

# TRAFx Overview for IT Staff

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This overview was created so that IT staff would have a better understanding and higher comfort level with TRAFx-related software. An explicit objective at TRAFx has been to design "IT department friendly" software (i.e., software that does not create headaches for the IT department). Most TRAFx customers are government organizations.

## [1] TRAFx DataNet



*Company:* TRAFx Research Ltd. ([www.trafx.net](http://www.trafx.net))  
*Requirements:* DataNet is an online, web-based application, therefore it is OS independent; the user only requires a web browser and a web-connected computer.  
*Log in at:* [www.trafx.net/datanet](http://www.trafx.net/datanet)  
*License information:* Each user requires a user license. A multi-year DataNet plan for five users is included as part of a TRAFx system package.  
*Registry changes:* None

DataNet is comprehensive web-based software to view, analyze, manage and present TRAFx data. It is an essential part of a TRAFx counting system, and of a successful, efficient, and effective counting project. Bottom line: it saves the user time. DataNet reflects a decade of software design, development and refinement. Over one thousand organizations use it.

Because DataNet is web-based there is no software to install and/or maintain. The user logs in to her organization's account to use it. Each user creates and uses a password. Test drive DataNet here [www.trafx.net/datanet/demo](http://www.trafx.net/datanet/demo)

Regarding DataNet Security (encryption, SSL, passwords, backups, etc.), please go to [www.trafx.net/legal](http://www.trafx.net/legal) and download the "DataNet Security" document.

## [2] TRAFx Communicator App

*Company:* TRAFx Research Ltd. ([www.trafx.net](http://www.trafx.net))  
*Requirements:* Windows 10 / 11  
*Download from:* [www.trafx.net/support](http://www.trafx.net/support)  
*License information:* Freeware for TRAFx counters and docks.  
*Registry changes:* None



TRAFx Communicator is a tiny ( approx. 100KB), stand-alone, "portable" serial port communications application for Windows. This task-specific app is used to communicate with and configure TRAFx equipment (counters and dock). It runs independently of the PC's operating system and makes no registry changes whatsoever. Learn more about "portable" applications here: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portable\\_application](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portable_application)

Because TRAFx Communicator is a true stand-alone program there is no installation process--just click on it and the program opens and runs. To uninstall it, simply delete the file (that's it). It can also run directly from a CD, if necessary.

(TRAFx Communicator does not attempt any system level interactions, so normally Windows security views it as benign and lets it run. However, if you have set up the PC to block all new applications, it cannot run unless you allow it to.)

## [3] USB-to-serial Adapter (driver software); third-party device and software

*Company:* Prolific ([www.prolific.com.tw](http://www.prolific.com.tw))  
*Requirements:* Windows 10 / 11 laptop or desktop with Intel or AMD processor (**not ARM**)  
*Download from:* [www.trafx.net/support](http://www.trafx.net/support)  
*License information:* Third-party  
*Registry changes:* Driver is added to C:\Windows\System32\Drivers



You can connect a desktop/laptop to TRAFx equipment using 9-pin serial or USB. The choice is yours. 9-pin serial is common for field equipment because it is robust and reliable. It is also "plug and play" (i.e., no need to install anything). Many government and corporate computers have 9-pin ports. However, some computers do not. Therefore, TRAFx provides a third-party USB-to-serial adapter made by Sewell (SW-1301). All USB to serial adapters require the installation of driver software. Download the installation instructions (and current driver) for the Sewell USB-to-serial adapter at [www.trafx.net/support](http://www.trafx.net/support) Please follow these instructions very carefully.

For complete information regarding how to use all of the above, please download TRAFx Manual – Part I at [www.trafx.net/support](http://www.trafx.net/support)