

**INSTALL**

# **INSTALLATION NOTES**

Hello! Now that you are ready to start your installation, **PLEASE** take time to read through this brief help file and any other accompanying installation documentation. Doing this will help to ensure a trouble free installation.

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## **Start Install**

Click on this button to start copying the files. Please do not click on this button without first going through this help file and any additional installation documentation. Once the copying of file starts, it is advisable to let the installation go through its course.

Before starting the installation, you have the opportunity to specify the destination directory into which the application should be installed. Although there is an edit field which also allows you to specify the source directory (from which the program is being installed), it is not recommended that this should be changed.

## Abort

Click on this button to terminate the installation program. This will clean up any temporary files that the installer has created on your system. Once the copying of files has started, please do **not** click on this button - unless for some reason you are desperate to stop the installation immediately. Even then, please note that this may lead to unpredictable results. It is always safer to let the installation run its course.

## Shared Files

The installation program will perform version checking on shared files in your Windows and Windows\SYSTEM directories. No existing file in these directories will be overwritten without your permission. When version information is found in a file (e.g., a .DLL or a .VBX file) the installer will ascertain which (if any) of the versions of the file is more up-to-date. You will be presented with this information. Generally, you should only choose to overwrite an existing file, if it is **OLDER** than the one that the installer wants to use to replace it - i.e., if the file that is already on your system is a more up-to-date version than the one in the installation set, you should not replace the existing one.

Sometimes a shared file that is about to be replaced is actually open and in use by Windows at the time. In such cases, attempts to overwrite it may fail. If this happens, a copy will normally be in the TEMP directory. You can then replace it manually after the installation has finished (and after closing down Windows). In cases in which a file was open, but Windows allowed it to be replaced, you still need to shut down and restart Windows immediately the installation is complete. You will always be informed by the installer of such a situation. Please note that if the installer advises you to shut down and restart Windows, it would be a good idea to follow that advice.

## **Updating AUTOEXEC.BAT**

When the installation is finished, the install program may volunteer to add the program's path to the "PATH" statement in your AUTOEXEC.BAT. If so, you will be invited to confirm or skip this process. If you accept the program's invitation to update your AUTOEXEC.BAT, the original version of it will be saved as AUTOEXEC.1ST.

## Good Advice

It is always a good idea to **close down all active programs**, and make backup copies of all the .INI files and .GRP files in your Windows directory, **before installing any new application**. This will ensure a better chance of restoring your system to what it was before, if an installation fails for some reason.

It is also always a good idea to **shut down and restart Windows again immediately after you have installed a new application**. Many installation programs make entries into the Windows initialization files, install drivers and/or fonts, or replace dynamic link libraries. These normally require Windows to be restarted before the changes can take effect. Failure to shut down and restart Windows in such cases may lead to random general protection faults and unpredictable responses from Windows.

## **Installation Options**

You may be presented with various installation options (check boxes). If you do not wish to install a particular option, just click with the mouse on the option's check box (the check mark will then be removed). Please note that some options are vital to a program's operation and should not be unchecked. Please consult any additional installation documentation for further details.





