June 2018 Master Load and Update

The June 2018 Master Load is the newest master load for the AristoCAT software. It works with the Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 & 8.1 and Windows 10 operating systems (both 32 and 64-bit).

The installation of the June 2018 Master Load works like the installation of the August 2016 Master Load. You can download and install the June 2018 Master Load without a code and you then have five days to activate it. Links to the master load and activation instructions appear below.

Links:

June 2018 MLD Software:
http://www.aristocat.com/executables/Jun18MLD.exe

Activation Instructions:
http://www.aristocat.com/executables/ActivationCode.pdf

June 2018 Update Software:
http://www.aristocat.com/executables/Jun18Upd.exe

The enhancements made to the software after March 2020 were made to the update software and not the master load software. To get these enhancements, you must install the update, but only if you have previously installed the master load.

October 10, 2021

Important Note: If you use the electronic signature (the '.im' dot command), then this update applies to you. Otherwise you can ignore this change.

We don't like to make a change where you possibly have to change one or more of your files. In this case we felt that the change will make it easier for you to place your signature using the '.im' dot command. The change applies to both the regular sized print (Print) and the condensed print (Multipag) programs.

The format of the '.im' dot command is:
.im mysig.bmp, offset, width, height, N/A, N/A, N/A, Vert. Adj. (a complete description of the parameters is described in Appendix C of the User's Manual.) N/A means this parameter does not need to be changed.

You need to insert one or more blank lines right after the '.im' dot command. This creates space where the signature will be printed.   It might look like this in the include file:

WITNESS MY OFFICIAL HAND this day
.im mysig.bmp, offset, width, height, N/A, N/A, N/A, Vert. Adj.
.
.   blank lines – the signature will appear here.
.

_____
I. M. Reporter
Certified Court Reporter

The top of the signature will align with the '.im. dot command. The signature itself will fill in where the blank lines are. You may need to change the height of the signature to fit in this space. If you change the height, you may also need to change the width so that the signature does not look squished or stretched out. The Vert. Adj. is an optional number that will move the signature down a little or up a little. If the Vert. Adj. is a positive number then it will move the signature down a little. If it is a negative number, it will move the signature up a little.

You will want to change your include file(s) and any transcripts yet to be printed.

Note: If you have trouble getting the signature looking right after this change, please give us a call. We will be glad to help you with this.

September 1, 2021
An enhancement was made to the proofread option in the Edit program. You can now enter words in a list so that if a word is doubled, the proofreader will not stop at it. For example, the word 'that' often appears twice in a row in a transcript and oftenit is correct. To enter words in this list, go to Edit Preferences in the Edit program, click on the Proofread button and then click on the 'Edit Doubled Words List' button. The Help button will describe the process.

Notes:
1. The ability to ignore doubled words is only implemented in the proofread in Edit. It is not implemented in the proofread program from the AristoCAT Main menu. As a reminder, we are not updating the proofread program on the AristoCAT Main Menu.
2. If you have the 'Start Auto Proof' box checked (found in Edit Preferences), doubled words will still be underlined to attract your attention to a possible problem. The proofreader will not stop at the doubled words if the word is in the doubled word list.

June 1, 2021
Realtime Program
Two changes have been made to the Briefs window:
1. You can make the Briefs window larger or smaller. Move your mouse cursor to the left line of the window until it changes to a double arrow. Now hold down the left mouse button and drag the line to the left or right.
2. Besides the ability to make the window bigger, you can change the font style and font size. Go to the Briefs Options button under the Preferences icon on the Realtime toolbar.

Time Stamp Dot Command
Another variation of the time stamp dot command has been implements. This allows you to customize different transcripts with different time stamp options. See the '.ts' (time stamp) discussion in Appendix C (Dot Commands) of the User's Manual.

January 5, 2021
Print and Multipag:
- A new option has been added "Legal Paper" (yes, some places still use legal-sized paper). If you check this box, you may have to adjust your information file to fill up the longer paper. If you print to a physical printer, the information sent to the printer may automatically select the legal-sized paper tray. **Note**: if you make a PDF file with this box checked and you or your client print the PDF file using PDF software, such as Adobe Reader, you may have to tell the PDF software to print on legal-sized paper.
- Duplex Printing (Print) or Print Double-Sided (Multipag) – if this box is checked and you are printing to a physical printer, information will be sent to the printer may automatically print on both sides. In order words, you may not have to select the duplex printing option on printer properties. **Note**: if you make a PDF file with this box checked and you or your client print the PDF file using PDF software, such as Adobe Reader, you probably will have to tell the PDF software to duplex print.
- A change was made to Multipag whereby if you chose 2 pages per side and Top to Bottom page order, the pages will print one on top of the other rather than side by side. If you choose this option, you will probably have to change the size of the font to fill the page. You might try checking the Auto Size Font box.

August 10, 2020
Edit – we made some adjustments to resizing the steno window to fix some problems. In addition, you can also move the steno window to get it exactly where you want it.
> **Hint**: When resizing the steno window, make sure the Z key is not clipped on the right.

June 20, 2020
File Management - We've optimized the erasing of files when under 'View Files of Type' you have chosen 'Job Files (jobname.*)'. There is a menu added named 'Erase Options'. Here you can check files that you do NOT want to erase.

June 3, 2020
- **Edit** – you can resize the steno window to make it wider or narrower. To do this, place you mouse cursor on the left-most vertical line until it changes to a double arrow and drag the line to the left to make it bigger and to the right to make it narrower. Edit will remember the changes made to the width of the steno window.
- **Real-time**
  1. You can resize the steno window in the real-time program just like you can in the Edit program. Follow the instructions in Edit.
  2. You can resize the Briefs window. However the procedure is a little different than resizing the steno window. When you resize the Brief's window, the words will not resize until you end the real-time program and then start real-time again.
  3. A Font icon was added to the toolbar which allows you to change the real-time font.

