

New Workstation Installation Instructions

To Install Thom Biller on a new workstation when you already have it running on other workstations on your network, please follow these directions exactly. The process is essentially one of duplicating a current workstation's Thom Biller home directory and installing Visual Foxpro. Thom Biller is sold as a site license, so you are authorized to install it on as many workstations as you like.

1. Make a copy of the Thom Biller home directory on a current workstation. 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 workstation in the same location. In other words, the new workstation 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 existing 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.)
7. Test your installation by editing a client record note field from the new workstation, and then opening the same client record on an existing workstation and confirming that the edit is visible. This will make sure the new workstation is actually working on the correct database and that you have not inadvertently created a duplicate set of data tables.

Addendum: Application Directory Settings

Normally, a new workstation will use the same directory settings as an existing one. If your new computer cannot find the needed data and updates folders, do the following steps:

1. Confirm that any drive mapping is the same on the new workstation as the exiting ones.
2. If correcting the drive mapping doesn't solve the problem, reset the application directories on the new workstation:
 - a. Open the home folder (c:\TPAI or c:\TPAIOS) and run APPDIR.EXE.
 - b. Set the Data\ and Updates\ directories as appropriate. These should point to the appropriate folders on your server for network 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.

