Windows: Options renamed as Preferences
- Multiline tooltips that are easier to read
- More/Fewer details button shows correct text
- Select A4 paper by default when printing.

Miscellany

- Versions of both handlers available for older computers: Mac version 10.7 and earlier, 32-bit Linux and Windows.
- The iPad file handler has been updated to cope with changes in the OU's eTMA system. Unless you've turned it off, iPad updates are automatically installed.

Suggestions

If there's an improvement you'd like to see then do let Mike know at m.j.hay@open.ac.uk. No guarantees that it can or will be done 😊 !