

# ATEasy 5.0

## TEST EXECUTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIO

- 32-bit object-oriented programming framework for Windows® 9x/ME and NT/2000/XP
- Rapid Application Development (RAD) environment enables short development cycles
- Instrumentation/Test System-like modular structure for easy development and maintenance
- Built-in Application Builder generates royalty-free run-time executables (EXE files)
- Built-in Test Executive and Profile editor for full control of test execution, sequence, and conditions
- User-defined, plain language commands offer program legibility for easier maintenance
- Automatic generation of HTML and text-based test logs instantly display test results
- Built-in Configuration Management tools allow simplified project management
- Connectivity with Microsoft® Source Safe enables direct check in, out, add, and compare files
- Multithreading support allows simultaneous execution of multiple code segments
- Visual Basic-like Form Editor generates graphical user interfaces, menus, and controls
- Event-driven programming support facilitates more efficient program execution
- Supports ActiveX, OCX, OLE, DDE, DLL, .NET components/assemblies and C/C++ header files (for automatic DLL functions and type declaration)
- Vendor-independent open architecture supports PXI, PCI/cPCI, VXI, GPIB, TCP/IP, RS-232, ISA, and more
- Supports VXI Plug-and-Play, Function Panel (.fp) drivers, Virtual Instruments (.vi/.llb), and IVI drivers



## DESCRIPTION

ATEasy is a rapid application development framework for functional test, ATE, data acquisition, process control, and instrumentation systems. ATEasy provides all the necessary tools to develop and maintain software components, from instrument drivers to complex test programs. It is designed to support and simplify ATE projects with long life cycles. With ATEasy, test applications are faster to generate and easier to maintain.

ATEasy includes a complete test development suite as well as a test executive specifically designed for test applications. The ATEasy development environment combines the ease of Microsoft Visual Basic and the flexibility of Microsoft Visual C++ — a complete object-oriented, 32-bit Windows programming environment. Users of these programs are able to pick up on ATEasy quickly, while first time users not familiar with these programs can use the Application Wizard to generate applications quickly. Application components are displayed in an easy-to-browse tree view that serves as a basis for the application specific components.

## FEATURES

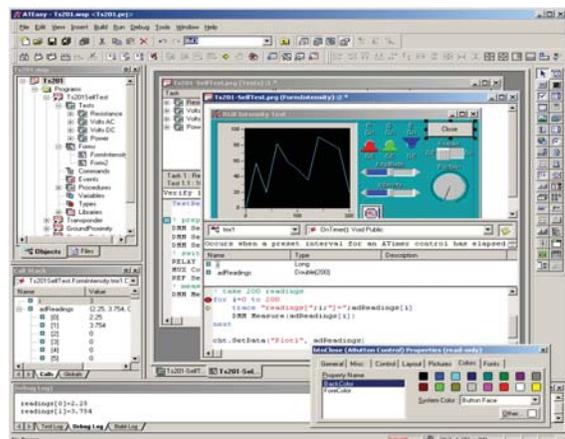
Test engineers build their test application from components modeled after real-world test systems. These components include a System, Drivers, Programs, Tests, Commands, and more. ATEasy provides a streamlined, easy-to-follow framework and wide array of features that enable the user to create re-usable components. The result is a test application that is faster to generate and easier to maintain.

### Rapid Application Development (RAD)

ATEasy's application framework consists of well-organized components that allow engineers to partition and organize their test code during development. When debugging and validating, engineers can use these components to quickly isolate problems. Once a modification is applied, smaller portions of the application code can be executed independently without running the entire application, which provides rapid development cycles.

### ATEasy Compiler

The ATEasy compiler is extremely fast. During debugging, ATEasy's Just-In-Time Compiler compiles only the necessary code as required. Once debugging is complete, the Build command creates an executable file.



The ATEasy IDE

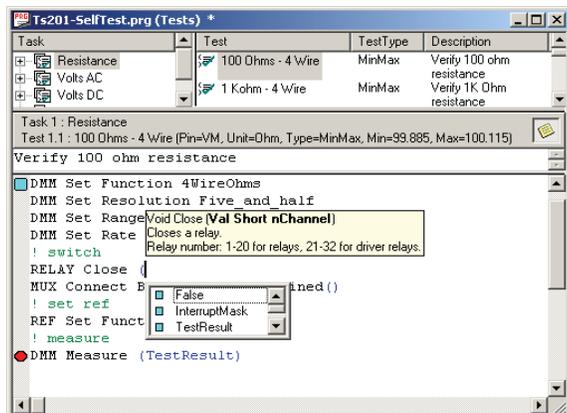
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## Programming

ATEasy applications can be created using menus or by typing commands directly. With menu commands, users can insert driver commands, procedure calls, and even flow control statements with a few clicks of the mouse. If the users choose to type, ATEasy's code completion tools provide suggestions on completing the unfinished statements. Code completion tools include Parameter suggestion and Command completion.

