



GSAK Basic MACROs FUNdamentals

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Outline



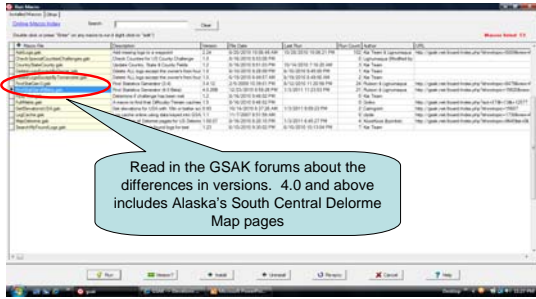
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Why use Macros?



- Add/update elevations
- Delete or Add logs
- Add/update counties
- Add/update Delorme pages
- Update logs on caches you own
- Generate statistics for upload to geocaching.com
- Search your found logs for text such as FTF.
- And

FindStatGen options

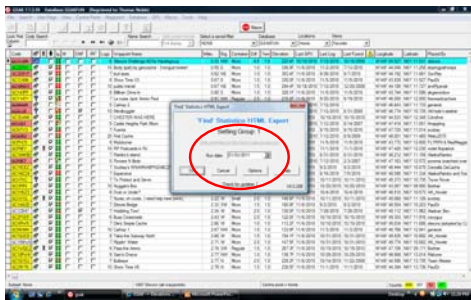


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FindStatGen4.0 Example

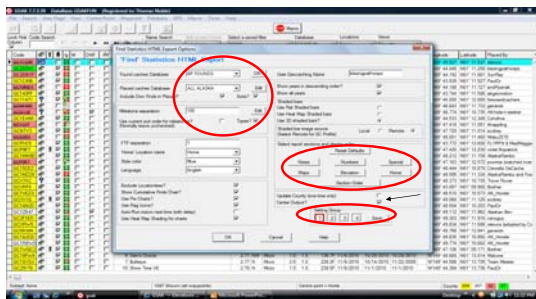


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Customizing FindStatGen

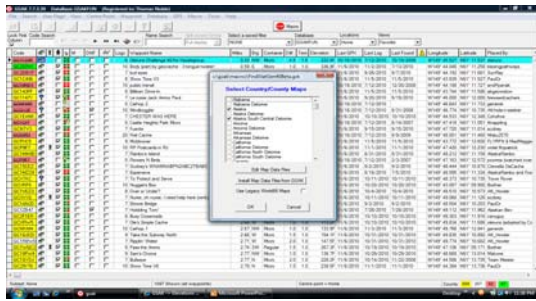


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FindStatGen option - Maps

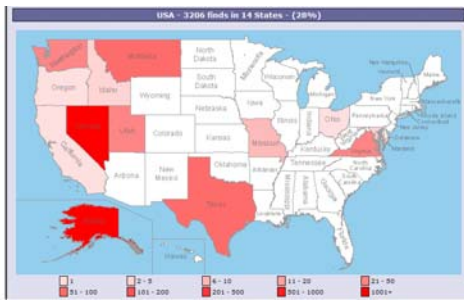


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FindStatGen Map output

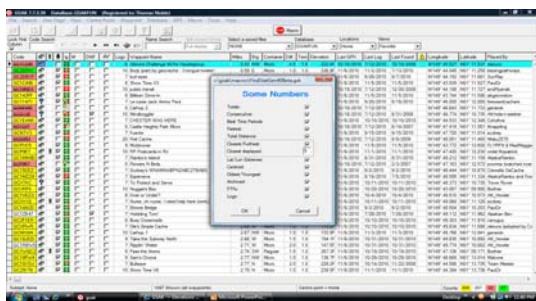


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FindStatGen Numbers



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FindStatGen Output



At completion of the macro, FindStatGen:

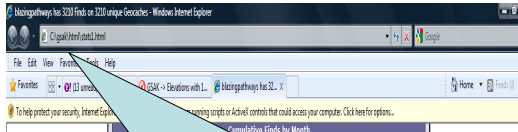
- Opens a tab in Internet Explorer, which displays the graphs, charts, tables, and maps you've selected in the format it will be presented on your profile
- It lists where it has placed the HTML code for this file

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FindStatGen Output location



In order to upload your statistics to www.geocaching.com, you are going to need to find the output file on your computer:

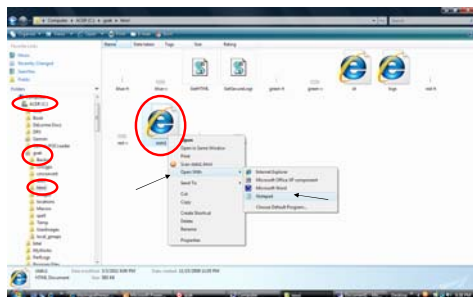
- In this case it is on the **C** drive
 - Go to the **GSAK** folder
 - Then to the **HTML** folder
 - Locate the **stats1** file
 - and **Right click on it**
 - Choose **Open With Notepad**

