The Qualisys Gait module is optimised for day-to-day use where data needs to be analysed efficiently and consistently. It takes advantage of the Project Automation Framework (PAF), which provides data management, data collection, analysis and reporting – all from one interface from within Qualisys Track Manager (QTM).

Enter and manage subject data directly in QTM, collect data swiftly following a pre-defined protocol, add gait events (automatically or manually), run the analysis and get a Word report, ready for you to add your interpretation and comments in Word.

Pre-defined marker sets and models are included so that you can get started right away, but you can adjust marker sets, segment definitions and data processing as needed, building on the powerful features of the Visual3D software by C-motion.

**FEATURES**
- Streamlined workflow
- Metadata management
- Automated report generation
- Full QTM integration
- Not limited to single marker set

**AVAILABLE MARKER SETS**
- IOR
- CAST/6DOF
- Conventional Gait Model
- Option to add Oxford Foot Model to any of the above marker sets

**RESEARCH OR CLINICAL – WHICH GAIT MODULE SHOULD I CHOOSE?**

If you are a **research user**, the module presented in this document is best suited.

If you are **measuring on patients** for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment assessments, or monitoring, the best choice is the gait module of the Qualisys Clinical System (Art. No. 150401). The Qualisys Clinical System (QCS) is a medical device with Class 1m CE marking. More information can be found in the separate QCS brochure.
Data management

Personal data (e.g. height, body mass and birth date) can be entered and changed directly in QTM. This data is stored in the motion capture files, so there is no need to keep and maintain external databases. All files are stored in a simple, transparent file hierarchy, making it easy and hassle-free to move the data across disks and computers.

Personal data is transferred directly into the Word report, avoiding mistakes and speeding up the report generation. The Gait modules include all commonly used data fields (such as ID, height, body mass, birth date).

Data collection

During data collection, we want you to be able to focus on the person instead of repetitive tasks like file naming. That’s why PAF offers you a list of pre-defined measurement names once you created a session, using an intuitive system of red and green buttons – or press the Go button, step away from the computer and use a trigger push-button to start and stop data collection.

Measurements are labelled using pre-defined Automatic Identification Models (AIM). These models include all marker names and colours, ready for your first data collection. If needed, automatic marker identification can be improved by adding your own files to the model.

Data analysis

Simply click on the “Start Processing” button, and QTM exports the files, runs a script in Visual3D to analyse them and imports the results into a Word report template. There are several modes for automatic event detection including multiple forceplates, single forceplate and instrumented treadmill. You can also identify events manually or adjust the automatic events in Visual3D if needed.

Marker sets

We understand that there is not a single marker set that fits the specific needs and preferences of all gait labs. That’s why the Gait module supports three different marker sets, all of which have a proven record of being used in well-established gait labs.
Regardless of which marker set you choose, we include a specific marker guide with references to a palpation manual[1] and pre-defined label lists for quick marker identification.

Note that the module is not limited to a fixed implementation of these models – segment definitions can be adapted using Visual3D if required. Simply save a new model template and use it for your analysis.

Reports

The Gait module comes with a template ready for creating reports in Microsoft Word. The template is like any other Word document except that it has special fields – fields that get populated with plots and data when run through PAF.

By utilizing Word, changes and finishing touches become as simple as editing any other Word document. You can either make changes to the template itself or the resulting document. Since the template is just another Word document, you can change the template directly in Word.

Alternatively, generate an interactive HTML report that includes curves, metrics, 3D animation and video, all in a single document.

All reports are prepared to show your own normative data as shaded areas in the background.

Example of a Word report, populated with kinematic & kinetic results

The Gait module supports adding events through different event modes including manual, one force plate and multiple force plates.

The automatic events are created in the analysis step using Visual3D’s event creation algorithm.

Qualisys Track Manager and the Gait modules are fully integrated with Noraxon DTS and Delsys Trigno, EMG, making it easy to synchronise motion capture data with EMG data.

The instrumented treadmill from Bertec is seamlessly integrated into the Gait module.
Integrations

Data from all major force plate and EMG systems can be collected easily with our QTM software. You can even set up the Noraxon DTS and Delsys Trigno EMG system directly from within QTM. The EMG data is automatically processed with customisable filters, time-normalised using gait events and included in the PAF reports.

Bertec’s fully instrumented treadmill (FIT) is also seamlessly integrated into the the Gait module: simply enter the speed when collecting the data and it will be factored into the analysis.

Available models

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References


