

# FAQs

## Do I need to pay an annual licence fee?

No, miniPLAN is sold for a one off purchase price.

## If I buy miniPLAN GO! then find I could do with the extra functions available in miniPLAN Pro can I upgrade?

Yes, just pay the price difference to upgrade from GO! to Pro.

## Is miniPLAN difficult to use?

No, miniPLAN has been designed with a simple interface and employs the same methods you use already to measure a building.

## Is miniPLAN compatible with Windows Vista?

Yes, miniPLAN is compatible with Microsoft Windows XP, Vista and Mobile, and most hardware configurations.

## How do I learn how to use miniPLAN?

There are tutorial videos available on [YouTube](#) and on our website as well as comprehensive help documents. Individual or group training days can be arranged on request.

## I'm producing floor plans for Commercial EPCs, can miniPLAN be used for this?

Yes, miniPLAN is ideal for EPC work and has a number of features specifically designed for it.

## Is miniPLAN a CAD program?

No, some systems are just a CAD program with an interface to take measurements from a laser measurer, but miniPLAN is specifically designed to measure buildings.

## I bought another floor plan software package, but I found it slow and difficult to use. If I now buy miniPLAN can I run it on the mobile computer I bought for the other software?

Yes, in most cases miniPLAN can be used with existing hardware.

## How can I buy miniPLAN?

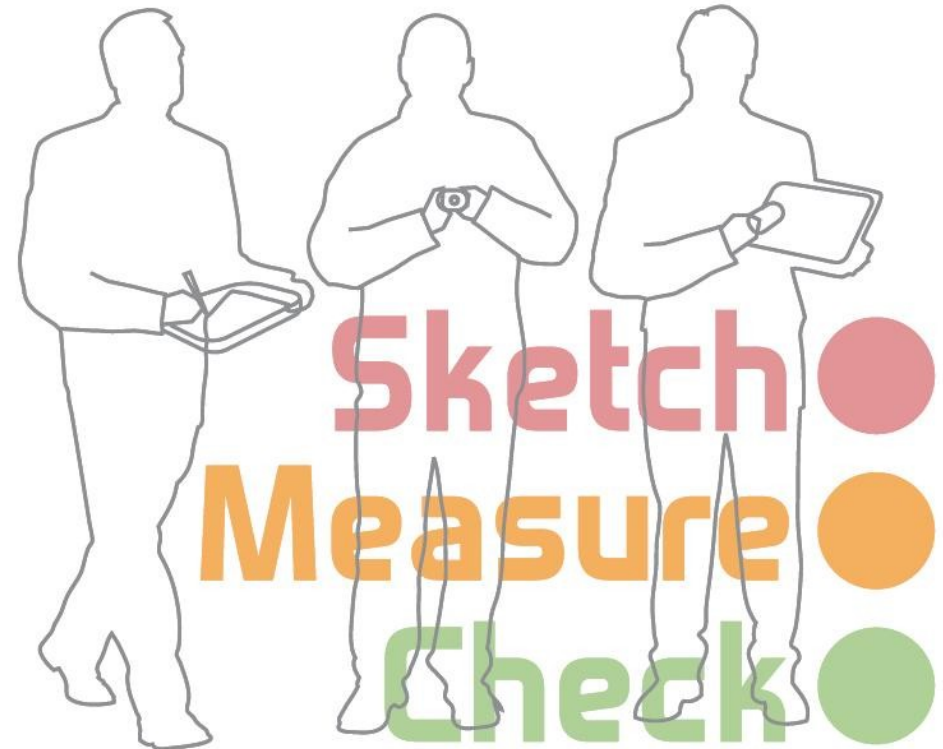
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The software that creates floor plans as you measure



At last... floor plan software that's easy to use and works the way you do.

