NFL Forecaster 3.0w Setup Information

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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.

NFL Forecaster cannot be running while Setup is running. Further, Setup will execute more quickly and with less chance of errors if no other applications are running either. That is, you should shut down applications such as spreadsheets and editors (Print Manager, disk-caching programs, and the like are OK).   This is true of any setup program for a Windows application. If your receive an error message during setup, see <u>Error Messages</u>.

Setup makes **NO** permanent 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 (see <u>Packing List</u>). It does make *temporary* changes to your win.ini file. Therefore, you should make a backup copy of your win.ini file in case something goes wrong during setup. You should do this before you run any Windows setup or installation program.

Setup will correctly install Forecaster from the self-extracting file (forc30w.exe) or from the group of files (already extracted from forc30w.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 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 (2) extract the files from forc30w.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 forc30w.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 erased if the new main-dta.nfl replaces the one already on your disk.   If you have been using NFL Forecaster each week, your main-dta.nfl is up-to-date.   The new main-dta.nfl may not be up-to-date (if you are installing a new version of NFL Forecaster during the 5th week of the season, for example).   If you are installing a registered version of NFL Forecaster, main-dta.nfl will be up-to-date to the day it was shipped.   If you are installing an unregistered version, main-dta.nfl is up-to-date for the first week of the season. Therefore, **(1)** if you are installing Forecaster before the NFL season has begun, you should **probably let** setup replace the main-dta file.   **(2)** If you are installing Forecaster after the NFL season has begun and you have been using Forecaster each week, you should **probably not let** setup replace the main-dta file.   **(3)** If you are installing Forecaster after the NFL Season has begun and you have not been using Forecaster each week, you should **probably let** setup replace the main-dta file.

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 one.   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.

The forecast.ini file for version 3.0w contains new settings for the toolbar and status line.   Forecaster will run correctly using an old forecast.ini file; it will just use default settings for the toolbar and status line until you save options to disk.   Therefore, you should **probably** not let setup replace your forecast.ini file.

6. Setup will move bwcc.dll and commdlg.dll to your \windows\system directory if they are not already there or if the versions that are there are older than the versions that are shipped with Forecaster.   The old versions will be renamed bwcc.bk? and commdlg.bk?.

If you have another application running while Setup is running and if that application is using bwcc.dll or commdlg.dll, then Windows will not let Setup replace or rename the .dll file on your disk. (Setup itself does not use bwcc.dll or commdlg.dll.) Therefore, Setup will make some temporary changes to your win.ini file and restart Windows. This allows it to rename/replace the .dll files before any other application is run. (This is standard practice for all Windows setup programs that need to rename/replace active .dll files.)   Setup will restart Windows a second time when it is finished installing Forecaster, so that any files that you have in a load= or run= statement in your win.ini file, or any applications you have in your startup group, will execute; that is, Windows will restart normally, as it always does given the settings in your win.ini file.   If the bwcc.dll and commdlg.dll files on your disk are not older than those shipped with Forecaster, or if neither is being used while Setup is running, Setup will not have to restart Windows. Thus, installing any Windows application, including NFL Forecaster, will proceed more quickly and with less likelihood of errors if no other applications are running while the setup program is running.

7. Before Setup restarts Windows (if it has to), it 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 is done.   Depending upon your system configuration, it may or may not restart Windows.   You can run Forecaster by double-clicking on its icon or by using Program Manager's Run/File command.

Packing List

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The following files are contained in forc30w.exe:
forecast.wri -- The NFL Forecaster documentation in Microsoft Write format; Forecaster directory
forecast.hlp -- The NFL Forecaster on-line help file; Forecaster directory
forecast.exe -- The NFL Forecaster application file; Forecaster directory
ini.new -- The new forecast.ini file; \windows directory
main-dta.new -- The new main-dta.nfl file; Forecaster directory
schedule.nfl -- The 1994-95 NFL schedule file; Forecaster directory
week-18.93 -- A Forecaster archive file containing the rankings, scores and forecasts for the last week of the 1993-94 season; Forecaster directory
bwcc.dll -- A Borland International library file containing routines for constructing dialog boxes; \windows\system directory
commdlg.dll -- A Microsoft library file containing routines for constructing File/Open, File/Save As, Fonts dialog boxes; \windows\system directory

Other files:
setup.exe -- program that installs NFL Forecaster; probably delete after installation is completed
setup.hlp -- on-line help file for setup; probably delete after installation is completed
readme.1st -- text file that contains latest information; probably delete after reading
vendinfo.diz -- contains important information about registration, warranty, licensing, etc.; probably delete after reading; the same information is contained in forecast.wri and the on-line help file
file-id.diz -- short description of Forecaster for vendors; delete after installation

Error Messages

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Rarely are there any problems during Forecaster setup, especially since it does not make permanent changes to your system configuration files and the installation of Forecaster is rather simple compared to larger, more complex applications. In the unlikely event that you do encounter problems, you may find the following information useful.

If your receive an error message when you attempt to run NFL Forecaster even though it installed without errors, you should reboot your computer: quit Windows and any other programs you may have running under DOS (TSRs for example); then press your computer's reset button or turn the computer off and on. The installation of a new application sometimes causes DOS and/or Windows to become confused and they may refuse to run an application even though there is nothing wrong with it.   Rebooting will cause fresh copies of DOS and Windows to be loaded.

If you get an error message when you attempt to run NFL Forecaster even though it installed without errors and even though you rebooted your system as outlined above, reboot your system again and run Setup again. You may want to try installing Forecaster to a different directory.   You may also want to compare the copy of the program that will not run with the original copy using a file-compare program (such as DOS's fc). If the copies are not identical, then the problem occurred during copying: you may have a bad sector on your disk or another program (if one was running during installation) may have interfered.

