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*wcSetup* is used in two ways:

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This is the drive and subdirectory where your *Wildcat!* 4 configuration files are located. *wcSetup* will look for WCCONFIG.DAT in this directory, and will use it to find the locations of your user database, file databases and message files.

Check this box if you want to use the information in your *Wildcat!* 4 MakeWild database in the new *wcConfig* configuration.

Check this box if you want to convert your *Wildcat!* 4 user database.

Check this box if you want to convert all your *Wildcat!* 4 file databases. Group files will be converted at the same time as your ALLFILES database.

Check this box if you want to convert all your *Wildcat!* 4 message databases.

This box shows a graphical representation of the progress *wcSetup* is making on the conversion of all the files and databases you selected.

This box shows a graphical representation of the progress *wcSetup* is making on the conversion of the current database.



### Starting *wcSetup*

Whether you are installing for the first time or upgrading, you will need to do it with *wcSetup*. Note that unlike the other *Wildcat!* programs, *wcSetup* cannot be opened if the server is running.

To start *wcSetup* using Windows 95:

1. Open the Windows **Explorer** and select **Settings**.
2. Select **Control Panel**, then **Add/Remove** programs.
3. Click **Install**. Be sure that the Wildcat! 5 diskette or CD is in the appropriate drive., then click **Next**.
4. Windows should display the command line

```
X:\WCSETUP.EXE
```

where "X" is the correct drive containing your Wildcat! 5 setup disk. If it does not, you can browse the drives for the correct path, or type it in directly.

5. Click **Finish**, and *wcSetup* is launched.
6. Click **Next** to continue.
7. Select **Create new configuration** to install for the first time, or **Upgrade an existing configuration** if that is what you will be doing.

### When to create a new configuration

Choose this option if you are in one of the following categories:

1. You have never run a BBS, and you are installing *Wildcat!* for the first time
2. You are running a version of *Wildcat!* BBS earlier than 4.0, for instance
  - Wildcat!* Test Drive
  - Wildcat!* Lite
  - Wildcat!* version 3
  - Wildcat!* 1.03 SW
  - Wildcat!* version 1
  - Wildcat!* version 2
3. You are running a BBS, but you are not using *Wildcat!*
4. You have installed and configured this version of *Wildcat!* but you want to *replace* your current settings and start over.

Note: If you make a mistake and select **New** instead of **Upgrade**, you will get a warning message from *wcSetup*, allowing you to select the correct option. Answer **Yes** if you want to replace your old version, or **No** to go back to the previous screen.

If you choose to replace your old version with a fresh one, the *Wildcat!* 5 installation wizard replaces (overwrites) all of your files. None of your previous configurations are saved. All files (display, menu, questionnaire, etc.) are replaced with the default files that are provided with your *Wildcat!* 5 package. You must recreate all databases, settings, conferences, etc. using *wcConfig* and *wcDraw*.

### **How to upgrade an existing configuration**

*wcSetup* will convert your existing *Wildcat!* 4 BBS, saving and updating as much of your configuration information as it can.

For maximum safety, please be sure you have an up-to-date backup of your *Wildcat!* files before you begin the conversion.

To upgrade your existing configuration:

1. Launch *wcSetup* and select **Update an existing configuration**. Click **Next** to continue.
2. Browse through the drives and directories to find the current location of *Wildcat!* , or type the path in directly. Click **Next** when you are ready to proceed.
3. Select the areas of your old configuration you would like to keep. Choose User, File, and Message databases, and/or user last read pointers. *Wildcat!* 5 will automatically save your MAKEWILD (now *wcConfig*) and security settings. Click **Next** when you are satisfied with your selections.
4. The *Wildcat!* 5 installation wizard installs the new *Wildcat!* 5 files, updates your old configurations and selected options.
5. Click **Finish** to finish the upgrade.

Return to the previous screen.

Close *wcSetup* without completing the installation.

Installs a completely new instance of *Wildcat!* Note that this will overwrite any previous versions and erase any currently installed databases. You will be warned if there is an existing *Wildcat!* 5 configuration present.

Continue on to the next screen.

Pops up a Browse dialog box, letting you specify the path of the *Wildcat!* 4 version to be used to upgrade to *Wildcat!* 5.



Check this box if you want to use the information in your *Wildcat!* 4 MAKEWILD in your *wcCONFIG* configuration.

This tells Wildcat! 5 which message numbers the users in your user database have read. They will not have to re-read all the messages, nor will they lose any messages that they have not read yet.

*wcSetup* completes the installation process.

**Starting *wcSetup* using Windows NT:**

To start *wcSetup* using Windows NT:

1. Open the **Program Manager** and find the file `WCSETUP.EXE`.
2. Click **Open**, and *wcSetup* is launched.
3. Select **Create new configuration** to install for the first time, or **Upgrade an existing configuration** if that is what you will be doing.

### **Starting *wcSetup* using a command line**

To start *wcSetup* using a command line:

1. Open a command line or DOS prompt.
2. Type

```
X:\WCSETUP [ENTER]
```

where "X" is the correct drive containing your Wildcat! 5 setup disk.

### **Create a new configuration**

Choose this option if:

1. You have never run a BBS, and you are installing *Wildcat!* for the first time
2. You are running a version of *Wildcat!* BBS earlier than 4.0.
3. You are running a BBS, but you are not using *Wildcat!*
4. You have installed and configured this version of *Wildcat!* but you want to *replace* your current settings and start over.

**Note:** If you make a mistake and select **New** instead of **Upgrade**, you will get a warning message from *wcSetup*, allowing you to select the correct option.

If you choose to replace your old version with a fresh one, the *Wildcat!* 5 installation wizard replaces (overwrites) all of your files. None of your previous configurations are saved. All files (display, menu, questionnaire, etc.) are replaced with the default files that are provided with your *Wildcat!* 5 package. You must recreate all databases, settings, conferences, etc.

### **Upgrade an existing configuration**

*wcSetup* will convert your existing *Wildcat!* 4 BBS, saving and updating as much of your configuration information as it can.

*PROTECT YOUR EXISTING FILES AND DATA! Back up your Wildcat! files before you begin the conversion.*

To upgrade your existing configuration:

1. Launch *wcSetup* and select **Update an existing configuration**. Click **Next** to continue.
2. Browse through the drives and directories to find the current location of *Wildcat!* , or type the path in directly. Click **Next** when you are ready to proceed.
3. Select the areas of your old configuration you would like to keep. Choose User, File, Questionnaires, and Message databases, and/or user last read pointers. *Wildcat!* 5 will automatically save your MakeWild (now *wcConfig*) and security settings. Click **Next** when you are satisfied with your selections.

*wcSetup* installs the new *Wildcat!* 5 files, updates your old configurations and selected options. Click **Finish** to finish the upgrade.

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