
EVP LOGGER

Electronic Voice Phenomena Review & Documentation

User Manual

Desktop Application for Windows

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No installation tools, Node.js, or command line required.

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1. Welcome

EVP Logger is a desktop application for reviewing and documenting Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP). You record your audio in the field on a handheld recorder, phone, or other device, then import that file into EVP Logger. From there, the app lets you review the audio on a clear timeline, drop time-stamped markers wherever you hear something, and classify, transcribe, and annotate any captures, all in one place.

EVP Logger does not record audio itself. It is a review and documentation tool: you bring the recording, and the app gives you everything you need to analyze it. The application runs entirely on your own computer. Your imported audio, notes, and session files stay on your machine unless you choose to export or share them. There is no account to create, and no internet connection is required to import or review a session.

Who this manual is for

This manual is written for the everyday user. You do not need any technical background to install or operate EVP Logger. If you can download a file and double-click it, you can install the application and review your first recording within a few minutes.

What you can do with EVP Logger

- Import an audio file you recorded in the field and review it on a clear, scrollable timeline.
- Drop time-stamped markers to flag prompts, knocks, footsteps, or suspected responses.
- Jump straight to any marker during review.
- Loop, slow down, and re-listen to a clip to confirm or rule out a capture.
- Classify confirmed EVPs (Class A, B, or C), transcribe them, and rate your confidence.
- Tag possible contamination sources so your evidence stays honest.
- Organize sessions by case, location, date, and investigator.
- Export individual audio clips and a full session report to share with your team or clients.

ABOUT THIS VERSION

This manual describes the standard EVP Logger workflow. Menu names, supported file types, and a few button labels may differ slightly depending on the build you installed. Where a step depends on your specific build, the manual says so.

2. System Requirements

EVP Logger is lightweight and runs comfortably on most modern computers. The recommended minimums are listed below.

Requirement	Minimum	Recommended
Operating system	Windows 10 (64-bit)	Windows 11 (64-bit)
Processor	Dual-core, 2.0 GHz	Quad-core, 2.5 GHz or faster
Memory (RAM)	4 GB	8 GB or more
Free disk space	500 MB for the app	5 GB+ for sessions and audio
Audio to review	A recording file to import (e.g. WAV, MP3)	Uncompressed WAV from a field recorder
Audio output	Speakers or headphones	Closed-back headphones for review
Internet	Not required to import or review	Only needed to download updates

NOTE

Imported audio files can be large. A one-hour stereo WAV recording can use roughly 300-600 MB. Keep an eye on free disk space if you work with long overnight recordings.

3. Installing EVP Logger

Installation uses a standard setup wizard. You download one file, double-click it, and follow a few on-screen prompts. There is nothing to configure on the command line and no developer tools to install.

Step 1 — Download the file

1. Download the EVP Logger package from the link you were given. The file will land in your Downloads folder.
2. If the download is a .zip file (for example, evp-logger-electron.zip), right-click it and choose Extract All, then open the extracted folder. Inside you will find the setup file.
3. If the download is already a setup file (for example, EVP Logger Setup 1.0.0.exe), you can skip extraction.

Step 2 — Run the setup file

1. Double-click the setup file (its name ends in Setup and .exe).
2. Windows may show a blue “Windows protected your PC” screen. This is normal for independent software that is not sold through the Microsoft Store. Click More info, then click Run anyway.
3. If Windows asks “Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your device?”, click Yes.

WHY THE SECURITY PROMPT APPEARS

Windows SmartScreen warns about any program it has not seen many times before, regardless of whether it is safe. Because EVP Logger is independent software rather than a mass-market store app, this warning is expected. Choosing “More info → Run anyway” simply tells Windows you trust the file you downloaded.

Step 3 — Follow the setup wizard

The setup wizard opens automatically. Work through the screens in order:

1. Welcome screen: read the introduction and click Next.
2. Install scope (if shown): choose Install for me only (no admin rights needed) or Install for all users on this computer. “For me only” is the simplest choice.
3. Install location: the default folder is fine for almost everyone. Only change it if you keep programs on a separate drive. Click Next.
4. Shortcuts: leave Create a desktop shortcut and Create a Start Menu shortcut checked so the app is easy to find later.
5. Click Install and wait for the progress bar to finish. This usually takes well under a minute.
6. On the final screen, leave Launch EVP Logger checked and click Finish.

