

# Installation

## **NOTE ! ALWAYS install on the server, NEVER from a workstation**

If you are installing a completely new system, create a folder on your server hard drive (it doesn't matter which hard drive although some prefer D:) and name it as Accounts. This is where you will be installing your system.

If you are upgrading install over the top of the existing folder which we always recommend as \Accounts\Aw. In some cases the installation has not been installed where we recommend so check by right clicking on the icon (on the server), choosing properties, and look for the Install In item.

Download the two installer files (usually Awserver and Aworkstation) you will be given and save into the \Accounts folder you have just created.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

If the intention is to use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) accessing the server remotely ALL installation should be done through Add/Remove Programs in Control Panel

### **Multi User Installation**

Make sure the \Accounts folder is shared (Share this folder on the network) with **read – write** access (Allow network users to change my files), and from the each workstation map the \Accounts folder on the server to G: (or whatever drive letter you choose, but G: ensures consistency with other clients and makes support much easier). This results in the folder \Aw being the only folder in G:. From the workstation it will appear as G: Something on server\Aw. See how to **map a network drive** further down in this document.

Run the Awserver installation program

AstarlaWorks Premier will now go through it's installation procedure.

This is largely automatic

You will also be given the opportunity to change the folder the program will be placed in. The suggestion will be C:\ACCOUNTS\AW

***NOTE ! Although AW Premier can be installed on any drive, if you choose a location other than \ACCOUNTS\AW support may be more difficult.***

Follow the on screen instructions.

There is one other program file to install.

This is named **Aworkstation.exe** and MUST be installed on all computers expected to run AstarlaWorks Premier. The install is slightly different in that it does not need to be installed in any location. Ignore the location and continue pressing next and until it installs.

From the Server AND each workstation find the G:\ drive and run the file Aworkstation.exe ignoring where to install it (it installs Dynamic Link Libraries into the Windows System32 folder).

Create a shortcut pointing to the application AW8 in G: drive on the server

What you have done above should work. ***HOWEVER Workstations must be on a mapped drive.***

AstarlaWorks Premier is a Server based system - **WARNING do not just create an icon on the Workstation.**

This means that all programs and data reside on the server, however the program running on a workstation runs in the memory of that workstation using local Dynamic

Link Libraries.

Please instigate a regime to ensure NO person can gain access to a workstation while installation procedures are being put in place.

### Mapping A Network Drive

1. After installing AW Premier in C:\Accounts\Aw on the Server mark the folder \Accounts as being shared. Do this in Windows Explorer (right click on My Computer and choose **Explore**) by right clicking on the \Accounts folder and choosing Sharing. Click the Sharing tab on the Properties Window and choose Share this folder on the network, also choose Allow network users to change my files.

2. ON THE WORKSTATION, in My Network Places double click on the server computer (it will have a name) and in the window right click on the accounts folder then choose Map Network Drive. Choose a drive letter (let's say G: for this exercise) that is not already in use and press Ok (leaving Reconnect At Logon checked). When you look in Windows Explorer you should now see a network drive called **Accounts On ('computer name') (G:)**.

The pictures below show the incorrect installation path followed by the correct one, this is more relevant while updating.