ATEasy also provides tool tips that describe the function call and arguments to the parameter that you are about to type. ATEasy displays information about symbols (variables, procedures, commands, etc.) when users hover over the symbol with a mouse.

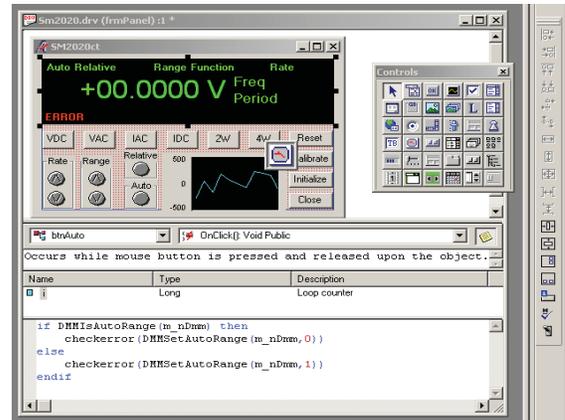
ATEasy includes a Form Editor very similar to the Microsoft® Visual Basic™ form editor. It provides similar sets of forms types, menus, controls, and event programming. ATEasy's forms can accommodate any system-installed ActiveX controls, offering extensibility and flexibility to use hundreds of ActiveX controls and components available from third party vendors.



ATEasy's code completion tools speed test application development

## Interface and Test Application Programming Model

ATEasy provides an event-driven approach to user interface programming for test applications. While a form is displayed for user interface to the test application, ATEasy test programs run in parallel, relieving the from "pumping" windows periodically as you would do in conventional user-interface programming. When the user clicks a button or selects a menu, an event is generated that interrupts the test program to handle and execute the event code. For time-critical applications, forms can be created in separate threads; this allows tests to run 'isolated' from your user interface events, with little or no effect on test timing.



Build user forms quickly and easily in ATEasy

## Multithreading

ATEasy provides full support for Windows® multithreading model, which allows users to execute multiple code segments simultaneously. Synchronization objects such as semaphore and events allow users to synchronize thread execution to protect the application's resources from re-entrance. ATEasy's robust multithreading model allows users use any user-interface objects or ActiveX controls from any thread without any special programming.

## Exception and Error Handling

ATEasy provides a unique approach to error and exception handling. Errors are generated by the **error** statement, run-time, or instruments communication. Once an error occurs it can be trapped and handled locally using the **try-catch** statement or at the module level using **OnError** module event. These minimize the developer's efforts on placing error-handling code throughout the application. When an error is generated, the application can decide whether to **ignore** or **retry** the statement that caused the error. It can also abort the application, reset, or re-throw the error, so other modules or ATEasy's default error handling can handle the error.

## Instrument Drivers

ATEasy supports thousands of VXI Plug-and-Play, Function Panel (.fp files) or IVI instrument drivers from vendors such as Agilent Technologies and National Instruments, these instrument drivers can be import to ATEasy and use as is. ATEasy is also supplied with the full set of the currently available IVI class drivers, many other drivers for Geotest and non-Geotest instruments are also supplied. LabView Virtual Instruments (.vi files or VI libraries .llb files) can be used from ATEasy. ATEasy provides various tools for rapid creation and debugging of instrument drivers. These tools include I/O Tables that contain steps used to communicate and control instruments over various bus types (e.g., GPIB). ATEasy's internal

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library also contains many functions that can control instruments (e.g., GPIB, RS232, TCP/IP, VXI, PC IO, memory functions, etc.). A communication monitor window shows the data sent or received from the instrument and can be used to identify and debug these instrument drivers.

