NETWORK INSTALLATION

TOPS Networking & Installation

TOPS works with these operating systems:	
Workstations*:	Windows 7 Professional and Ultimate Editions
	Windows 8 and 8.1 Professional Editions
	Windows 10 Professional Edition
Servers*:	Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012 R2

* All operating systems should be loaded with the most recent service pack and .NET 4.5 must be installed.

Windows Installation

We have been able to successfully run fully functional current versions of **TOPS** in Windows 7 Professional, Windows 8/8.1 Professional and Windows 10 Professional.

For installing and running **TOPS**, the following is the bench test we used:

- Logged in with the Administrator account.
- Went to Control Panel, User Accounts
- Disabled User Account Control and rebooted.
- Did full install of **TOPS** to local drive, retrieved Internet Key, and ran the **TOPS** Pro Launcher Updater.
- Do not re-enable.

We recommend disabling any antivirus/spyware real-time scanning software during installation of **TOPS**. For best results users should be setup as Administrators, as restricted user accounts can impact functionality of **TOPS**. Prior to turning back on, users may need to set exclusions in anti-virus software for the TOPS installation directory and any mapped drives.

Network Configuration:

Networking in TOPS works in much the same manner as the standard configuration, except it allows more than one user to work in the program at the same time. The number of users allowed is determined by the number of user licenses you purchase with the software.

Standard network configuration requires loading TOPS™ separately on each workstation in the network with all the community data being stored on the network server. A data path connects each workstation to the server so TOPS knows where to find the data files for each community on the server.

In a peer-to-peer network, workstations connect directly with other workstations to exchange information. We recommend that you select one system in the network to perform as a pseudo-server.

Due to the use of .NET Framework, TOPS Professional™ no longer supports a 'Client Install' option. All workstations must be running a full local installation of the software.