TIP

Everything EVP Logger needs to run is bundled inside the installer. You do not need to install Node.js, NPM, Python, or any other tool. Once setup finishes, the app is ready to use on its own.

Step 4 — First launch

The first time EVP Logger opens, it walks you through a short setup so it knows where to store your work.

1. Confirm or choose the folder where your sessions and exports will be saved. The default location works well; note where it is so you can find your files later.
2. Click Done or Get Started to open the main window.

TIP

Have a field recording ready before you start. EVP Logger reviews audio you have already captured, so keep your recorder's files somewhere easy to find (such as your Downloads or Documents folder) before you import.

4. The Main Window

After setup, EVP Logger opens to the main window. The exact layout varies slightly by build, but you will find the same core areas in every version.

Area	What it does
Import / Open file	Loads an audio file from your computer to begin a new session.
Playback controls	Play, Pause, and Stop for listening to the imported audio.
Waveform / timeline	A visual of the imported audio that you can scroll and scrub through.
Marker button	Drops a time-stamped flag at the current playback position.
Session panel	Lists your saved sessions so you can open, rename, or delete them.
Marker / event list	Shows every marker in the current session with its timestamp and notes.
Session details	Fields for the case name, location, date, investigators, and conditions.
Settings	Storage folder, theme, playback options, and keyboard shortcuts.

5. Importing an Audio File

Every session in EVP Logger begins by importing a recording you made elsewhere. The app does not capture audio on its own, so the first step is always to bring in a file.

Supported files

EVP Logger works with common audio formats. The exact list depends on your build, but it typically includes WAV, MP3, M4A, and FLAC. WAV is preferred for review because it is uncompressed and preserves the most detail.

Importing a file

1. Click Import, Open, or Upload Audio on the main screen.
2. Browse to the audio file you recorded in the field and select it.
3. Wait a moment while EVP Logger loads the file and draws the waveform. Larger files take a little longer.
4. The file opens as a new session, ready to review.

TIP

Whenever your recorder allows it, capture and import your field audio as WAV. Compressed formats such as MP3 discard subtle detail that can matter for faint EVPs. Copy the file off your recorder to your computer before importing so you always keep the original.

6. Working Through a Session

A session is one imported recording, together with every marker, note, and logged EVP you attach to it. After importing, your first pass is simply to listen through and flag anything worth a closer look.

Before you start listening

- Fill in the session details: case or location name, the date of the original recording, and who was present.
- Note the conditions if your build supports it: where and when the audio was recorded, the equipment used, and anything that might explain stray sounds.
- Put on headphones and find a quiet space; faint responses are easy to miss on speakers.

The first pass

1. Import your audio file (see the previous chapter). It opens as a new session.
2. Play the file from the beginning and listen closely.
3. When you hear something worth flagging, drop a marker (click the marker button or press the marker hotkey). The marker lands at that exact point on the timeline.
4. Drop a marker at known, explainable sounds too, such as a car passing, a cough, or a creak. Labeling contamination is just as valuable as flagging a possible response.
5. Keep going to the end of the file. Your work saves automatically as you go.

CAPTURE CLEAN IN THE FIELD

The cleanest reviews start with a clean field recording. When you make the original recording, state a voice slate at the start (date, location, who is present) and narrate every sound you can account for out loud. Then, when you import the file here, drop a marker at each of those moments and label it. Honest narration in the field saves hours of second-guessing at the desk.

Markers vs. audio

Markers never change the imported audio. They are simply bookmarks layered on top of the file, so you can drop as many as you like without any effect on sound quality. Every marker stores the exact time it points to and any note you add to it.

7. Working with Markers and Tags

Markers are the backbone of an efficient review. Each one is a labeled point in time you can jump to instantly.

