

Network Installation Guide

This help file tells you how to install ABC FlowCharter 4.0 to a local-area network.

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Introduction

The Micrografx network installation option makes it convenient to set up or distribute ABC FlowCharter on a local area network. Once the software is copied or installed onto the file server, it can be installed or accessed quickly and easily by any number of users on the network, without returning to the original source diskettes.

Two types of network installations can be performed to make the application available to multiple users. The first type of installation is done by the network administrator. After installation, multiple users can access software from the network. This type is called a **network-resident installation**.

The second type of installation involves simply copying the distribution files to the network and having users install a copy of the software onto their local hard drives. This second type is known as a **node-resident installation**.

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Network-Resident Installations

The Micrografx Installer recognizes a command-line switch, **/FL**, that users can include when running the Installer to perform a network installation.

The proper syntax for using this switch when starting an installation is:

INSTALL /FL

In this type of installation, only one executable (ready to run) copy of the application is installed on the network server. This installation is typically done by the network administrator, who is responsible for configuring the application and making all decisions regarding the portion or portions of the application to install. During this type of setup, the Micrografx Installer produces a network version of itself (the network version is also named INSTALL.EXE) as well as a special script file called NETWORK.CTL. The Micrografx Installer places both of these files on the server in the same directory as the application's executable file.

Users can access the network copy of the application after they execute the network version of the Micrografx Installer, which makes the necessary changes to the local INI files. Additionally, any files included with the application that need to be located in the WINDOWS directory or WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory are copied to those directories on the user's system. If the application software installed on the network is upgraded to a newer version, users running local copies of Windows must also perform the upgrade installation to ensure that all necessary files are updated.

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Steps for Installing ABC FlowCharter to Reside on a Network

To install ABC FlowCharter to reside on a network:

1. Start your computer and log on to your local area network.
2. Start Windows. The Program Manager opens.
3. Insert the ABC FlowCharter CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive, or insert Installation Diskette #1 into your diskette drive.
4. Open the File menu and choose Run. The Run dialog box opens.
5. Type **x:\INSTALL /FL** (where **x** is the drive letter for your CD-ROM or diskette drive) and press **ENTER**.
6. Follow the instructions on your screen.

Note: At the end of the installation you will see a new option to install CD-ROM media. If you start the CD-ROM media installation, you must allow the installation to complete. This operation may take an extended amount of time.

Once the application is installed on the network in this manner, each user runs INSTALL from the ABC\INSTALL directory *without* the **/FL** switch.

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Node-Resident Installations

In this type of installation, users must have a copy of the application installed on their computer's local hard drive before they can run the program. The network administrator simply copies each of the diskettes to a directory on the network before storing the diskettes in a safe place. Users must run INSTALL from the network directory to set up the application on their systems. This is exactly the same as installing the application from diskettes except that the Micrografx Installer uses the files in the network directory rather than prompting the user for the original diskettes.

Note: Users should not use the **/FL** switch when running INSTALL for node-resident installations.

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Removing ABC FlowCharter from a Network

In the event that you need to remove ABC FlowCharter from your network, delete the ABC directory, its subdirectories, and all files in those directories. You can use the Windows File Manager or the DELETE command in DOS to delete the files and directories.

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