

Laptop Software Instructions



[Download the Laptop tracking software](#)

Make a new folder on your PC in c:/Program Files/LocateA

Save the Laptop tracking software to the new folder

What are the requirements to run the Laptop version?

- Any laptop [or PC] running windows
- A Bluetooth 'dongle' [around £5-10] if your laptop does not have Bluetooth built in
- A [Bluetooth GPS receiver](#), the solar powered ones are best, don't bother getting a cheap nasty one, they are rubbish
- A connection to the internet [like a 3G Card or web'n'walk card]
- Install the Bluetooth 'dongle' if not done so already and pair the GPS unit with the 'dongle', make a note of which port the dongle is using.

Once you have all the above requirements, follow the steps below.

- [Register an account](#) at LocateA.net, wait for the email to arrive and click the activation link in the email.
- [Log in](#) to LocateA.net using the user name & password you just registered.
- You should be presented with a screen asking you to add your **first user**, in this case this will be **you**. The first question asks you which map you want to appear on via a drop down list, click the list and choose one of the maps. Do not worry if you can not find a map that suits you, to test the application list yourself in **UK > People**.
- Complete the form fields marked *, you can put anything in the boxes, only you see this information because it is your profile.
- Press 'submit'.
- You should now be looking at a page called [My Users](#), which is a short summary of the information you have just submitted. At the moment we are only interested in the **LIVE** column, which should be a red cross like this [✖]. This tells us that the person you are tracking is **not** showing on the map yet. When its a green tick [✔] you know your laptop is sending data to our servers and you are showing on the map, but before this can happen we need to set up your laptop to send its position to our servers.

Now we come back to the laptop software.

- Surf to the new folder on your PC [i.e. c:/Program Files/LocateA] and double click the LocateA icon.
- In the 'Settings > GPS > Port' menu, set up the port to use the same port number as the Bluetooth GPS dongle.
- Select Menu > Server > Login
- Enter the ID number you see on the [My Users](#) page on your desktop PC.
- Enter the PIN number you see on the [My Users](#) page on your desktop PC.
- *these two values are important, **DO NOT use the username & password you registered for LocateA.***
- Select 'OK'.

If all has gone well, both 'Server' and 'GPS' should say 'OK'

If the red cross [✖] under the **LIVE** column has changed to a green tick [✔] in [My Users](#) you are showing on the map, to see the map, click the [📍] icon.