## Self-Documentation

ATEasy's user-defined commands allow users to create plain English-like Command statements, such as:

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DMM Set Function VDC
DMM Measure (TestResult)
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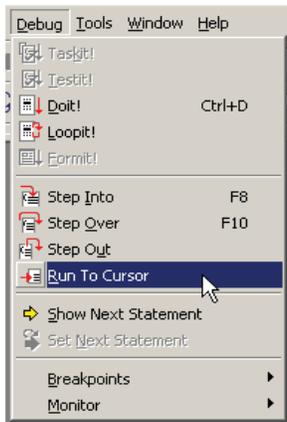
Statements such as these can control instruments or test systems. The resulting test code resembles the Test Requirement Documentation (TRD). ATLAS language users will find Command statements similar to ATLAS statements.

## Integration With Microsoft® Source Safe

ATEasy provides seamless integration with Microsoft Source Safe. Users can Check In, Check Out, or Add Files directly from ATEasy to Source Safe. Different versions of any ATEasy file can be compared to see what, when, where, and by whom files were modified.

## Debugging

The ATEasy debugger provides the versatility of conventional software development tools. For example, while the application is paused, users can Step In, Step Out, and Step Over when executing code. Users can set breakpoints, Run to Cursor, and/or Set the Next Statement from which to run. ATEasy has windows that show Call Stack, Local Variables, and Watch; while hovering on variable in the code window, ATEasy displays its value.



Debug Menu

ATEasy also has specialized instrument control debugging features such as the Communication Monitor that shows you what was sent or received from the bus to control the instrument. Other commands such as Doit! and Loopit! let execute selected or typed code to verify driver commands or procedures without executing the entire application.

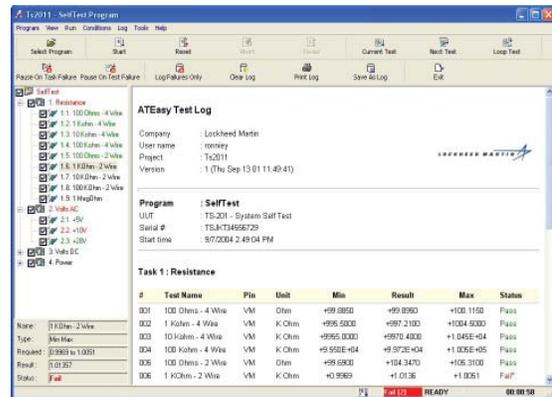
The ATEasy debugger can execute a Test or a Task without executing

the whole application, saving you the time needed to run the whole application until the required test is reached. Additional test program

debugging features include: Skip Task/Test, Set Next Task/Test, Run to Task/Test, repeat Current Task/Test, Taskit!, Testit!, and run conditions such as: Continuous, Task By Task, Test By Test, Stop on Failure, and more.

## Built-In Customizable Test Executive

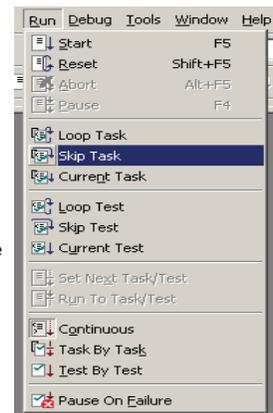
ATEasy comes with a ready-to-run Test Executive module. Once the Test Executive is used, the application has a complete test executive user interface that allows users to select and run a test program, select test to include or exclude from running, debug, view, and print test logs. The Test Executive module can be customized to accommodate any requirements. This plug-in architecture allows organizations to re-use the customized test-executive they have developed.



ATEasy's Test Executive

## Testing Sequences

A Profile plug-in module allows you to create profile files to define custom testing sequences. Each profile contains a list of steps that specify the program, Task, or Test to run from the application and the number of times the step should be executed. The profile is fully integrated with the Test Executive module and can alternatively be used as a stand-alone module.



Run menu

## ATEasy Modules

ATEasy applications are created from a project file that contains the application modules files. ATEasy modules are modeled after a test system. Three types of modules are available:

- Program Module – contains the application
- System Module – lists the application drivers and their

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configuration. For example: a GPIB instrument driver configuration may have its address, terminator, etc.

- Driver Module – contains the commands and functions that are required to operate an instrument as well as the interfaces it supports (e.g., GPIB, RS232, etc).

Each ATEasy module contains sub-modules such as Forms (for user interface), Commands, Procedures, Variables, Types and Libraries.

## Tests and Tasks

The Program module contains the necessary tests required for UUT. A Task consists of a group of Tests, which test the same block or logical unit in the UUT. Each Test contains code and various properties such as Name, Type, Pin, Unit, Result, Status, etc. Various test types are built-in, such as Min-Max (test results must fall within required Minimum and Maximum values), and are used to automatically generate the test log.