*Measuring buildings has never been easier!*

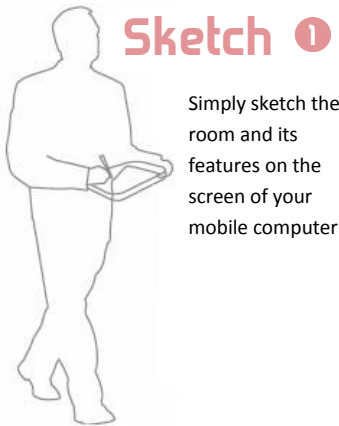
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Welcome to **miniPLAN**—the easy-to-use software for measuring buildings. Use our unique 'Sketch and Measure' system developed to save you time.



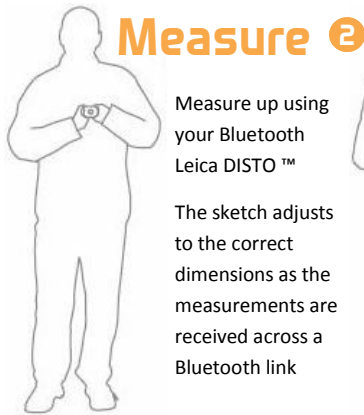
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## Here's how miniPLAN works...



### Sketch ①

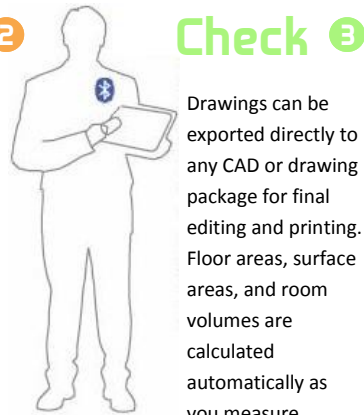
Simply sketch the room and its features on the screen of your mobile computer



### Measure ②

Measure up using your Bluetooth Leica DISTO™

The sketch adjusts to the correct dimensions as the measurements are received across a Bluetooth link



### Check ③

Drawings can be exported directly to any CAD or drawing package for final editing and printing. Floor areas, surface areas, and room volumes are calculated automatically as you measure.

Building floor plans can be produced more accurately and faster than ever before. Save time on site and avoid missing measurements—all measurements are prompted for. Plans can be loaded straight into any CAD or drawing package.

- Replaces the need for paper sketches
- A simple way of measuring buildings and areas
- Reduces drawing/CAD time dramatically

# Hardware

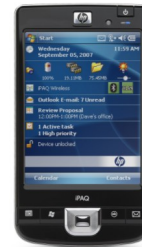
Both miniPLAN GO! and miniPLAN Pro are ideal partners for the Leica DISTO™ D8 and have been developed to run on a wide range of computer devices running Microsoft Windows operating systems.



The Leica DISTO™ D8 can be used indoors or out and it can be connected to a Bluetooth enabled device to transmit measurements directly in to miniPLAN.

The in-built 360° tilt sensor allows the combination of angle and distance measurements to determine distances where conventional methods fail.

miniPLAN works with any Leica Bluetooth DISTO device.



The iPAQ 214 is small and lightweight but at the same time powerful with fantastic graphics.

miniPLAN GO! and the iPAQ 214 provide a great partnership for surveying smaller, less complicated buildings.



The Samsung Q1 Ultra Mobile PC (UMPC) is the ideal device for miniPLAN GO! and miniPLAN Pro. The large screen size means any size of building can be clearly viewed as it is measured.

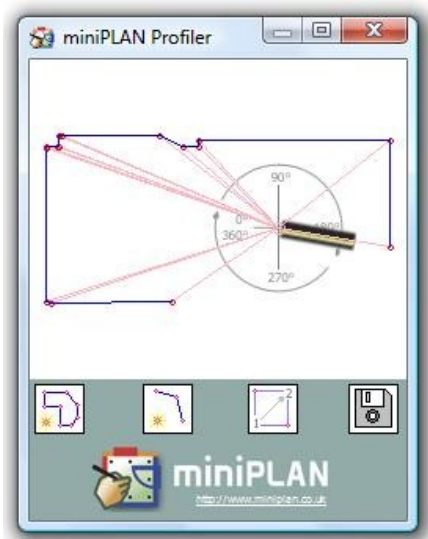
We recommend using the ruggedised case and straps to protect the device whilst on site. The straps allow the user to be both a surveyor and floor plan creator, and to traverse a building safely and quickly.