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FindStatsGen Html file

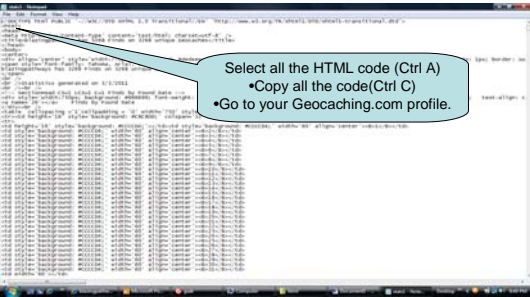


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FindStatsGen Sample Html

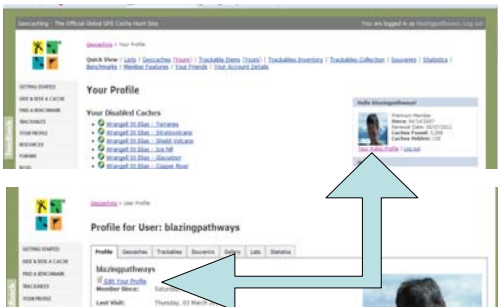


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Uploading FindStatGen Pg 2

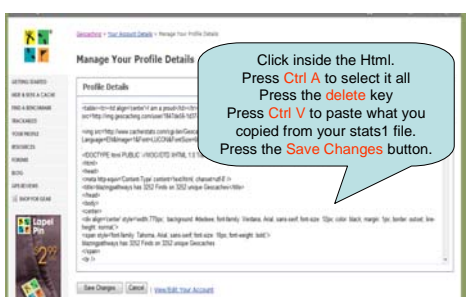


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Uploading FindStatGen Pg 3

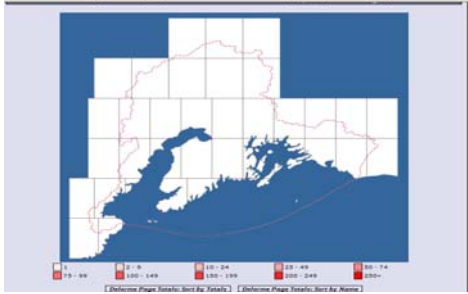


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Problem with DeLorme Map – found pages not shading



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Using GSAK forums for problem solving

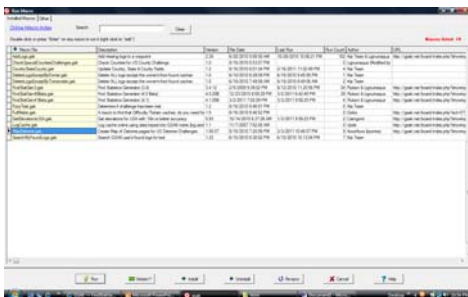


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Problem Resolution Pg1

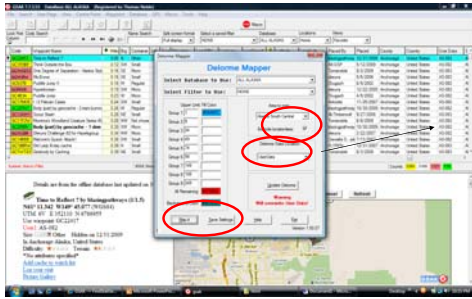


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Changing Map Settings

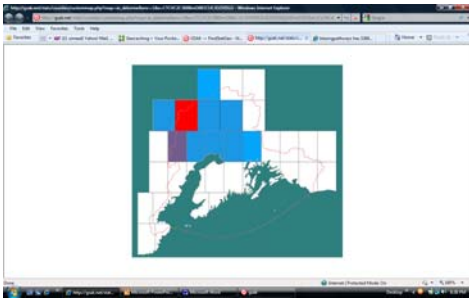


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Map with shading



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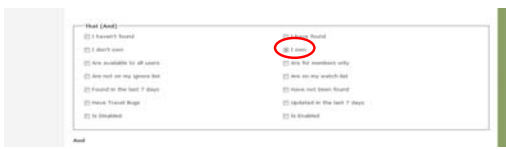
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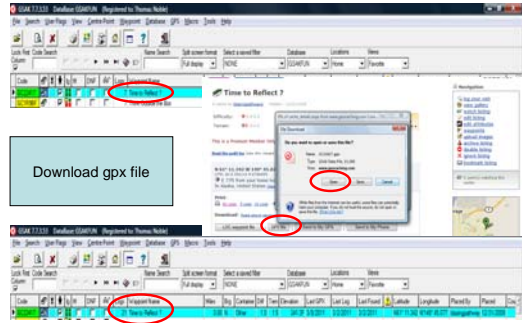
- 3 ways to update your GSAK database with the logs for caches you own:
- Regularly run a GPX query for “caches I own”. This gives you the last 5 logs plus your own logs on each cache.
 - Download a GPX file from the cache page. This gives you the last 20 logs plus your own logs for the cache.
 - Run the Add Logs Macro. This gives you all logs for the cache (**WARNING** - use sparingly!)

FindStatGen – Placed Stats pg 3



Run a query on caches you own

FindStatGen – Placed Stats pg 4



FindStatGen – Placed Stats pg 8



- **WARNING:** The AddLogs macro was created as a way to get past logs for the caches that you own for the FindStatsGen report **when there is no other way to obtain those logs. Excessive use of the AddLogs macro could result in your geocaching.com account being closed.**

Only use AddLogs when you cannot get the logs in any other way. If you have multiple caches to update, you should do no more than 3-4 caches, then wait an hour or before doing a few more, to spread the load on the gc.com servers and minimize the risk that you will trigger throttling of your account.

Pocket Queries and downloading the gpx file on the cache page are the approved methods for updating your database and AddLogs is not a substitute for Pocket Queries.

Resources



- Geocaching Swiss Army Knife Website & Forums
<http://www.gsak.net/>
- Geocaching.com Resources:
<http://www.geocaching.com/resources/default.aspx>
- Geocaching Glossary of Terms: <http://www.geocaching.com/about/glossary.aspx>
- Geocaching Knowledge Books:
http://support.groundspeak.com/index.php?pg=kb_book&id=1
- Geocaching.com Forums
<http://forums.groundspeak.com/GC/>
- Geocacher University: <http://www.geocacher-u.com/>
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