Adding markers

- As the audio plays: press the marker hotkey or click the marker button the moment you hear something. The marker lands at that point on the timeline.
- While paused: scrub to an exact spot on the waveform, then add a marker there. Use this to flag responses you only notice on a second listen.

Labeling and editing markers

1. Click a marker in the marker list or on the timeline to select it.
2. Type a short label (for example, "Name question," "Whisper?," "HVAC kicked on").
3. Add a longer note if needed, and a tag such as Question, Response, Contamination, or Equipment if your build offers tags.
4. To remove a marker, select it and choose Delete. Deleting a marker never affects the audio.

TIP

Build a small, consistent set of tags and stick to it across every case (for example: Question, Response, Knock, Voice, Contamination, Equipment). Consistent tags make your sessions searchable and your reports easy for clients and teammates to read.

8. Reviewing and Playback

Reviewing is where most EVPs are actually found. EVP Logger gives you a focused set of tools for listening closely without altering the imported file.

Control	What it does
Play / Pause	Starts and stops playback from the current position.
Timeline scrub	Click or drag along the waveform to jump to any moment.
Jump to marker	Skips straight to the next or previous marker in the session.
Loop a selection	Repeats a short stretch of audio so you can re-listen as many times as needed.
Playback speed	Slows audio down to hear faint or fast detail, or speeds it up to skim quiet stretches.
Volume / gain	Boosts playback volume for review without changing the imported file.

A good review routine

1. Start by jumping marker to marker. Most of what is worth hearing is already flagged from your first pass.
2. When you reach a suspected response, loop the few seconds around it and listen several times.
3. Slow the playback down once or twice to confirm whether it is a voice or just noise.
4. Listen with headphones. A quiet response that is invisible on laptop speakers often becomes obvious on headphones.
5. If it holds up, log it as an EVP (next chapter). If it does not, note it and move on.

LISTEN BEFORE YOU LABEL

Try to hear a clip before you decide what it says. Telling yourself (or a teammate) the expected words first makes your brain hear them whether they are there or not. Honest review means letting the audio speak first.

9. Logging and Classifying EVPs

When a capture survives review, log it as a confirmed EVP. This turns a marker into a documented piece of evidence with a classification, a transcription, and your notes.

The EVP classes

EVP Logger uses the widely recognized A / B / C classification. Choose the class honestly based on clarity, not on how exciting the content is.

Class	Clarity	Description
Class A	Clear	Easily heard and understood without enhancement. Most people agree on the words. The strongest evidence.
Class B	Moderate	Audible but requires some effort or repetition. Listeners may differ on a word or two. The most common class.
Class C	Faint	Very quiet or partly unclear. Open to interpretation. Worth noting, but the weakest evidence; never present it as definitive.

Logging a capture

1. Select the marker for the capture, then choose Log as EVP (or the equivalent in your build).
2. Set the Class (A, B, or C) based on how clearly you can hear it.
3. Type your transcription of what is said. If you are unsure of a word, write it with a question mark.
4. Rate your confidence if your build supports it, and add any context (who was present, what was asked, conditions).
5. Save the entry. It now appears in your session's EVP log and will be included when you export a report.

WARNING

Resist the urge to over-process audio until you “hear” words. Heavy filtering and extreme amplification can manufacture voices out of random noise. Light, honest review keeps your findings credible. When in doubt, classify down a grade or leave it as an unconfirmed marker.

10. Organizing Sessions and Cases

Over time you will accumulate many sessions. A little discipline up front keeps everything easy to find.

Session details

Fill in as many of these fields as your build offers, every time:

- Case or location name (for example, the property or address).
- Date and time the original recording was made.
- Investigators present during the recording.
- Equipment used (recorder, microphone, any supporting devices).
- Conditions: weather, temperature, and anything notable about the environment.

Naming and finding sessions

1. Give each session a clear name, ideally starting with the date, such as 2026-06-13 — Hamilton-Turner — Session 1.
2. Use the Session panel to open, rename, or delete sessions.
3. Group related sessions under the same case name so a full investigation reads as one story.

