

Dispatch



Dispatch Installation Guide

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Introduction

Welcome to the Dispatch Installation Guide. This guide explains how to install Dispatch on your computer and how to configure it to work with your chosen database.

User Account Control

Versions of Windows from Vista onwards have a feature called User Account Control (UAC). If this is enabled then users can't create files under C:\Program Files without confirming (even if they are the administrator) and programs (like Dispatch) can't do this at all.

Dispatch needs to create working files in the directory in which it is installed. The install program needs to create a database and program shortcuts, UAC prevents it from doing this, as such UAC **MUST** be turned off prior to running the install program – if this is not done the program may not install correctly.

UAC can be turned off under the Control Panel.

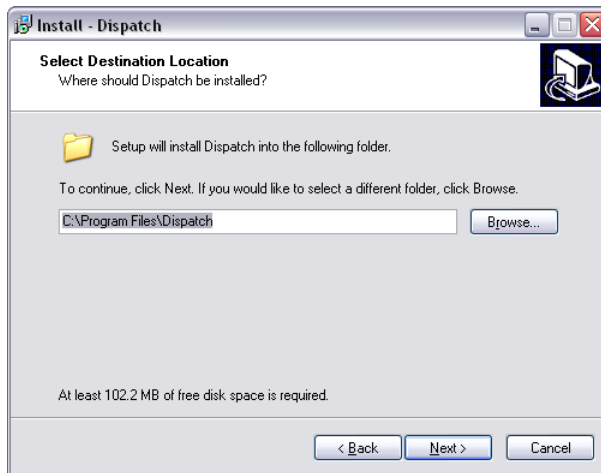
Installing the application

To install the application, double-click the set-up icon.

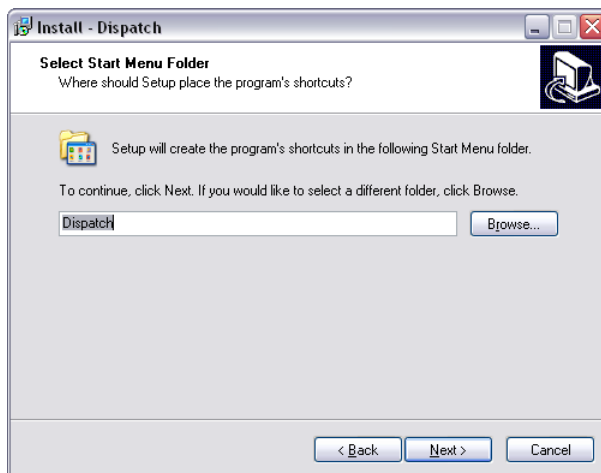
The Dispatch install wizard will be launched