As well as the Samsung Q1 and iPAQ 214, miniPLAN is ideal for any portable, Bluetooth enabled device. It can also be used on desktop PCs and laptops.

# miniPLAN Profiler

**miniPLAN Profiler** uses the unique tilt sensing abilities of the Leica DISTO™ D8 to measure sections and profiles of buildings, bridges, tunnels and other structures. Attach the D8 to a tripod with a 360° rotating bracket, then measure your profile. The drawing is saved as a DXF that can be opened in any CAD program.

**Profiler** will run on Windows mobile devices, laptops and PCs.

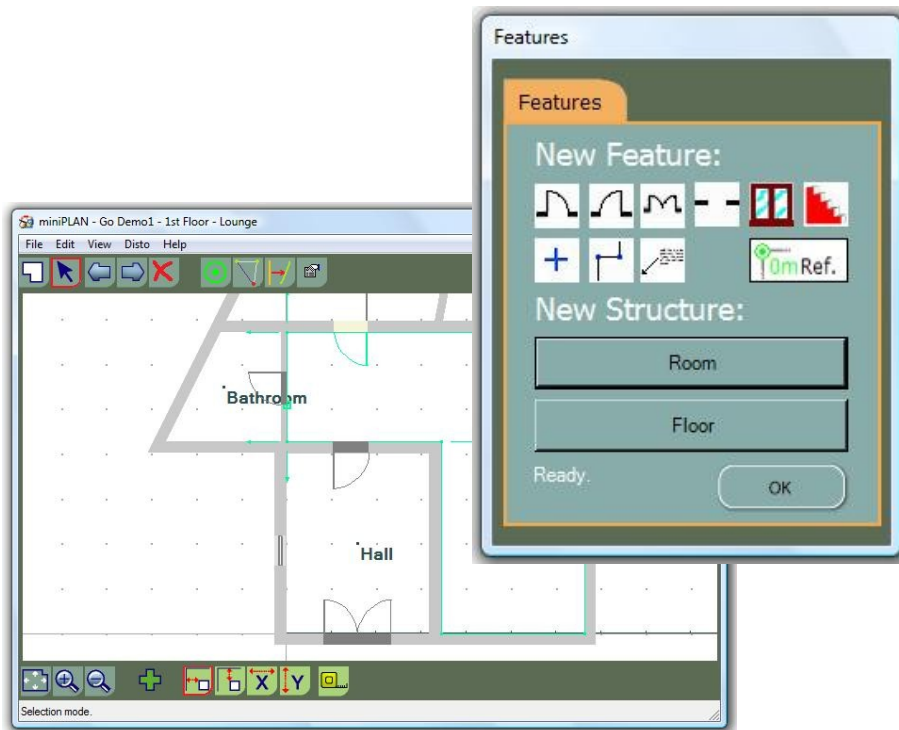


The D8's ability to measure the angle it is being tilted at means that accurate sections and profiles can be quickly surveyed without the need for a high-cost survey instrument.

