

Network Installation Of HorseTrak Deluxe Software

This document describes the steps required to install HorseTrak Software for use on a Local Area Network (LAN.) It is assumed that this installation will be performed by personnel competent in network operation and administration. Therefore, this document references procedures that administrators will know how to perform without going into the details of those procedures. When completed, the software will be accessible to the users of the network.

In general, the process will be a two step procedure installing the software on the file server and then setting up workstations to access the software and files resident on the server. There are some performance and administration considerations to the actual installation performed, and these considerations are detail below.

Step 1: The Server

Either by download, or from an installation CD, locate the HT2003.exe installation file. Double clicking this executable file will begin the installation. If the defaults are accepted, the program will be installed to C:\Program Files\HorseTrak Software\HT2003. If the defaults are not accepted the program will be installed to <drive/directory selected>\HT2003. There is not a way to prevent the HT2003 directory from being created.

After the installation completes, browse to the HT2003 directory created by the installation and share it to the network. At this time it will be desirable to setup access permission for those users that will be using the software. While it is advised that full control be retained by the network administrators, the users will require change, or write, access to the working directory. With the “share” made available to the network the server installation is complete.

Step 2: The Workstations

It is not necessary to install the software from the installation file as was done with the file server. Instead, map a drive from the workstation to the shared directory on the file server that was created in step 1. Generally it is advisable to make this mapping available to all users that log on to the workstation.

After mapping the network drive there are two options for running the software at the workstation. The first option is to leave the executable on the server and simply run it from there. This option has the advantage of only one update location when service upgrades are performed, but has the disadvantage of a little slower performance. The second option is to copy just the executable file to the workstation. This option has the advantage of faster operation, but has the disadvantage of the need to “touch” each and every workstation in the event of an upgrade.

Whichever installation option is selected, it will be necessary to create a shortcut to the software. Point the command line of the shortcut either to the server or workstation local directory, depending on which route you chose to take. The working directory, or “start in” directory will always be the shared directory on the file server. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THE WORKING DIRECTORY POINTS TO THE FILE SERVER SHARE!** Failure to point the startup directory to the file server will result in data files being created wherever the working directory is pointing.

This will complete the installation of HorseTrak Deluxe. It will now be necessary to refer to the special instructions for setting up users in the HorseTrak system. Users will need to be set up by an administrator before they can access the system as Deluxe requires a login.