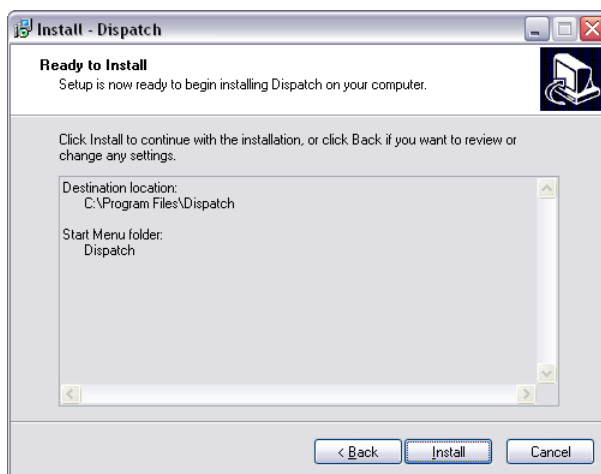
Click on the Next button



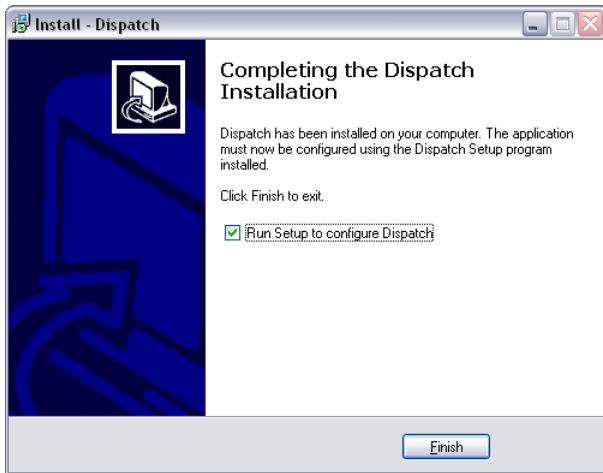
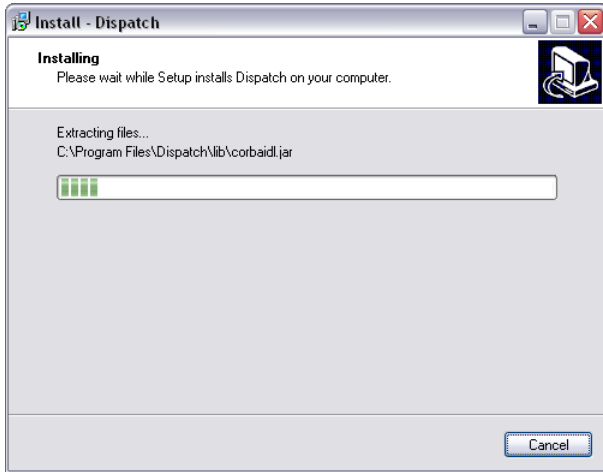
Select the directory into which you want Dispatch to be installed, or accept the default and click on the Next button.



Enter the name of the Start menu folder that you want to hold the application's shortcuts and click on the Next button.



Click on the Install button to begin installation.



When the installation is complete, you will be given the option to run the Dispatch Setup program to configure the application. If you choose not to run this program you can run it at a later time by double-clicking the Setup shortcut installed on your desktop.



Configuring the application

The application requires a database to hold all of the information you create. You can either use the application's internal database, or you can elect to use an external database.

The application supports 4 external databases: Microsoft Access; Microsoft SQLServer; PostgreSQL; and MySQL

Before using the application you need to configure it to specify which database it will use. If you wish to use an external database, you must create an empty database, using one of the supported database types.

To configure the application, run the Set up program, by double clicking on the Setup shortcut. The Set up program will enable you to specify your chosen database. It will then create the necessary tables in that database and configure the application to use them.

After the application has been configured, a shortcut will be added to your desktop called 'Dispatch'. This shortcut will also be added to the Start menu folder chosen during the product installation. You can run the application using either of these shortcuts.

In order to configure the application there are a number of simple steps to follow:

Setting up an external database

This is only required if you do not want to use the application's internal database.

Using MS-Access

Your copy of Dispatch includes an empty MS-Access database (called dispatch.mdb) that can be used by the application if you are a licensed user of MS-Access.

Using SQLServer

If you are a licensed user of MS-SQLServer then you will need to get your Database Administrator to create an empty SQLServer database for the application to use.

SQL Server MUST have mixed-mode authentication enabled and MUST be configured such that both the SQL Server and SQL Server Browser services are enabled.

Please ask your Database Administrator to provide the following information:

- Server Name
- Database Name
- User Name (if set)
- Password (if set)

Using PostgreSQL

If you are a licensed user of PostgreSQL then you will need to get your Database Administrator to create an empty database for the application to use. Please ask your Database Administrator to provide the following information:

- Server Name
- Port number
- Database Name
- User Name (if set)
- Password (if set)

Using MySQL

You will need to install MySQL before you can configure the application. This can be downloaded free of charge from www.mysql.com and installed.

Create an empty MySQL database, called Dispatch, as follows:

1. Start the MySQL database engine
2. Launch the MySQL Query Language
3. Enter the following into MySQL Query:

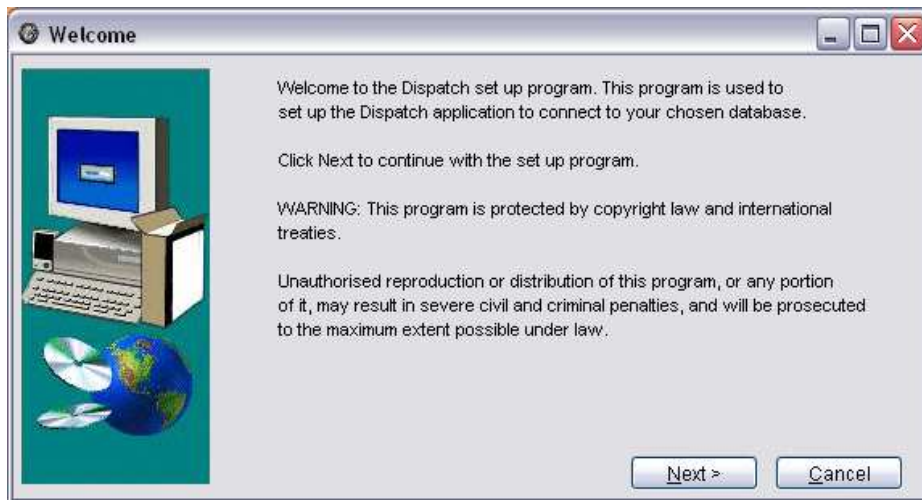
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create database Dispatch;  
(ensuring that you include the semi-colon at the end of the statement)
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The message 'Query OK, 1 row affected' will be displayed

4. Type quit;

Configuring the application

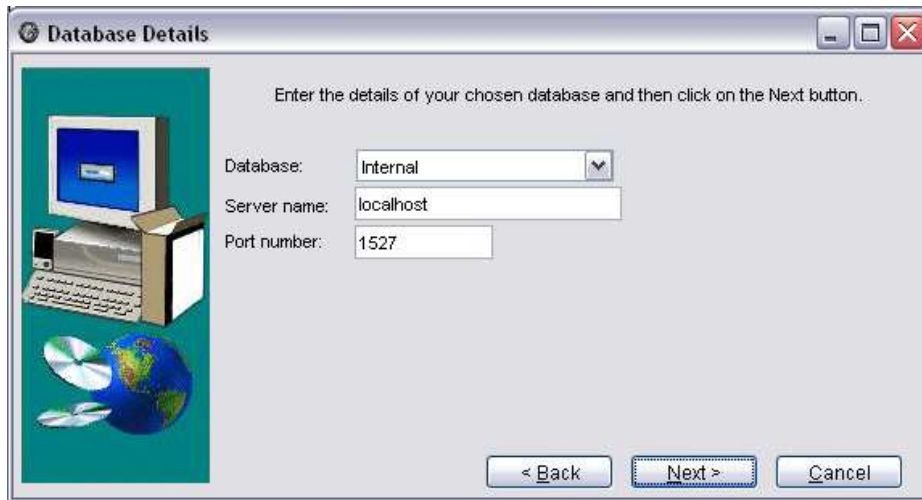
Run the Setup shortcut. This will take you through the configuration process in a few easy steps.



Click on the Next button to continue.



Click on the Yes button to continue.

