



# The Trial Protocol Tool

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The Trial Protocol Tool is a tool that supports the production of a high quality research protocol. It provides a checklist of issues that should be considered when writing a protocol, examples of how these issues have been addressed by other researchers and a library of full protocols.

The browser-based version of the Trial Protocol Tool comes in a zipped file called TPT\_en\_web.zip (English version) or TPT\_sp\_web.zip (Spanish version). The first thing to do is to extract the files within the zipped file: you can do this by double-clicking on the zipped file, choose 'Extract all files' from the left-hand menu of Windows Explorer and then follow the instructions in the Extraction Wizard.

The browser-based version of the Trial Protocol Tool comes in a folder called 'Trial Protocol Tool (Web)' and this folder contains another folder called 'Collected files', two shortcuts and this 'Read Me' file. One shortcut is for Mac OS X and double-clicking on it should run the Trial Protocol Tool. The second shortcut is for Windows or the Mac and double-clicking it should redirect your browser to the Trial Protocol Tool opening page. If the shortcuts don't work for some reason then you can:

- Open the Collected files folder
- Double-click on TrialProtocolTool.html

'TrialProtocolTool.html' is the opening page of the Trial Protocol Tool. You might want to make a shortcut to this file on your machine.

**NB.: your local security settings may block some of the Trial Protocol Tool's content because it uses something called Active X. It's usually possible to solve this by right-clicking on the banner at the top of the browser where the message about blocking content is displayed and then selecting 'Allow Content Blocked'.**

If you need any more help then send an email to: [streweek@mac.com](mailto:streweek@mac.com)

Regards,

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