## APPLICATIONS

- Functional Test Systems
- Instrumentation Systems
- Avionics
- Aerospace
- Military
- Medical
- Wireless Telecom
- Semiconductor
- Automotive
- Electro-Optical
- Process Control

## SPECIFICATIONS

EDITING	
• Drag/drop objects	• Merge objects
• Cut/copy/paste/delete	• Undo/redo (unlimited)
• Find/replace across multiple modules for object's name, description, or code	• Context menu for all objects
EDITING WINDOWS	
• Build log	• Debug log
• Workspace window	• Variables window
• Test Log (HTML or text)	• Workbook user interface module
• Properties window with multi-tab (modeless)	• MDI document windows with Tree/ Object views
IDE CUSTOMIZATION	
• Docked/Float/MDI windows	• Tool menu
• Keyboard keys	• Toolbars
• Menu	

CODE GENERATION/EDITOR			
• Syntax highlighting	• Auto List commands		
• Insert Flow control menus	• Auto List members		
• Insert Commands cascading menus	• Insert Symbol dialog		
• Auto Type information	• Bookmarks		
• Auto Parameter information	• Font, tabs, auto indent		
• Auto Parameter suggestion			
FORM			
• Drawing	• Tool tip, What's This Help		
• Event programming	• Win Help/HTML Help		
• ActiveX controls	• Procedures, Variables, Events		
• Menu bar, tool bar, and context menus	• MDI frame, MDI Child, and Normal Forms		
• Automatic sizing of control/form			
• Container controls support			
FORM EDITOR			
• Align controls	• Same size controls		
• Test Form	• Lock controls		
• Grid	• Margins		
• Space evenly controls	• Center across the form		
• Auto arrange controls	• Tab order controls		
• Check duplicate mnemonics			
COMPILE/BUILD			
• Checkit!	• Check Module	• Build	• Stop Build
• Check All	• Execute	• Re-Build	• Show Error
TEST LEVEL DEBUGGING			
• Loop Task/Test	• Skip Task/Test		
• Current Task/Test	• Set Next Task/Test		
• Run to Task/Test	• Taskit!		
• Stop on Failure	• Testit!		
• Continuous/Task By Task/Test By Test	• Programit!		
• Pause on Task/Test Failure	• Repeat Run		
• Prompt on Pause Failure	• Log Failures Only		
SOURCE SAFE INTEGRATION			
• Check In/Out	• Compare Files	• Add Files/Project	• Show History
• Show Status/Properties			
SOURCE LEVEL DEBUGGING			
• Reset	• Step Over	• Abort	• Doit!
• Pause/Continue	• Step Out	• Run to Cursor	• Formit!
• Set Next Statment	• Step Into	• Breakpoints	• Loopit!
• Show Next Statement			
DEBUG WINDOWS			
• Calls Stack/Locals with a separate tab for module variables and change value			
• Watch window with expression evaluator			
• Debug window for executing code in immediate mode without adding the code to a test program			
• Monitor (communication) window with interface source filtering			

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## SPECIFICATIONS (CONT'D)

INSTRUMENTATION INTERFACES			
• GPIB: Computer Boards, Keithley/MetraByte/CEC, Agilent/HP, National Instruments			
• VXI: National Instruments — MXI			
• COMM: Any Windows-compatible serial and infrared port			
• File/Device			
• WinSock: Client/Server, UDP/TCP			
• ISA, PCI, PXI, and PC-based instruments			
STATEMENTS			
• #ifdef	• Exit Test	• Print	• Task
• Abort	• For Next	• ReDim	• Test
• Continue	• GoTo	• Repeat - Until	• tic type conversion
• Error	• If - Else	• Reset	• Trace
• Exit	• Ignore	• Retry	• Try - Catch
• Exitloop	• Load	• Return	• Unload
• ExitProgram	• Loop	• Run	• While
• ExitTask	• Pause	• Select - Case	
DATA TYPES			
<b>BASIC TYPES</b>	• Currency	• Object	• Word
• Any	• DateTime	• Procedure	
• Bool	• Double	• Short	<b>USER TYPES</b>
• Byte	• DWord	• String	• Enum
• BString	• Float	• Variant	• Structure
• Char	• Long	• WChar	• Typedef
COM			
• Create Object/Get Object		• Objects can be used from any thread	
• Display type libraries content		• Support method, properties, and events	
• Early and Late Binding		• Support for ActiveX controls	
• Load type libraries			
.NET			
• Import .NET assemblies and use Components			
DLLS			
• Automatic type conversion		• Support for callback or procedure parameter	
• CDecl or StdCall			
• Calling and using DLL functions by name or ordinal		• Import .h files for function and type definition	
EXTERNAL INSTRUMENTS DRIVER			
• Import Lab Windows/CVI or Function Panel (.fp) drivers		• LabView VI (.vi/.lib) calling and browsing	
IVI DRIVERS			
• Drivers for DCPwr, Dmm, FGen, PwrMeter, RFSig Gen, Scope, SpecAn, and Switch		• Full support for IVI-C and IVI-COM	

