

Simplified Method for Running MegaODA™ and CTA™ Software on Modern Windows™ Systems Using “Drag and Drop” Functionality

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Users running MegaODA™ and/or CTA™ software using the Windows 10™ operating system may execute programs more efficiently than vis-à-vis the standard procedure of using the command prompt.

When utilizing ODA software (i.e., UniODA™, MegaODA™, CTA™), the standard procedure is to use command prompt to run the executable file with the program file.¹⁻³ While this procedure is relatively simple and straightforward, a simpler alternative is available to users running ODA software on modern Windows™ operating systems. The alternate approach takes advantage of the drag, drop, and execute functionality in Windows. The simplified procedure is identical to the original method (involving using control prompt¹), except for the procedure by which the analysis is actually run.

The simplified procedure involves three steps.

1. Create a .dat (ASCII) file containing the data which are to be analyzed vis-à-vis ODA software.⁴

2. Create a .pgm (ASCII) file containing the ODA program to be executed.¹⁻³
3. Click and hold, then drag the .pgm file to the executable ODA program icon, and release.

This procedure causes the ODA program to execute the .pgm file using data in the .dat file.

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