Networking FastManager

If you are using the SQL Server backend, jump to SQL Backend

Default (MS Access) Backend

It is assumed that you have already setup the '*FastManager Data Folder*' and that it is accessible to all users on the network.

If this is not the case, please see:Sharing your FastManager Data folder

Connect the network computers

If your company database is in SQL, skip down to SQL Backend

Once you have made sure that the FastManager Data Folder is accessible from the network, all you need to do is "direct" FastManager on all the other computers to use it:

- Install FastManager normally by following these steps
- When you start FastManager, you will be prompted with the dialog: Point FastManager To Your Data
- Instead of selecting '*Create a new company database*', you will click on the yellow folder icon and browse through the network to the location where the database is stored
 - $\circ\,$ Select db.qdb and click on 0pen
 - $\circ\,$ Then click on Update

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Change Database



If FastManager does NOT prompt you to locate the database and instead goes directly to the login screen, you can CHANGE the database that it is connected to by selecting: Change Database from the File menu (after logging in).





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SQL Backend

To connect FastManager to a SQL database, do the following:

If you're not already connected to a database, when you start FastManager, you will be prompted to locate your database:

• Click on SQL Connection and fill in the connection information:



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r MS SQ	L SERVER CONNECTIO	N	
	Company DB Provider ISQLOLEDB	Enable SQL Server Connectio	n
	Data Source SERVER\SQLEXPRI Database Name	ESS,3306	
	fmdb Username fmdbuser	Password	
	Catalogs DB Provider		
	Data Source SERVER\SQLEXPR	ESS,3306	
	Database Name catalogs -		
	Username fmdbuser	Password	
	Data Folder	ager\Data\	
		Apply	

•	Company Database ×			
F	Point FastManager To Your Data			
FastManager stores all your company data, such as customers, invoices and payments in a single database file.				
This file if called 'db.qdb' by default.				
If this is the first time you are using FastManager then, you will have to create a new database file.				
If you already have a database file and you are planning to run FastManager on a network, then you will have to point FastManager to that file.				
What do yo	u want to do ?			
If you are not sure what to do. Click here for help. (Internet Connection Required)				
Create a new company database				
Select exi	OR isting file			
	SQL Connection Update			

Your settings will be DIFFERENT from those in the images above and the example below.

You can review the settings on any other computer - in FastManager, go to File -> Change Database and click on SQL Connection to review the settings in use by that computer

Company DB:	Example Info:	
Provider:	SQLOLEDB	
Data source:	[SERVERNAME\SQLINSTANCE,3306]	
Database Name:	[Your Database name (as it is in SQL Server)]	
Username:	[Your Database Username]	
Password:	[Your Database Password]	
Catalogs DB:	Example Info:	
Provider:	SQLOLEDB	
Data source:	[SERVERNAME\SQLINSTANCE,3306]	
Database Name:	[Your Catalogs database name (as it is in SQL	Server)]

Catalogs DB:	Example Info:
Username:	[Your Database Username]
Password:	[Your Database Password]
Data Folder	
Enter the path to: [\\SERVERNAME\shared-folder\FastManager\Data-F	

If the FastManager HelpDesk staff assisted with the initial SQL Migration & setup (we probably did), we would have recorded all this information somewhere convenient. If you are unsure, consult with your Office Manager, IT Manager or Network Administator

If you need help, visit fastmanager.com and click on the Live Support widget at the bottom of the page to get assistance.

If FastManager is already connected to a database (whether SQL or Access) and you want to connect to a *different* company database, go to:

File -> Change Database

• Clear out anything that might be entered under: Select existing file, then you will be able to click on SQL Connection

Troubleshooting

• See: Network Troubleshooting

← The Company Database

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