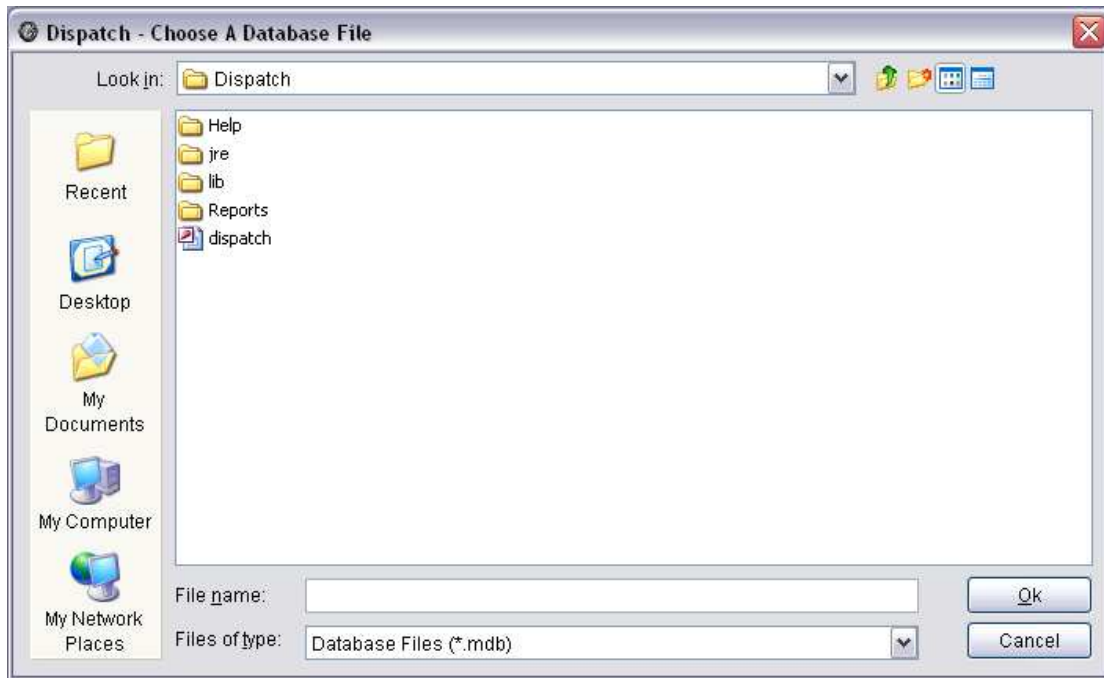


If you want to use the application's internal database, enter the server name and port number. If you have installed Dispatch on a stand-alone PC then use the default values. If you have installed Dispatch on a network server you must set the server name to the hostname of the server. Click Next to continue.

If you want to use one of the supported external databases, choose your preferred database type from the list.



For Microsoft Access, the database name will default to the dispatch.mdb database supplied. If you want to use a different one, either type the path to your database file or click on the browse button to find it.



The supplied database has no username or password so these fields can be left blank. If you change the database to specify a username and password, or use a different database that has a username and password specified, you will need to enter them here.



For Microsoft SQLServer, enter the server name and database name. If the database has a username and password, these must also be entered.



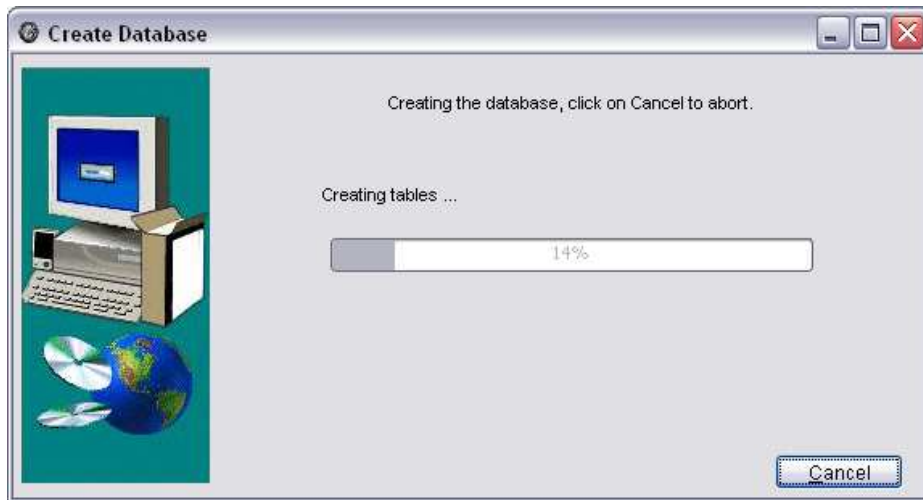
For MySQL, enter the server name (this will default to localhost) and the database name. If the database has a username and password, these must also be entered.



For PostgreSQL, enter the server name, port number and database name. If the database has a username and password, these must also be entered.

When you have entered all of the details for your chosen database, click on the Next button to continue.

Note: If you have chosen the application's internal database, there will be a short delay while the empty database is created.



Your database will be populated with the tables required by the application.



Click the Finish button to exit the set up program.

If the 'Run Dispatch' check box is checked, the application will open when you click on Finish.

Network Installation

You can install Dispatch on a network server, by doing so all you need on each user's PC is a copy of the shortcut to run the application.

If you install Dispatch this way you must register the licensing dll on each client machine that you want to run it on. To do this you must run the Windows regsvr32 utility passing in the name of the licensing dll, which is LicProtector260.dll.