TIP

A date-first naming pattern (YYYY-MM-DD) keeps your sessions in chronological order automatically, both inside the app and in your file folders.

11. Exporting and Reporting

When you are ready to share findings, EVP Logger can export both the audio and a written record.

Export	Use it for
Audio clip	Saving a single capture as its own audio file to send to a teammate or client.
Full session audio	Sharing or archiving the complete imported recording.
Session report	A document listing the session details, every logged EVP, its class, and your transcription and notes.
Marker / data list	A spreadsheet-friendly file (such as CSV) of every marker and timestamp for your own records.

Exporting a clip or report

1. Open the session you want to export.
2. For a single capture, select its marker or EVP entry and choose Export clip. Pick a folder and confirm.
3. For a written summary, choose Export report (or Export session). Choose the format offered by your build and a destination folder.
4. Confirm the export finished, then open the destination folder to verify your files are there.

TIP

Always share the original, unedited clip alongside any enhanced version. Investigators and clients trust evidence far more when they can hear the raw capture for themselves.

12. Settings and Preferences

Open Settings to adjust where EVP Logger stores files, how playback behaves, and how the app looks. Common options include:

Setting	What it controls
Storage folder	Where sessions, markers, logs, and exports are saved on your computer.
Default import location	Which folder the file browser opens to when you import audio.
Playback options	Default playback speed and how far the skip / jump controls move.
Auto-save	Whether your work saves automatically as you go (recommended on).
Theme	Light or dark appearance. Dark is easier on the eyes during long reviews.
Keyboard shortcuts	View or change the hotkeys, including the all-important marker key.

NOTE

If you change the storage folder after you have already saved sessions, older sessions remain in their original location. Note both folders, or move the old files yourself, so nothing gets lost.

13. Keyboard Shortcuts

Shortcuts keep your hands free during review, which matters most when you need to flag a moment the instant you hear it. The defaults below are typical; check Settings for the exact keys in your build.

Action	Typical shortcut
Open / import an audio file	Ctrl + O
Play / pause	Spacebar
Drop a marker	M
Next marker	Right arrow
Previous marker	Left arrow
Loop selection	L
Save session	Ctrl + S
Open settings	Ctrl + ,

TIP

Memorize one shortcut above all others: the marker key. Being able to flag a moment without looking away from your notes is the single biggest time-saver in EVP review.

14. Your Files and Data

Everything EVP Logger creates lives on your own computer in the storage folder you chose during setup. Knowing where that is makes backups simple and gives you peace of mind.

- Each session keeps your markers, notes, and EVP log together with the audio you imported, so the session stays self-contained.
- Your original field recordings live wherever you saved them off your recorder. Keep those originals too; they are the source of everything.
- Exports go wherever you choose at export time.

Backing up

1. Find your storage folder (its location is shown in Settings).
2. Copy that folder to an external drive or cloud folder regularly, especially after an important investigation.
3. Back up your original field recordings separately as well, so a session can always be rebuilt if needed.
4. To move EVP Logger to a new computer, install the app there and copy your storage folder across.

WARNING

Field recordings are irreplaceable; you cannot re-capture a moment that already happened. Keep both your original recordings and your EVP Logger storage folder backed up after every significant investigation. A single external drive copy has saved many cases.

15. Troubleshooting

Most issues come down to the audio file itself, the storage folder, or disk space. The table below covers the common ones.

Problem	What to try
The app will not install	Make sure you fully extracted the .zip first, then run the Setup file. If SmartScreen blocks it, choose More info → Run anyway. Run as administrator if prompted.
An audio file will not import	Confirm the file finished downloading or copying and is not open in another program. Make sure it is a supported format. Very large files may take a moment to load.
The format is not supported	Convert the file to WAV or MP3 using your recorder's software or a free converter, then import again.
The waveform does not appear	The file may still be loading or may be corrupted. Re-import it; if it still fails, export a fresh copy from your recorder and try that.
Playback has no sound	Confirm your speakers or headphones are selected as the Windows output device, and that the playback volume is up inside the app.
A session did not save	Confirm the storage folder still exists and your drive is not full. Turn on Auto-save in Settings.
The app runs slowly	Close other heavy programs, and avoid keeping many very long sessions open at once. Restart the app.
Playback stutters	Import and play from a local drive rather than a network or cloud folder, and avoid running demanding programs at the same time.

