

# The AutoHotkey Foundation LLC

## Our History

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Our history is a quite a long story, therefore we are just keeping it to how this domain got started:

**Why ahkscrip.org (now autohotkey.com)?** AHKScript.org was a new community consisting of the active AutoHotkey developer(s) as well as other enthusiasts. Since, the *autohotkey.com* domain was no longer under the control of the developers, this newer domain was created. New users were encouraged to migrate and participate at this new site. However, these two domains are now reunited.

**The beginning:** AutoHotkey actually started in 2003.

**Mid-2009:** “Chris” (also known as the creator of AutoHotkey, Chris Mallett) lost interest in AutoHotkey. He had released his last version of AutoHotkey - Version 1.0.48.05. “Lexikos” (also known as Steve Gray) had begun developing what was then a fork of AutoHotkey named AutoHotkey\_L (or AHK\_L).

**2009-2012:** AHK\_L development flourished with much long-time desired functionality, such as Unicode, COM, arrays/objects and many others; some of which were implemented by fellow community members. It had become the de-facto official AutoHotkey version.

**2011:** “Lexikos” started developing AutoHotkey v2-alpha.

**2012:** “Chris” decided to transfer ownership of the domain (autohotkey.com) and its data to “polyethene” (A. Ahmed, formerly known as user “Titan”).

**Mid-2012:** “polyethene” decided to “restore” the old 2009 version of AutoHotkey (v1.0.48.05) as the official version for still not understood reasons, removing all references to AHK\_L in the main *autohotkey.com* site and performing questionable moderator actions. Immediate backlash ensued, and eventually a petition to finally make AutoHotkey\_L the official version was made.

**Late 2012:** After consultation with the community, AutoHotkey\_L became the official branch and now has been renamed to “AutoHotkey” or AHK 1.1 to be specific. “Lexikos” officially became the AHK maintainer. Download links were updated accordingly.

**Late 2012:** *autohotkey.net* (a file repository website for users to share AutoHotkey related things such as scripts and user pages, originally created by “polyethene”) was hacked and all files were lost.

**2013:** “polyethene” became completely missing, meanwhile the old forum (which had gone through two upgrades, phpBB2->phpBB3->IP Boards) riddled in bugs.

**October 2013:** After “[the last straw](#)”, “tank” (also known as Charlie Simmons) stepped in, tired of the forum bugs, and created this site. The community flooded over here (including all prominent members such as “Lexikos”, “SKAN”, “tidbit” and many others), basically leaving autohotkey.com in a state of stagnation. Administration of *ahkscrip.org* was defined to work in a cooperative way, with many people with varying power levels (instead of just forum moderators and site plenipotentiary).

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** The legal entity “AutoHotkey Foundation LLC” was created.

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** “Tank” was finally able to contact “polyethene”. He replied that he was ready to hand over the domain (autohotkey.com) and give full control over it. “Tank” was made a co-owner.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015:** *autohotkey.com* was completely migrated to a new server (VPS), and “polyethene” was officially demoted to the level of a normal member.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015:** On *autohotkey.com*'s older forum ([IPBoards](#)), as part of the forum transition, the ability to create new topics has been disabled. However, forum replies will not be disabled until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** An SSL certificate was finally added for the first time onto the website.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016:** Replies on the older/archive forum ([IPBoards](#)) have been disabled.

If you are interested in knowing more, you may read from the following forum topics:

- [My status and website changes](#)
- [What is happening with this site?](#)
- [The future of the forum: Poll](#)
- [The First Step](#)
- [Basics as to why AHKSCRIPT exists](#)
- [autohotkey.com](#)