

Application data directory, program .ini files and other configuration files

CSI Software uses various input and output files. A list of their types, and an explanation of their format, is given as follows:

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Program configuration and setting files

Program configuration and setting files are located in the application data directory. These files stored global program information, such as list of recently opened files, defaults graphics mode, etc.

Application data directory

Depending on the software version, the application data directory is stored in the following locations:

- **Version 11:** level and modules can be set using the file c:\windows\SAP2000v11.ini
- **Versions 12 and 14:** based on the operating system, as follows:
 - **Windows XP:** c:\Documents and Settings\<UserName>\Local Settings\Application Data\Computers and Structures\SAP2000v12.ini
Note that Local Settings and Application Data directories may be hidden.
 - **Windows Vista, Windows 7:** c:\Users\<UserName>\AppData\Local\Computers and Structures\SAP2000v12.ini

The application directory contains the following files:

- **.ini file** – stores some global software variables, such as license level, module licenses, etc.
- **.tb3 file** – stores changes to the software settings, such as customizations made to the toolbar
- **CSI_SentinelLM.log** – license manager log file

Model files

All input and temporary files created for a particular model are store in the model input file directory.

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SAP2000 File	File Type	File Format
SDB	input	binary
s2k	input	text
sbk	backup	binary
s\$k	backup	text
out	output	text

See also

- [CSI Analysis Reference Manual](#) (Load Cases > Accessing the Assembled Stiffness and Mass Matrices, page 321)
- [Import FAQ](#)