IF A PROBLEM PERSISTS

Restart EVP Logger first, then restart your computer if needed. A surprising share of file and playback issues clear up after Windows refreshes the app's access to your files and audio devices.

16. Best Practices for EVP Work

EVP Logger reviews the audio; the quality of your field recording determines what is there to find. Capture well in the field, then bring the file here. These habits come from long experience and will make every session stronger.

- Record in an uncompressed format such as WAV when your recorder allows it, and copy the original file to your computer before importing.
- Record a voice slate at the start of every field recording: date, location, who is present, and session number.
- In the field, narrate every sound you can account for out loud, then mark those moments when you import the file: stomach growls, clothing rustle, passing traffic, HVAC cycling on.
- Leave long pauses after each question while recording; responses usually land in the silence, not over your voice.
- Keep phones silenced and away from the recorder; radios and cell signals are a frequent source of false captures.
- Use headphones for review, and listen to a clip before deciding what it says.
- When unsure, classify down a grade. Honest, conservative grading builds long-term credibility.
- Always keep and share the raw, unedited clip next to any enhanced version.
- Back up your original recordings and your storage folder after every meaningful investigation.

17. Updating and Uninstalling

Updating

To move to a newer version, download the new setup file and run it the same way you did the first time. The installer updates your existing copy. Your saved sessions stay in your storage folder and are not touched by an update.

Uninstalling

1. Open Windows Settings → Apps → Installed apps.
2. Find EVP Logger in the list.
3. Click the three-dot menu next to it and choose Uninstall, then confirm.

YOUR WORK IS SAFE

Uninstalling the application does not delete the sessions in your storage folder, and it never touches your original field recordings. If you ever want to remove your sessions as well, delete the storage folder manually after uninstalling — but back it up first if there is any chance you will want the evidence later.

18. Frequently Asked Questions

Can EVP Logger record audio itself?

No. EVP Logger reviews and documents existing recordings. Record your audio in the field on a recorder, phone, or other device, then import the file into EVP Logger to analyze it.

What audio formats can I import?

Common formats such as WAV, MP3, M4A, and FLAC. The exact list depends on your build, and WAV gives the cleanest review. If a file will not load, convert it to WAV or MP3 and try again.

Do I need an internet connection to use EVP Logger?

No. Importing and review work fully offline. You only need a connection to download the app or an update.

Do I have to install Node.js, NPM, or any developer tools?

No. Everything the app needs is bundled in the installer. You download the file, double-click it, and follow the wizard.

Is there an account or login?

No. There is nothing to sign up for. Your work stays on your own computer.

Where are my files stored?

Sessions and exports go in the storage folder you chose during first launch (you can see and change it in Settings). Your original recordings stay wherever you saved them off your recorder.

Will an update delete my sessions?

No. Updates, and even uninstalling, leave your storage folder intact.

Why did Windows warn me about the app during install?

Windows SmartScreen flags any independent program it has not seen often. Choosing More info → Run anyway is the normal way to proceed with software you trust.

Appendix: Glossary

Term	Meaning
EVP	Electronic Voice Phenomena: a sound resembling speech, captured on a recording, that was not heard out loud at the time.
Import	Loading an audio file you recorded elsewhere into EVP Logger so you can review and document it.
Session	One imported recording plus all of its markers, notes, and logged EVPs.
Marker	A time-stamped flag placed on the imported audio to mark a question, sound, or possible response. Markers never alter the audio.
Voice slate	A spoken statement at the start of a field recording giving the date, place, people present, and session number.
Class A / B / C	A grading scale for EVP clarity, from clearly understood (A) to faint and open to interpretation (C).
Contamination	Any explainable sound (traffic, stomach growl, equipment) that could be mistaken for evidence if not noted.
Storage folder	The location on your computer where EVP Logger keeps sessions, logs, and exports.

End of Manual

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