If an error occurs during installation, Setup will issue an error message.   Many of the messages are self-explanatory, such as "Cannot install from empty source path" or "Paths must be complete (drive letter and colon required)."   Others require some explanation.

Error 1, Unable to open source file
Error 3, Error reading from source file
Error 5, Error getting date/time stamp for source file
These messages indicate that there is probably something wrong with one of the original files.   However, you may simply have entered the wrong source path. If you continue to receive one or more of these messages after rebooting (see above) and running Setup again, obtain another copy of NFL Forecaster from the source from which you got the first copy.

Error 2, Unable to open destination file
Error 4, Error writing to destination file
Error 6, Error getting date/time stamp for destination file
Error 7, Error closing destination file
These messages indicate that there is something wrong with the disk to which you are attempting to install Forecaster. Try rebooting and running Setup again. If you still receive one or more of these messages, you should use a disk-diagnostic/disk-repair program.

Error 13, Error installing Forecaster in Program Manager group
Rather than going to the trouble of running Setup again, use Program Manager's File command to create a group for Forecaster (if necessary) and put NFL Forecaster in the group. See your Windows manual.

Error 14, Unable to extract files from forc30w.exe
Make sure that you have entered the correct source path.   If you still receive this message when you run Setup again with the correct source path, the source file forc30w.exe is probably corrupt. Obtain another copy of NFL Forecaster from the source from which you got the first copy.

Error 25, Unable to load library to determine if it is being used
If Setup cannot load the libraries, there is something wrong with your system. As explained above, if a .dll

file is being used, Windows will not allow it to be renamed or deleted. After determining whether the .dll files are on your disk, Setup determines whether they are being used by loading them, getting a usage count and unloading them. If Setup cannot load the .dll files (after determining that you have copies of them already on your disk and they are older than those shipped with Forecaster), they could be bad files. Reboot and run Setup again (see above). You should try to free up as many resources and as much memory as possible before running Setup again, by shutting down any programs not absolutely necessary. If you still receive this error message, you can (1) use a disk-diagnostic program to determine if there are problems with your disk; (2) delete or rename the .dll files on your disk from the DOS prompt and then when you rerun Setup it will copy its versions of the .dll files to your disk.

Error 24, Unable to clear [forecast] section from win.ini; win.ini corrupted
This indicates that some temporary information has been added to your win.ini file (under the heading [Forecaster]) and Setup is unable to delete it. The information in the [Forecaster] section will not affect your system in the future; it is just extra, no-longer-needed information. You can remove it using an editor (such as Windows Sysedit program).

Error 19, Cannot write load= back to win.ini; win.ini corrupted
Error 20, Cannot write run= back to win.ini; win.ini corrupted
Error 21, Cannot clear run= in win.ini; win.ini corrupted
Error 31, Unable to clear run= in win.ini for reboot
If the .dll files on your disk are older than those shipped with Forecaster and if they are being used while Setup is running, Setup will make some temporary changes to your win.ini file and restart Windows in order to replace the .dll files. These messages indicate that Setup cannot replace the temporary information with the original. This may happen if Windows denies Setup access to win.ini (another program may be using win.ini or win.ini's attributes may have been accidentally set to read only) or if win.ini is bad. Since part or all of the temporary information is in your win.ini file, simply rebooting will not solve the problem. You should replace the win.ini on your disk with your good backup copy, then reboot, and run Setup again.

Error 18, Unable to rename old *.dll file
Error 23, Unable to rename temporary *.dll (*.bk?) file
If the .dll files on your disk are older than those shipped with Forecaster and if they are being used while Setup is running, Setup will make some temporary changes to your win.ini file and restart Windows in order to replace the .dll files.   These messages indicate that Setup cannot rename the .dll files.   When Setup is finished, you should have one copy of bwcc.dll and commdlg.dll in your \windows\system directory. If you receive one of these messages, you can (1) reboot and run Setup again or (2) use DOS commands to make sure that the newest version of the .dll files are properly named and delete/rename all other versions.

Error 16, Unable to delete main-dta.nfl
Error 17, Unable to rename main-dta.nfl
NFL Forecaster requires a file named main-dta.nfl; it writes each week's rankings to this file (see the manual or on-line help for more information). These messages indicate that you have chosen to replace your main-dta.nfl file with the new one shipped with Forecaster and Setup is unable to complete your request. So, when Setup finishes, you will have main-dta.nfl or main-dta.new or both or neither on your disk. You can (1) try running Setup again or (2) copy main-dta.new from the original disk to your disk and rename it main-dta.nfl.

Error 26, Cannot write /r to win.ini
Error 27, Cannot write dest= to win.ini
Error 28, Cannot write tempload= to win.ini
Error 29, Cannot write temprun= to win.ini
Error 30, Cannot write new run= to win.ini
If the .dll files on your disk are older than those shipped with Forecaster and if they are being used while Setup is running, Setup will make some temporary changes to your win.ini file and restart Windows in order to replace the .dll files. These messages indicate that Setup cannot write the temporary information

to your win.ini file and, therefore, cannot complete installation. This may happen if Windows denies Setup access to win.ini (another program may be using win.ini or win.ini's attributes may have accidentally set to read only) or if win.ini is bad. Depending upon which message you receive, some temporary information may have been written to win.ini. You should reboot and run Setup again. If you still receive one or more of these messages, you should replace the win.ini on your disk with your good, backup copy, reboot, and run Setup again.