You must include the full path to the dll. For example, if you have installed Dispatch on the network folder \\sbs2003\Apps\Dispatch, you should run:

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regsvr32 \\sbs2003\Apps\Dispatch\LicProtector260.dll.
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Note: You must have purchased a multi-user license with sufficient licensed users for each user/machine that you want to run Dispatch on.

Note: If you are using Vista you will need to run the regsvr32 command as administrator, to do this go to the System32 folder and right click on cmd.exe to run the session as administrator.

Running the application & viewing the user manual

After the set up process has completed an Icon to run Dispatch will be added to your desktop and a menu will be added to your Start menu containing a link to run Dispatch and another to open the Dispatch user manual.

If you are using the internal database on a network installation you will need to start the database server before running the application, this enables the database to be shared amongst all of the users. To do this run the Start database server option on the Dispatch start menu (this only needs to be run once). You can also stop the database server by selecting the Stop database server option on the Dispatch start menu.

Note: You will not need to start the database server if only one user is accessing Dispatch on a stand-alone PC.

The user manual is a PDF file, in order to view it you will need to have the Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your PC. You can download a copy of the Acrobat Reader free from the Adobe web site.

If for some reason the shortcut was not added to your desktop during set up, possibly because UAC was not disabled on Vista/Windows 7, you can still run Dispatch by running the rundispatch.bat file which can be found in the folder where Dispatch was installed.

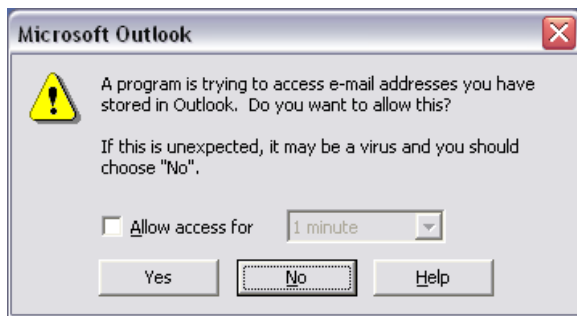
Example Data

As part of the set up some example data is loaded into the database, this enables you to see how the application works without having to spend time setting up your own data.

When you are ready to use Dispatch with your own data the example data can be easily removed by selecting the 'Clear down database' option from the Database menu, which can be found under the File menu.

Advanced Security for Outlook

One of the features of the Dispatch application is to enable you to send emails via your Outlook account and create entries in your Outlook calendar. However, Outlook contains security to prevent viruses and worms trying to access Outlook data or trying to send e-mails on your behalf. If you want to make use of the facilities in Dispatch to access your Outlook account, you will receive the following message from Outlook every time you try to perform one of these tasks:



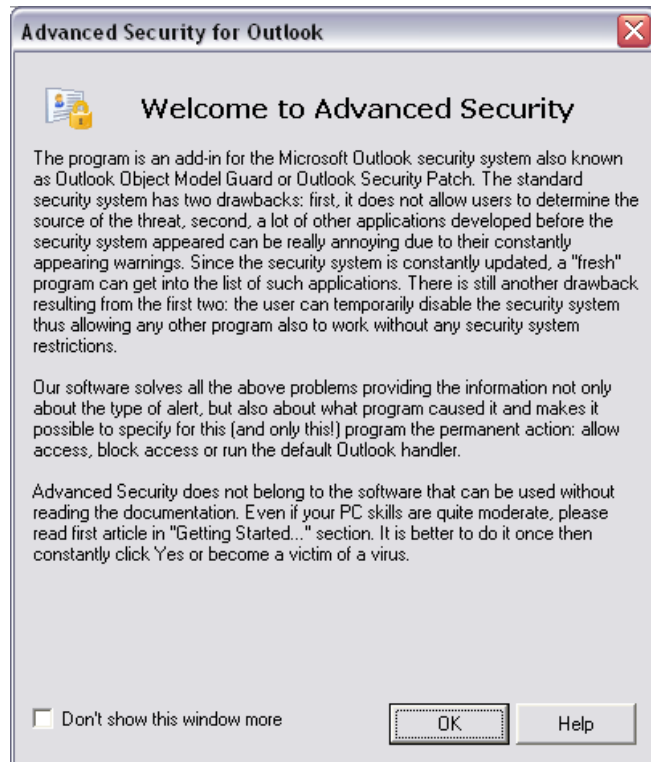
You must allow access for Dispatch to be able to communicate with Outlook.

