Q: Can I make my Symphony software "portable"?

Running the HiLevel Tester on Other Computers

Some users have the need or wish to use another computer with their HiLevel system other than the one delivered with it. Perhaps it's the portability of a laptop, or upgrading to a newer, more powerful workstation. Whatever the reason, it is important to know what is required in terms of software transfer to make a seamless move to another computer, and even back again.

The first step is preparation of the target computer. You must run the Symphony Installation CD to properly load the needed DLLs and make the registry entries required; simply copying the executables to a new folder will not work. The best method is to use the most recent released version of the CD (P/N 510140). You can obtain this CD by contacting your HiLevel representative, or calling 1-800-HILEVEL. In a pinch, you can use the original CD that came with your system, and then upgrade the software to the current version. A full install version of the software is also available on hilevel.com if you have a password to the Special Resources site.

Now it's time to go to the original workstation and get some files. The following files will ease your transition, and can be found in C:\Symphony.

SpScript.TXT. This ASCII file contains any Special Scripts that you might like invoked automatically on startup. Without it, your system may perform differently.

NT_CAL8.DAT. Calibration file created when Symphony calibration is complete. Contains all of the constants and values meticulously measured during the automatic calibration process from the "Calibrate" window. These constants are restored each time you Initialize the software, insuring conformance to specs. This file must reside in the "C:\Symphony" folder. Without it, you get the message "Can't find calibration file!" and you will need to run the calibration.

Other Files

When transporting your tests to the new computer, you'll also need the files that pertain to them. These are:

> *filename.SET*
> *filename.TRN*
> *filename.CMT*
> *filename.PRG*
> *filename.ATX*

There may also be additional files with other extensions and the same filename as your SET file. It is recommended that you copy entire folders and maintain the same directory structure for test files; they are often interdependent on specific paths for association.

See Also:
Q'nApp #S15: Special Script
Q'nApp #S16: Symphony Files
Q'nApp #S39: PRG attachment to setfiles
Q'nApp #S44: Vector files without path