     Note: It is recommended that you start a practice real-time session, resize the Steno and/or Briefs windows, change the font, if desired. Now end the real-time program and then start the real-time program again to make sure you are getting the desired results.

- **Print and Multipag –** A Preferences button has been added to the PDF section of the Print Options and Multipag Options screens. After clicking on the Preferences button, click the Help button to get information about the preferences.

April 2019 to March 2020
A number of minor enhancements were made during this period and a number of minor fixes were addressed.

March 27, 2019

Highly recommended to install. Download and install the June 2018 MLD (see link above). If you have previously activated the June 2018 MLD, you should not have to reactivate. Several issues have been fixed, most of which do not occur for most customers. And there are several enhancements which include:

- RTF dictionaries – There were certain circumstances in which the RTF dictionary to load on your writer was not correctly made. This has been fixed.
- '.TS' dot command – the time stamp dot command has been enhanced. You can now specify the dot command as '.ts x' where x is a positive or negative number which is used to adjust the time stamps. Common uses for adjusting the time stamps is to sync with a videographer or if you forgot to reset the time on your writer because of the time change (to/from standard/daylight). For more details about using time stamps, see the PDF file in Tutorials named 'Time Stamps – Using'.

- Break/Proceedings time – You can now calculate how much time is spent in proceedings and breaks. For details, see the PDF file in Tutorials named 'Breaks-Proceedings Time'.

  Note: To find the Tutorials, click on the Resources icon on the bottom toolbar on the AristoCAT Main Menu. Then click the Tutorials icon.

November 9, 2018
The words in the word index in both the Print and Multipag programs have been made bigger. Remember that you can also make the words bigger by reducing the number of columns in the word index. Also the page-line number references were made darker.

October 10, 2018
You can now use the mouse scroll wheel in the View Notes program. You can also use the mouse scroll wheel in the Dictionary Management program.

June 2018
This is the first version of the June 2018 Master Load. The file to download is Jun18MLD.exe. This master load is basically identical to the last version of the August 2016 master load and is a very stable release. The biggest difference is the change to the personal and job dictionaries and the change to the hold space character as described below.

Important Notes (please read before installing):
- The June 2018 software is not backward compatible with older versions of AristoCAT. If you have the AristoCAT software installed on more than one computer, it is highly recommended that you install the June 2018 MLD on all of your computers.

- You will have to activate the June 2018 Master Load even if you have previously activated the August 2016 Master Load.

Major Changes:

Please read the following carefully as there is a major change to the personal (PER) and job (JOB) dictionaries that can effect moving them from one computer with the June 2018 Master Load to another computer with earlier versions of the AristoCAT software. All other files (WRK, NOT, BTH, INC, etc.) can be moved between computers without regard to which version of the AristoCAT software is installed, just like you have previously done. Here are the two major changes:

1. We have changed the symbol for the hold space symbol. The current symbol is the underscore '_' (shifted hyphen) and the new symbol is the tilde '~'. When the personal and job dictionaries are converted to the new format (as described below), the hold space character will be changed automatically. There are two programs that have not been updated to recognize the new hold space character (they still recognize and remove the old hold space character). These two programs are Proofread and Auto Index when accessed from the AristoCAT Main Menu. If you proofread or run auto index within the Edit program, the new hold space character will be recognized. The Print and Multipag programs from the AristoCAT Main Menu will recognize the new hold space symbol. The reason for this change is that more and more customers are seeing e-mail addresses, Bates numbers, computer program variables and other instances where the underscore is used and should not be removed when printed.

2. **Important**: When you open a file in Edit that was translated with the older versions of AristoCAT, Edit will search the text for underscores and if found, you will be asked if you want to change underscore to a tilde. In most cases you want to reply with 'Yes'. If you know a transcript has a lot of underscores used in email address, etc., then you may want to reply 'No' and manually change an underscore to a tilde where applicable. You will only be asked this question once per transcript that was translated before the new software.

3. We have added new information to the personal and job dictionary entries. This new information includes the number of times used, the last date the entry was used by the Translation and Real-time programs and the date an entry was added or modified. In order to make room for this additional information we had to make changes to the dictionaries. But don't worry, the conversion to the new format are made automatically. In addition to the added information, the old hold space character '_' will be converted to the new hold space character '~'. Here is additional information about the conversion:
    - The old version of the dictionary will be renamed with an extension of 'old'. For example, if your current personal dictionary has a name of 'chris.per' the new converted personal dictionary will still be named 'chris.per' and the old version will be named 'chris.old'.

- The same is true for job dictionaries. If you have a job dictionary named 'johnson.job', the new, converted version will still be named 'johnson.job' and the old version will be named 'johnson.old'.
- It can take a few minutes to convert the personal dictionary. It is highly advisable to open the Dictionary Management program as quickly as possible after installing the new master load.
- To see the new information, go to Edit Personal Dictionary and Edit Job Dictionary in the Dictionary Management program.
- To sort your personal or job dictionary by the number of strokes, the number of uses, the last date used, the date added/modified and unused entries, go to Edit Personal Dictionary or Edit Job Dictionary in the Dictionary Management program, click on the View menu and then click on the 'Sort by …' menu.
- You cannot move a dictionary (personal or job) from a computer with the June 2018 software to a computer with an older version of the AristoCAT software. You can move a dictionary from a computer with an older version to a computer with the June 2018 software. It will just be converted to the new format. All other files (WRK, NOT, BTH, etc.) can be moved back and forth between computers.

Please call (800-727-4786) or e-mail (support@aristocat.com) with any questions or problems you may have.