In order to avoid this you can install the Advanced Security for Outlook add-in. This product enables you to grant access to Outlook for specific applications.

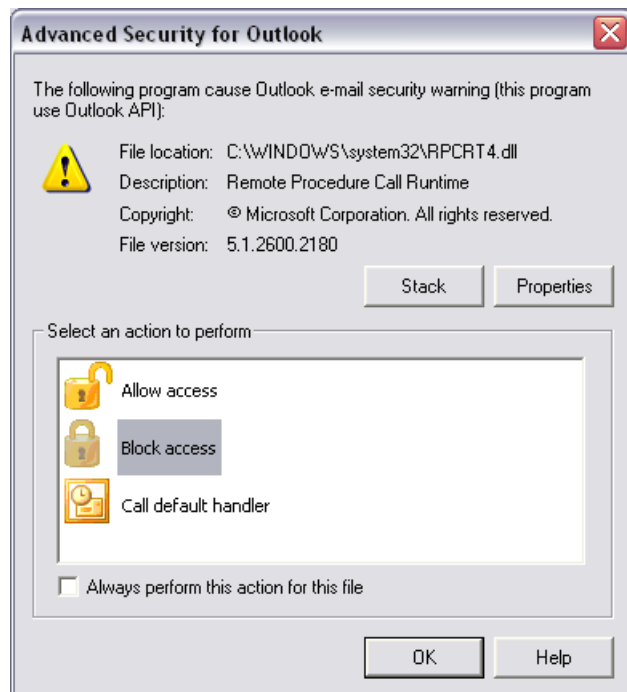
The Advanced Security for Outlook add-in is free and can be downloaded from the following web site: <http://www.mapilab.com/outlook/security>. Alternatively, a version is included with your copy of Dispatch.

To install Advanced Security for Outlook you must first close Outlook and Dispatch, then run the Advanced Security for Outlook setup program. Follow the instructions, accepting the default options. Once installed open Outlook and Dispatch.

When you open Outlook, you will get the following message:

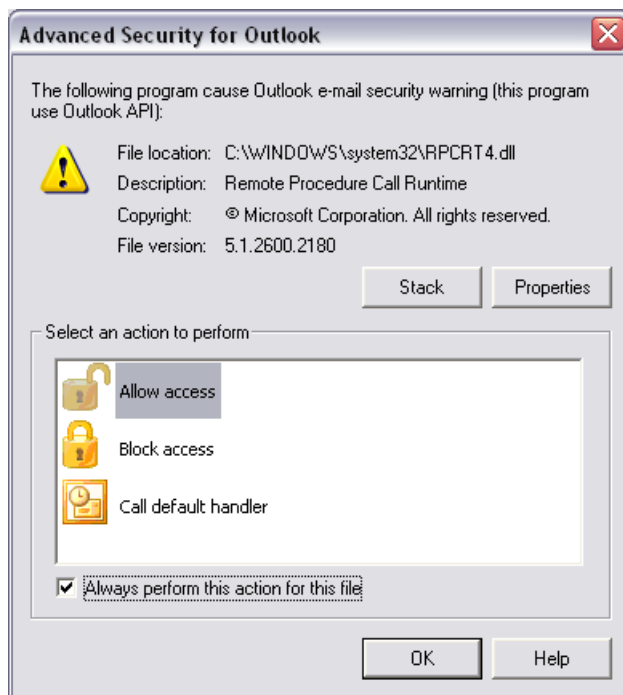


The first time Dispatch tries to access Outlook, you will get an Outlook message as follows:



Note: This message may appear minimised in which case you will need to maximise it – Dispatch will freeze until you close this dialog.

To grant Dispatch access to Outlook, click on the 'Allow access' option and check the 'Always perform this action for this file' check-box. Click on OK.



This completes the set-up process.

Should you have any queries about the product or set-up, please contact support@matsystemsltd.co.uk.

If you enjoy this product, check out our other custom-made products at www.matsystemsltd.co.uk.

Thank you for purchasing Dispatch.

