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What the Wildcat! Navigator requires of you

After initial installation, the majority of the Wildcat! Navigator functions are performed automatically, and require no maintenance or extra work. Any changes you make to your databases are reflected automatically to the caller in the Wildcat! Navigator.

One thing you will want to do is make sure that the version of the Wildcat! Navigator is the most up-to-date one. The Navigator includes an automatic update feature for your callers, and by having the newest versions available, you can assure your users of always getting the latest updates and new features as they are added.

Each time you update the Wildcat! Navigator files, you must run the client install program.

Where are the Client files stored?

The client install program creates a subdirectory in your root directory called Clients. Inside each Client directory is another subdirectory for each client program. These are further broken down into Server and Client subdirectories.

Inside the Server subdirectory is the .WUP file for that client, and any other files needed by the server to update your callers' Wildcat! Navigator files.

Inside the Client subdirectory is the [client].INF file, which contains all the version information about the latest version available, and the [client].ZIP file, containing the client files themselves.

If you have patches available, these will be stored in a subdirectory of the Client subdirectory, named Patches.

How the Wildcat! Navigator is structured

Each piece of the Wildcat! Navigator is placed in its own subdirectory.   The main Wildcat! Navigator client install directory is named Clients, and contains subdirectories for each client. These need not be Navigator clients, they can be your own wcCODE programs.

Inside each client directory are two subdirectories - Server and Client. The Server subdirectory contains the files needed for the server to run the client. The Client directory contains the files needed (including version information) to update your callers to the latest version. If you patches exist for these files, these will be placed in a subdirectory of Client, named Patches.

Patches

A patch is a file that incorporates new features and updates into a file without copying the entire original. You can have a patch for each successive version of a program, but not for a program that has been altered more than once.

How do I install Wildcat Navigator for use

When you download the latest *Wildcat!* Navigator files, whether from *Mustang Online*! or another BBS, you need to put them in a temporary directory.

To set up the Wildcat! Navigator for your own use, you must then run setup:

1. Place the updated file (normally called WCNAV.EXE) in a temporary directory.
2. Unzip the updated file.
3. Double click SETUP.EXE or type

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   SETUP [Enter]
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   from a command line prompt.
4. Setup does the rest.

The Client Install program

You must run the client install program each time you update your *Wildcat!* Navigator files. Installation is performed with the help of an install wizard. To make the latest *Wildcat!* Navigator files available to your callers:

1. From a command line, type

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    CLIENTINSTALL [Enter]
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    or double click this file in Windows 95 Explorer or the Windows NT program manager.
2. Click Next.
3. Select a source for the update files.

    If you have already downloaded them from MSI, select I already have the update files on my system, and type in the path where the updated files are stored. You can also use **Browse** to look through different drives and directories for the files.

    If you do not have the latest files, select I need a list from Mustang Software's FTP server.
4. When you are satisfied with your selection, click **Next**.
5. Select the client update file to update from, then click **Next**.
6. The install wizard is now ready to begin the actual installation process. Click **Next** to begin installation.
7. The installation wizard creates a series of files.
8. When the installation wizard has finished creating and updating files, any errors encountered will be displayed on the next screen.
9. Click **Finish** to exit the wizard.

What is a .WUP file?

A .WUP file is the Wildcat UPdate file. It is stored in your *Wildcat!* root directory. This file contains all the version and file information. It needs this to check against the information in your callers' files.

This tells the client install wizard that you have already downloaded the latest *Wildcat!* Navigator files. Use **Browse** to tell the wizard where these files are stored.

Lets the wizard know that you do not have these files available.

Closes the current program or window without making any changes.

Return to the previous screen. You can then make any necessary corrections.

Pops up a dialog box letting you browse through all available drives and directories.

Jump to the next screen.

Launches the wizard's automatic function, letting it complete the client install process.

WCNAV.EXE

These files contain the latest navigator files, including .INF - or *information* - files, that you download from *Mustang Online!* or any other BBS that has them available.

WCNAV.EXE is a self-extracting file which contains all the latest files and patches available for each *Wildcat!* Navigator program. You need to make this files available to your callers.

Can my callers connect using other browsers?

Yes. The *Wildcat! Navigator*'s structure does not fully support other browsers (such as Netscape or Internet Explorer), but they can be used to connect to the BBS.   If a caller logs on to the BBS using another browser, that caller will be automatically connected to a special subdirectory of the HTTP directory, named **Public**.   The client links are not readable by other web browsers, and can cause problems with the connections. The **Public** directory is where Wildcat displays HTML files from when a caller is using a different browser. The **HTTP** directory is where Wildcat looks for files when callers are using the Wildcat Navigator.

C:\WC5\HTTP contains the DEFAULT.HTM file for the BBS, as well as any security-level specific pages.
C:\WC5\HTTP\PUBLIC contains the DEFAULT.HTM file for the Web Server. You must put all your additional pages in the ..\http\ public directory or subdirectories of it. This way, your callers can connect to your BBS and see the same information no matter how they have connected.

How does a caller link back to the BBS page from one of the Web pages? Have all your links back to the home page link to "/" (ie: <a href="/">).   Wildcat will know whether the user is using the Navigator   or another browser, and send the appropriate DEFAULT.HTM file.

If your system has trouble accepting non-Navigator calls because the caller gets a "Files don't exist" or "DNS" error,
make sure that you have a DEFAULT.HTM file in your C:\WC5\HTTP\PUBLIC directory.

Type the source drive and directory here or use the **Browse** button to see all available drives.

launches the online help system.

Displays all WUP files. Select CLIENTS.WUP to update all file.

Click this button to finish the action being performed and close the Client Installation program.

If *Wildcat!* has encountered any errors, or if a newer version was previously installed, you will be notified in this text area.

Use RTPatch to create patches for the new version.

Makes new distribution .WUP files using the created patches.

Type the destination drive and directory here or use the **Browse** button to see all available drives.