

New Computer Installation Instructions

To Install Thom Biller on a new computer, please follow these directions exactly.

1. Make a copy of the Thom Biller home directory on the computer you are replacing (or copying). This will be named C:\TPAI (or C:\TPAIOS if you are running the Off-Site version of Thom Biller). Be sure it include all subfolders, if any, within the home folder.
2. Copy this folder to the new computer in the same location. In other words, the new computer should have an exact copy of the C:\TPAI (or C:\TPAIOS) folder from an existing working machine.
3. On the new machine, open the home folder and run the VFPSETUP.EXE file you will find there. This installs Visual Foxpro Runtime libraries on the new machine.
4. Locate the STPA.EXE program within the home folder, right-click on it and "Send to Desktop". Rename this shortcut "Thom Biller". This is the starting program for Thom Biller. (Make sure you locate STPA.EXE and not a similar (larger) program named STPAX.EXE.)
5. Try running Thom Biller by double clicking on the new shortcut. It should work, assuming the new computer has the same network connection as the old one (and the same drive mapping if drive mapping is in use.) If it does not work, confirm the application directory settings as discussed below.
6. If you need to print on a dot-matrix printer, install the Generic: Text Only printer. Go to the Windows Start Button, select Settings / Printer, and use the Add Printer Wizard to do this. Locate Generic brand and choose Text Only printer. Install it. (This is used for HCFA and UB-92 forms.)

Addendum: Application Directory Settings

Normally, a new computer will use the same directory settings as an old or existing one, whether stand alone or on a network. If your new computer cannot find the needed data and updates folders, do the following steps:

1. Open the home folder (TPAI\ or TPAIOS\) and run APPDIR.EXE.
2. Set the Data\ and Updates\ directories as appropriate. These should either point to the appropriate folders on your server for network installations, or simply to these folders within the local home folder for standalone installations. These directory settings can use either mapped drive names (e.g., "G:\Thom\Data"), or UNC names (e.g., \\MainServer\Thom\Data). The Reports folder setting is less important, but should probably be set to a \Reports directory next to the \Data directory.