TEST EXECUTIVE			
• Automatic integration to test program/application		• Networked users/groups-based login, privileges, and customization	
• Automatic log (HTML or text)		• Optional touch panel user interface	
• Customized UI and functionality		• Test sequencing	
• Fault Analysis/Directory			
BUILT-IN CONTROLS			
• AButton	• AGroupBox	• ALog	• AStatusBar
• AChart	• Almage	• APanel	• ASwitch
• ACheckBox	• AlmageList	• ARadioButton	• ATab
• AComboBox	• ALabel	• AScrollBar	• ATimer
• ACommon-Dialog	• AListBox	• ASlider	• AToolBar
OPTIONS			
• Directories	• Log	• Tests	• Workspace
• Interfaces	• Source Control	• Text Editor	
UI CLASSES			
• AAxis	• AForm	• APlot	• AThumb
• AClipboard	• AlmageListImage	• AStatusBarPane	
• AControl	• AMenu	• ATabPage	
• AFont	• APicture	• AToolBar-Button	
CLASSES			
• ACriticalSection	• AMutex	• ASemaphore	• ATest
• ADriver	• App	• ASystem	• AUser
• AEvent	• AProgram	• ATask	• AUsers
PROCEDURE GROUPS			
• ActiveX		• Misc	
• DDE		• Multi-Threading	
• Driver/Info		• Port/Memory I/O	
• File System		• Serial Communication	
• GPIB		• String Manipulation	
• Interfaces		• Variants	
• Interrupts		• VXI	
• Log File Information		• WinSock	
• Math			
HELP/DOCUMENTATION			
• Getting Started Manual			
• User's Guide Manual (on-line)			
• Preference/Programming Language Manual (on-line)			
• HTML-based help with TOC, Index, Search			
• Context sensitive help for dialogs and keyword			
OTHER			
• Module events		• Exception Handling (try-catch, error, OnErr)	
• Multi-Threading			

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice

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## ORDERING INFORMATION

<b>GT8000-xx</b>	ATEasy single user software package with 1-year Subscription and Support
<b>GT8003-xx</b>	ATEasy with 1-year Subscription and Support and 3-day training at Geotest
<b>GT8320-2Y-xx</b>	ATEasy with 2-year Subscription and Support
<b>GT8320-3Y-xx</b>	ATEasy with 3-year Subscription and Support
<b>GT8021-UG-xx</b>	ATEasy Upgrade (from 3.0 to 4.0 or 5.0) with 1-year Subscription and Support
<b>GT8022-UG-xx</b>	ATEasy Upgrade (from 3.0 to 4.0 or 5.0) with 2-year Subscription and Support
<b>ATEZ-LPT/USB</b>	Replace any type of ATEasy license with another (i.e., -KP to -NL, -SL to -KY, etc).
<b>TRAINING</b>	
<b>ATEASY-DS</b>	3 days ATEasy training at Geotest (Irvine, CA) for 1-3 persons. Call for larger groups.
<b>ATEASY-DS5</b>	5 days ATEasy training at Geotest (Irvine, CA) for 1-3 persons. Call for larger groups.
<b>ATEASY-DS2</b>	On-site, 3 days ATEasy training seminars for 1-3 persons. Call for larger groups.
<b>ATEASY-DS25</b>	On-site, 5 days ATEasy Quickstart™ training seminars for 1-3 persons. Call for larger groups.
<b>SUPPORT AGREEMENTS</b>	
<b>GT8020</b>	1-year Subscription and Support for ATEasy (requires continuous agreement)
<b>GT8020-24</b>	2-year Subscription and Support for ATEasy (requires continuous agreement)
<b>GT8020-34</b>	3-year Subscription and Support for ATEasy (requires continuous agreement)

Note: Replace -xx with -SL for Software License, -KP for Parallel Key, -KU for USB Key, or -NL for Network License (Network License requires a minimum of three licenses).