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Access to TNT Information Resources

MicroImages has a broad knowledge-base of resources that provides information about how to use the TNT analytical products as well as TNTserver, TNTsim3D, and TNTAtlas. It is easy to forget that this vast array of resources is available. So MicroImages has chosen to remind you of their availability and provide you access to them every 20th time you start your professional TNT analytical product or every time you start your TNTlite. This knowledge base is divided into three categories: tutorial booklets, Technical Guides, and Quick Guides. A startup reminder appears on a 20-count cycle for each of these categories, which provides access to all documents in the corresponding category, generally through an intermediate page. A fourth startup page delivers an RSS feed of the MicroImages News page, which presents what's new in content for the other three categories and additional topics, such as the availability of new translations and online maps, starting with the latest day's news and working backward for another nine days. This news page will appear on startup every time there is new news unless you have turned on the *Only show news once per week* toggle. The news page is suppressed if the news has already been shown or one of the other three reminders needs to be shown on the 20-count cycle. In TNTlite, the startup page alternates between the RSS news feed if new and the next reminder in the rotation every time you start up. If you want a longer historical news record, click on the More News button to access the News page directly from MicroImages' web site for these announcements posted Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Tutorial booklets provide step-by-step lessons on the use of TNT products. Technical Guides describe new features as they are released. Quick Guides provide short how-to's and power tips and are available in

The four possible windows you may see at startup of your TNT product are shown here. The blue entries on the tutorial reminder open the booklet from the installed location of your TNT product or, if not installed, to the tutorials on MicroImages' web site. The entries on the Technical Guides and Quick Guides reminder pages link to the list of Tech/Quick Guides about that topic and from there to the individual Guides on MicroImages' web site. Titles and thumbnails in the RSS news feed link to the corresponding documents on MicroImages' web site.

two forms: assembled into a booklet with a table of contents that links to a specific Quick Guide within the booklet and as individual Quick Guides. Direct access to Technical Guides, individual Quick Guides, and the TNT RSS news feed requires an Internet connection. Access using the Internet is important because the Technical Guides and Quick Guides are periodically updated to keep pace with the changes in the TNT features they review. You may have installed the tutorial booklets with the TNT products. If so, they will be used directly from your drive. All of these startup pages are also always available from the Help menu on the TNT menubar. The Help menu provides two search options for easy access to materials in MicroImages' knowledge-base: *Search*, which finds results in TNT documents installed on your drive using a previously generated index, and *Search Web*, which takes you to the Site Search page on MicroImages' web site to let you search the entire site or specific categories of information, such as release notes and new features in addition to the other categories discussed here, for the key word(s) of interest.

In addition to the TNT-specific information already described, MicroImages maintains a repository of approximately 2,000 journal articles of special interest to our software engineers and provides an index to these articles online. If you use MicroImages' Entire Site search, you can locate references to this technical information by title or author. You will need to acquire your own copies or access to these articles since many are copyrighted.