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Software Feature	Description	miniPLAN GO!	miniPLAN PRO
Simple, easy to use – no CAD experience necessary	Logical system – same methods used as when using a DISTO™ & sketch pad. Minimum number of buttons & commands. Quick to learn	●	●
Bluetooth DISTO™ input	Measurements beamed instantly from your DISTO™ into miniPLAN via Bluetooth	●	●
Floor plans of whole or part of a building	Link rooms together to build up floor plan of an entire building	●	●
Straight into CAD	Export your finished floor plan straight into any CAD program	●	●
Area & volume calculation	Automatically calculates floor areas, surface areas, and room volumes as you measure	●	●
Measure room diagonals	Measure distances across a room to fix its shape	●	●
Basic room features	Add doors, windows, staircases, lines, text	●	●
Advanced room features	Fully set up & ready to use with 150+ line and symbol features		●
Fully customisable	Create templates for different building types, set drawing output styles		●
Advance wall shape tools	Curved & complex wall shapes easily surveyed		●
Traffic light system	Features colour coded by measured status— red unmeasured, orange calculated, green measured		●
Bay Window Tool	Simply add in bay windows with a few measurements		●
Feature attributes	Detailed attributes of features can be recorded, as well as custom attributes		●
Feature array	Ability to insert an array of features. For example ceiling lights, toilet cubicles		●
Audio	Store audio voice notes in the floor plan		●
Digital Photographs	Images can be embedded in the floor plan using the Samsung Q1 built-in camera		●

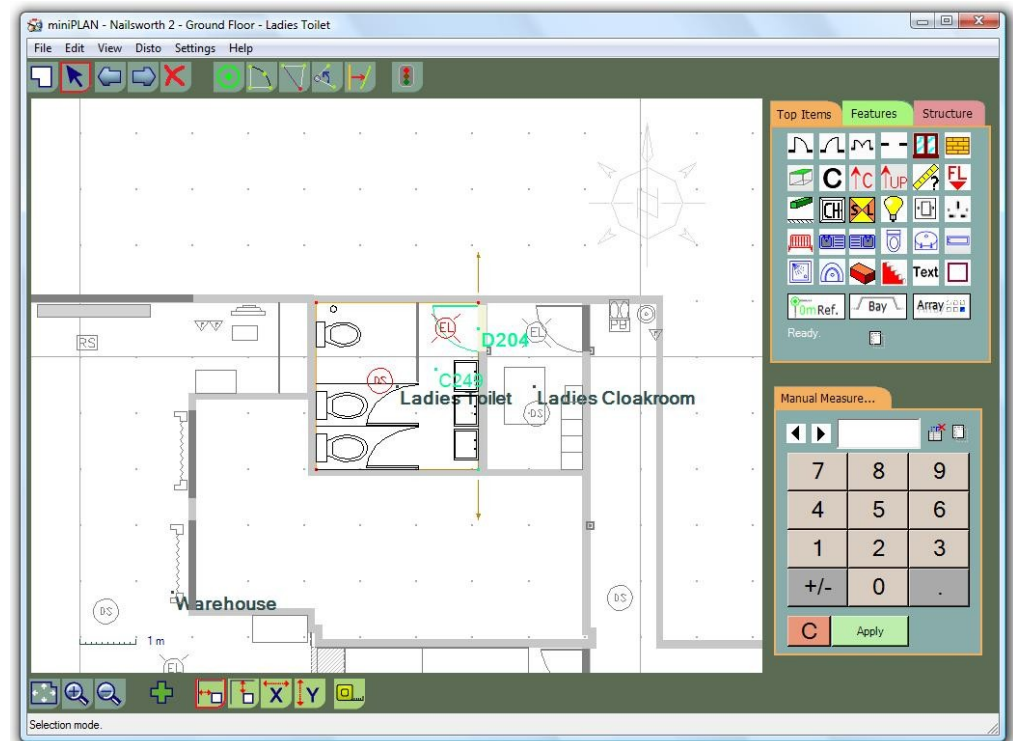
# miniPLAN GO!



**miniPLAN GO!** is the express version of the software that allows quick creation of building floor plans and automatically calculates floor areas, surface areas, and room volumes.

This version of the software is limited to include only the basic elements of a building such as walls, doors, windows and staircases. Lines and text can also be added to the plan.

# miniPLAN Pro



**miniPLAN Pro** allows rapid creation of building floor plans, and contains a range of easy to use tools that allow any room shape to be easily surveyed.

The software comes fully set up with over 150 features that can be found in a building, from doors and windows through to a wide range of services and architectural structures. The software is easily customised and templates can be set up for carrying out surveys in specific types of building.