
APL Version 6.1

Installation Guide

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Overview

Thank you again for selecting APL!

By the time you receive the APL 6.1 package, you should already be familiar with the system and are comfortable to bring the operation in house. If you think that you need more training to run the system on our server, please let us know.

The installation of APL 6.1 involves two easy steps:

1. Install the system from the CD to a shared folder of your local area network (LAN) server. If you do not have a network, or if you will be the only user of the system in the foreseeable future, then you may install the system to your local hard drive. Please see Chapter 3 for details of *Server Installation*.
2. Install APL 6.1 system to your workstation. Please see Chapter 4 for details of *Workstation Installation*.

Please make sure that you have the APL CD ready before proceeding to the next chapter.

System Requirements

To use APL Version 6, you need the following software and equipment:

- Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows NT 4.0, Windows 2000 or Windows XP. APL has been tested on all of these operating systems.
- Pentium class 166 processor or above. Higher processor speed increases the performance of the software.
- A minimum of 64 MB (megabytes) of RAM (random access memory); 128 MB is recommended. More memory increases the performance of the software.
- Screen display resolution of 800 x 600 or better.
- Hard disk with 50 MB of free disk space.
- CD-ROM drive (unless you are installing from the network).
- Laser or Inkjet printer. APL does not support dot matrix printer.

Additional items and services required to use certain features:

- Access to the Internet through a service provider

Internet connection is not required to operate APL. However, because the software manufacturer constantly improves the features and performance of the software, you will frequently want to download the latest revisions of the software through the Internet.

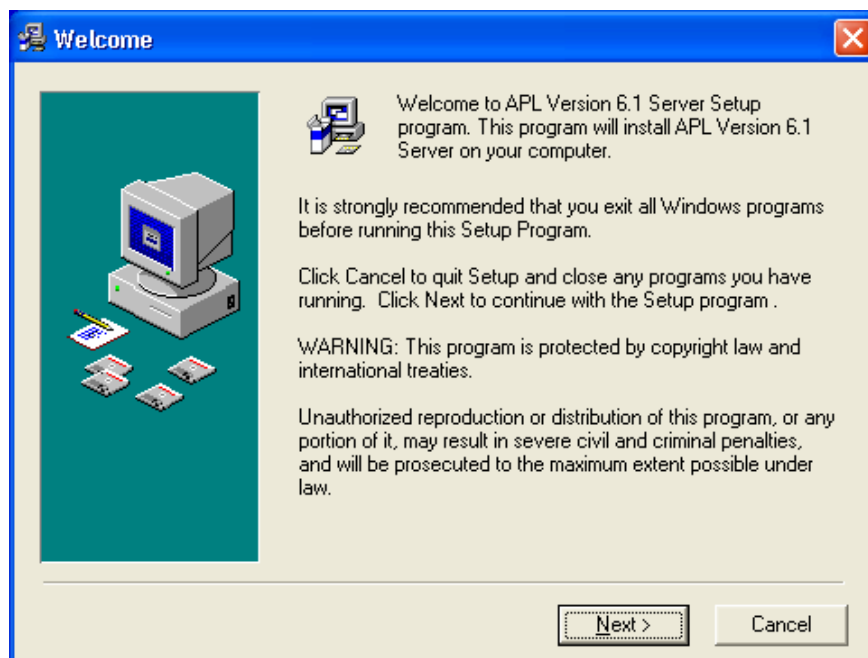
Product activation and **license validation** also require an Internet connection.

Server Installation

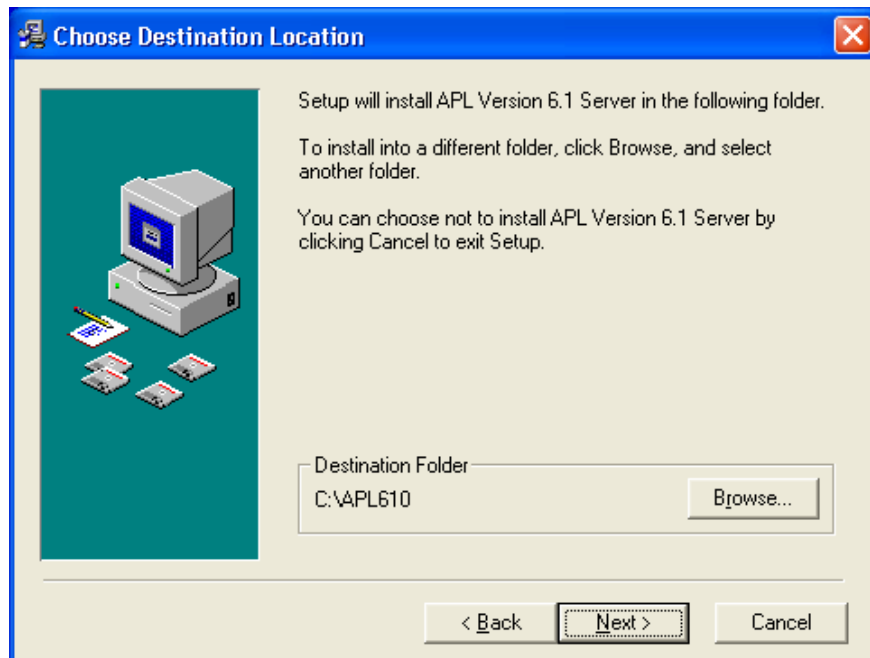
Whether or not you have a computer network in your office, you must first install the APL 6.1 to a server machine. If you do not have a network, or if you will be the only user of the system in the foreseeable future, then the server machine will be your workstation.

