NFL Forecaster Setup Information

You should read this entire help topic before installing NFL Forecaster.   If the NFL season has already begun,   be sure to read "Catching Up" in forecast.wri or in the on-line help.

Setup makes **NO** changes to your autoexec.bat, config.sys or win.ini files and it does not change your PATH statement (or any other environment variable). Therefore, you can uninstall Forecaster simply by deleting the various Forecaster files.

Setup will correctly install Forecaster from the self-extracting file (4cast.exe) or from the group of files (already extracted from 4cast.exe) and from one drive and/or directory to another (that is, from a:\ to c:\ forecast or from c:\temp to c:\sports or from c:\forecast to c:\forecast).

Forecaster setup will do the following:

1. Setup will ask if it should begin the installation procedures; you can answer "No".

2. Setup will ask you to enter a source path and destination path.   It will offer the Setup directory as the source and 'c:\forecast' as the destination. If these are acceptable, just press the "Yes" button; otherwise, enter different paths.   Press the "No" button to return to step 1.   Press the Tab key to move from one path box to another.

3. Setup will ask if it should extract/copy the files.   Press the "No" button to return to step 1.

4. Setup will either (1) copy the files from the source to the destination path or extract the files from 4cast.exe to the destination path.   If the source and destination path are identical, setup will not attempt to copy the forecaster files; it will simply extract the files from 4cast.exe (if it exists).

If you already have a main-dta.nfl file in the destination path, Setup will ask if you want to replace it with the new main-dta.nfl.   If you have used NFL Forecaster's Quick or Enter Scores functions to enter scores, the updated rankings were saved to main-dta.nfl.   The updated rankings will be wiped out if the new main-dta.nfl replaces the one already on your disk.

5. Setup will move forecast.ini to your Windows directory.   If you already have a forecast.ini file in your Windows directory, Setup will ask if you want to replace it with the new forecast.ini.   If you have been using NFL Forecaster and have changed some options and saved them to disk, the changes are stored in forecast.ini.   The changes will be wiped out if the new forecast.ini replaces the one already on your disk.

6. Setup will move bwcc.dll and commdlg.dll to your windows\system directory if they are not already there.

7. Setup will ask if you want to create a new Program Manager group called "forecast.grp" and install forecast.exe and forecast.wri (the manual) in it.   Unless you want to put the files in a different group yourself, you should press the "Yes" button.

8. Setup will ask if you want to run NFL Forecaster.   If you answer yes, Setup will end and Forecaster will run; otherwise, Setup will just quit.

If there is an error extracting or copying the files, setup will cancel (after informing you); otherwise, the installation would be incomplete.