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PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer User Manual



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1 Overview

This is the user manual for the PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer . The PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer is a useful tool to exchange the hero name from hand history and log files to a nonexistent hero name.

You may ask yourself: *Huh? Why that?*

The answer is simple: You are exposing your real poker nick name whenever you are posting a real hand history into a forum, sending test hand histories to PokerStrategy.com or even post log file content with hand history parts in it.

You don't want your real poker nick name be written there to avoid other persons to use these hand histories to get your play statistics - which would make your play easier to read for other persons using HUD providing tools like the PokerStrategy.com Elephant .

The PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer is the tool to anonymize your hand history files and avoid the above described problem.

2 The Main Window

The PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer main window consists off three parts: The Folder Settings, the Replacement Settings and the Control Buttons on the bottom.

Note that all made settings are saved for later usage - you only need to configure the settings once.

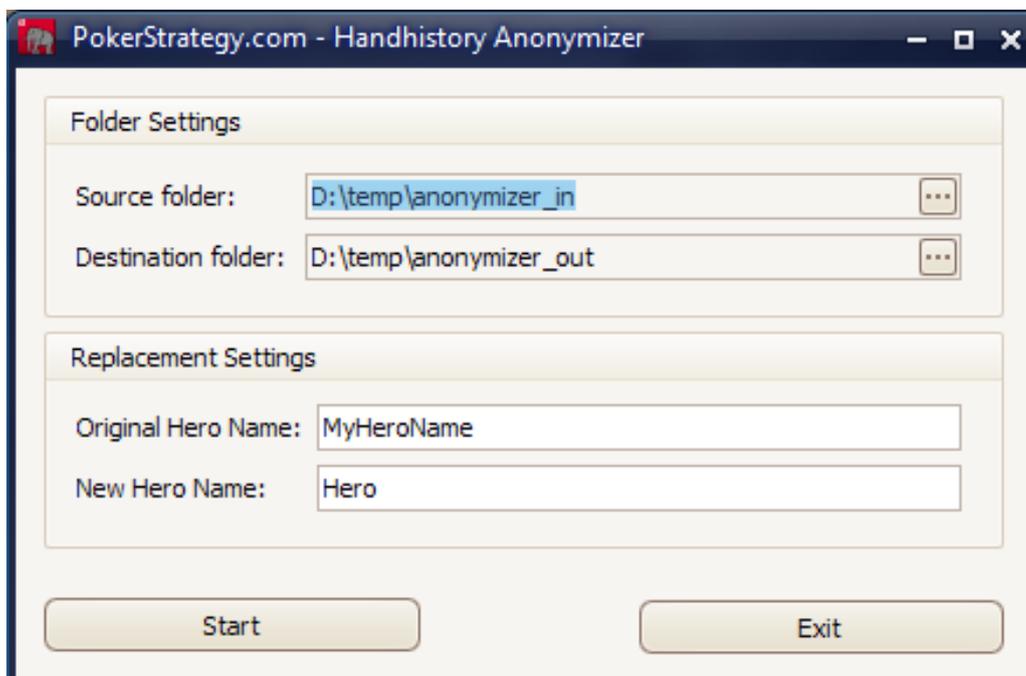


Figure 1: The Main Window

2.1 Folder Settings

Source Folder: This is the folder where your original hand histories are stored. The files inside this folder can be organized in any directory structure - the PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer will read all the files in all sub folders.

Destination Folder: This is the folder where the anonymized hand histories will be stored. Note that the directory structure from the source folder will be kept.

This folder will not be cleared prior to anonymizing the hand history files - any already existing file will be kept, but files with the same name as the same file from the source directory will be overwritten.

2.2 Replacement Settings

Original Hero Name: This is the hero name to be replaced. Note that the replacement is case sensitive and you need therefore to write the name exactly as it is written in the hand history file.

New Hero Name: This is the hero name to be used instead of the original hero name.

2.3 Control Buttons

Start: Starts the replacement process (See Hand History Processing for details). Note that the anonymizing process can take a long time depending on your hand history file count.

Exit: Exits the PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer .

3 Hand History Processing

3.1 Prerequisites

The current configuration is checked for validity before processing the original hand history files. You will receive a detailed error message when the settings are invalid.

Common error reasons are:

- The destination folder is the same as the source folder or lies within the source folder. The PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer only reads the original hand history files but does not modify them. The anonymized hand history is saved as a copy of the original. The destination folder therefore has to be a separate folder.
- The original hero name and/or the new hero name is empty or invalid.

3.2 The Processing

The anonymizing process will be started after the above checks are passed. A processing window will appear showing you the current status of the anonymizing process and offers you the possibility to cancel the current process.

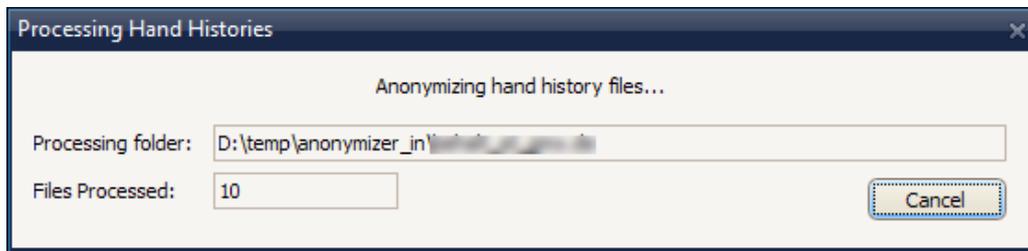


Figure 2: The Processing Window

You will receive a final statistics message as soon as the process is finished. All the files within your output directory are now anonymized and you can distribute them without providing your real poker nick name.

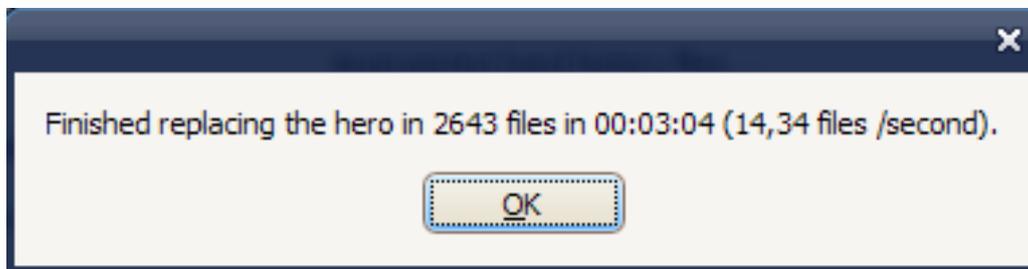


Figure 3: The Final Statistics Message

3.2.1 Canceling

The process can be canceled at any time. The so far created files will remain in the output directory.

4 Best Practices

This chapter contains some tips and tricks using the PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer .

4.1 Multiple Heros

You may have multiple hero names as you may play different nick names on multiple poker rooms. In case you want to anonymize all your hand histories, just run the PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer each time for a single poker room selecting the hand history folder for exactly that poker room.

4.2 Log Files

You can use the PokerStrategy.com Handhistory Anonymizer to replace the hero names in PokerStrategy.com Elephant log files too: Just copy the log files to your source directory and they will be anonymized and copied to the destination directory.