Follow these steps to install the system to your server:

1. Create a shared folder in your network file server. Make sure all would-be APL users have full access rights to this shared folder including add, change and delete privileges. Map this folder to a designated drive. For example, if you have created a folder called APL6SVR on the F: Drive, the path to this newly created shared folder would be (F:\APL6SVR).
2. Insert the APL CD-ROM in your computer's CD-ROM drive.
3. If the installation program starts up automatically, go to Step 6
4. From the **Start** menu, select **Run** on the task bar.
5. Type **D:\SVRSETUP**, where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive, and press OK.



6. Click **Next**, and you'll be asked to select a destination folder:



The default destination folder is "C:\APL610".

If you do not have a network, or if you will be the only user of the system in the foreseeable future, you can accept this default setting and the system will be installed to your local workstation.

If you have created a shared folder in your network server in Step 1, then browse for that folder. Again, for illustration purpose, let's assume that you have selected "F:\APL6SVR" as the destination folder.

7. Click **Next**, and the installation will be completed in a minute or so. You don't need to reboot your systems after the **Server Installation**.

You are not ready to use the system yet. The Server Installation merely prepares the files for you so that you can install to the local workstation.

Please proceed to next page to complete the **Workstation Installation**.

Workstation Installation

During the Server Installation, you installed the APL files to a shared folder in your network server. The remainder of this installation guide assumes that you have installed the files in “F:\APL6SVR”. Alter this path accordingly as you continue.

Run the **NetSetup** program from the shared folder created in Step 1 to install the system files to every workstation that will be running APL and create the icons for easy access to the program files:

1. Shut down all running programs, including virus protection programs.
2. From the **Start** menu, select **Run** on the task bar.
3. Type **F:\APL6VR\NETSETUP**. Remember here F:\APL6SVR is illustrated as an example. You should refer to the actual drive/folder reference created in Chapter 3, Step 1 when locating the **NetSetup** program.
4. Follow the setup instructions that appear on your screen. You may need to reboot the computer multiple times during the entire installation process, and you may even need to repeat a few steps under certain circumstances. Make sure that the installation process has continued access to the shared folder after the system reboots.

The **NetSetup** program installs all necessary system files to your local C: drive and creates an icon on your desktop that point to the program files. The **NetSetup** program installs the system files to the following folder automatically:

C:\Program Files\APL610

The default name of the main database is MAINDB.APL. You can change it if you like. Just make sure that the extension is APL and the name of the database is reasonably short.

Product Activation

When you run APL for the first time, you will be asked to activate the product. Product activation is a one-time process:



You can locate the Client ID and password on the envelope of the APL CD.

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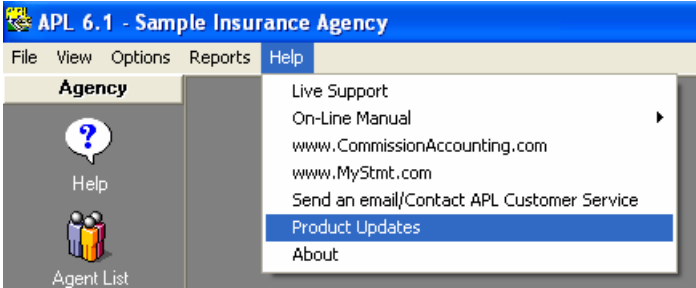
Please keep the password extremely confidential. This password should not be shared with anyone other than the system administrator because many privileged information regarding your company may be accessed with this password.

You can contact our Tier 2 support team at 1-800-909-9884 any time to change this password and you are encouraged to do so often.

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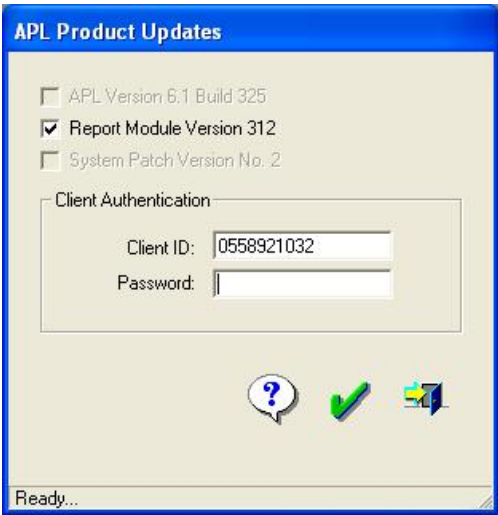
Program Updates

The software development team continuously makes its best effort to enrich the features of the APL products; to improve the performance of the APL products and quickly correct any bugs that were missed by the quality control team. The entire APL product line is improving almost on a weekly basis. The **Product Updates** feature in the **Help Menu** allows you to update the entire APL product line using the internet, quickly and easily, by clicking just one button:



All available files will be listed and selected.

Client authentication is required. Make sure to use your own 10-digit Client ID and password in the screen below:



Click the Download button and wait until the status bar says "Done.". You'll need to exit the program and log back in before some of the updates take effect.

Training and Support

A properly planned and installed APL system makes it so much easier to complete your day-to-day operations and for us to help you in case you encounter any problems. During the installing process, we strongly encourage you to call and consult with our customer support team during the entire planning and implementing process. The installation process should take less than half of an hour. Plan your time properly and preferably have one of our technicians on the telephone with you during the entire process.

APL Training and Support are available between 8:00AM and 5:00PM CST:

On-Line Live Support

All clients enjoy unlimited on-line support (live chat via the Internet) during business hours.

By Telephone

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By EMail

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Our business service team provides training and support of the system "as is" (excluding any customization.) Telephone supports are fee based in accordance of the Software Sales Agreement. Please refer to the [Price List](#) for details.

In the unlikely event that all of the support specialists are busy helping other clients, please do leave a message on our voice mail. We will promptly call you back. If you need assistance urgently, please call 817-303-9188.

Thank you. We strive to be a better solution for your business.