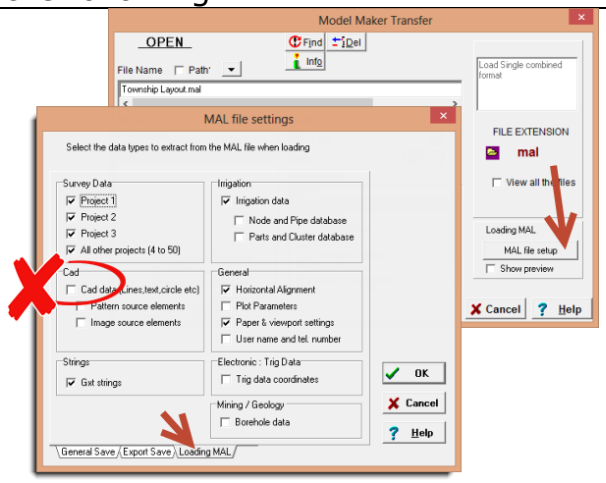
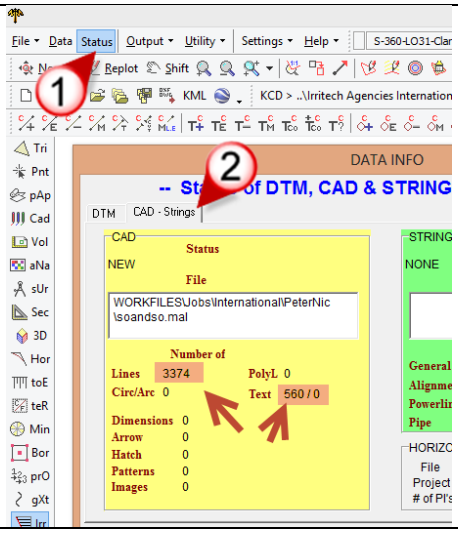
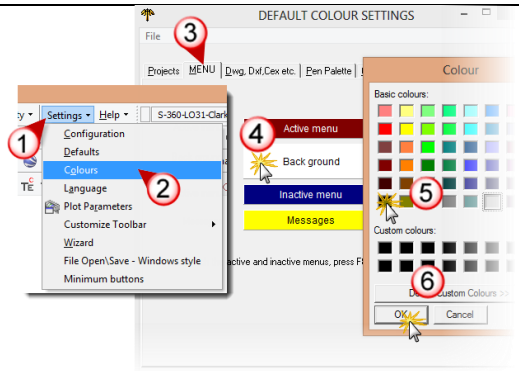
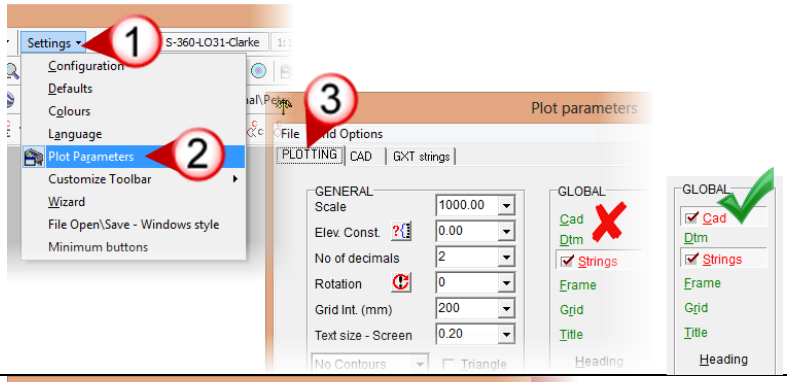
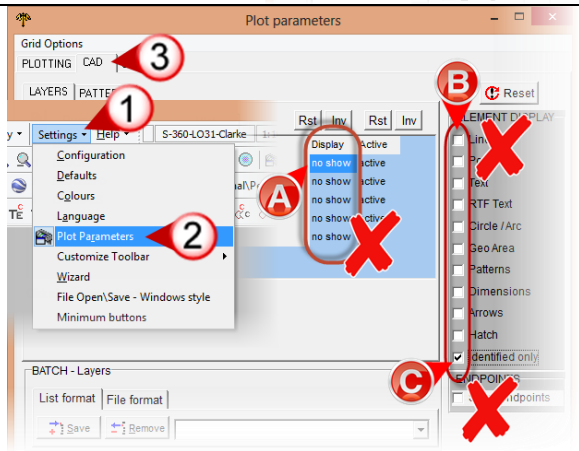
HOW TO LOCATE "LOST CAD"

It sometimes happen that you load data either from an IrriMaker MAL file or from DXF/DWG or other CAD formats into IrriMaker. When you zoom to extents, you may find that nothing is visible, or the CAD drawing you thought you would see is not visible. In this feature I would like show what to look for to locate the CAD.

Questions you may ask yourself are the following:

Question 1: Is the MAL file settings correct? **Solution**: When you load the file, look for the "Mal file Setup" button. The program will only load the selected items from a MAL file that is selected. In other words, if the MAL file contain DTM, Irrigation and CAD detail, but CAD is not selected, the program will ignore the CAD and only load DTM and irrigation when opening the MAL file.	
Question 2: Did the data in load into IrriMaker? **Solution**: In the Main Menu, click on Status, then Cad-Strings. If Lines and Text have numbers next to them, the CAD is loaded so something else may be wrong. If all the number of elements are 0 (zero), then the CAD did not load into IrriMaker.	

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Question 3: CAD line color may be the same as the background color therefore it is invisible? **Solution**: Change the background color so that you can see the CAD.	
Question 4: Is the CAD global display off? **Solution:** Switch on the CAD display global toggle on the Plot Parameters page.	
Question 5(A): Are the CAD Layers display of certain CAD Layers set to "NO SHOW"? **Solution**: change layers from **no show** to **disp**. **Question 5(B):** Are any of the CAD Element display toggles OFF? **Solution:** Make sure Element Display of all elements are on. **Question 5(C):** Is the "Identified Only" toggle ON? **Solution:** Make sure the "Identified Only" box is OFF. **Tip:** This option is used to only display CAD that is identified, so if nothing is selected or identified while this tick box is ON, no CAD will be visible.	

Question 6: Is the CAD scale so small that one cannot see any cad on screen?
Solution: Toggle the **"Show Endpoints"** to On. This will show you small crosses that appear at a constant scale on the main screen. You may now zoom in on the crosses and possibly find that some cad elements are scattered far from each other, usually the bulk of the drawing will be good and deleting the outlying CAD (that do not really mean anything) will solve the problem. Remember to toggle the "Show Endpoints" option back to Off.

