

FP2 - TIP 'O THE WEEK #106 INSTALLING UPDATES AND WHICH FILES GO WHERE?



Which files go where?

So, just where should all your FirePro files and folders be on your computer? Well, the easy answer is "it depends". The important thing to note is where you have the files so that you can always save and access them in the same location and find them if you need to. You will need to know where the files are in order to install updates, back up your data files, or send your data file to us.

Typically, your files will all reside in a folder called "Firepro" on your computer's C:\ drive (or on the server if you are on a network).

The files and folders that should be in that folder are:

- /fonts
- /help
- /LANG_LEX
- /USER_LEX
- ospell2.dll
- FIREHELP.df1
- FirePro2.lbs
- <your data file name>.df1

If you also use any of the remote modules, the computer that is used for remotes will also have a folder called "Firepro" on the C:\ drive.

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- ospell2.dll
- OWrite.dll (if you have Word processing)
- PDFdevice.dll (if you have PDF)
- FIREHELP.df1
- remote.df1
- FP2_remote.lbs
- FP2_BuildPerm.lbs (if you have remote building permits)

Word Processing, Spell Check and PDF

On each computer that uses FirePro, a program is installed called Omnis. It should be in **C:/Program Files/Raining Data/OS42 RT/**

Once the modules are installed, the following files in should be in **C:/Program Files/Raining Data/OS42 RT/xcomp/**

- for Spell Check - **oSpell2.dll**
- for Word Processing - **OWrite.dll**
- for PDF - **PDFdevice.dll**

Make sure the files are copied and not moved to each computer using FirePro.

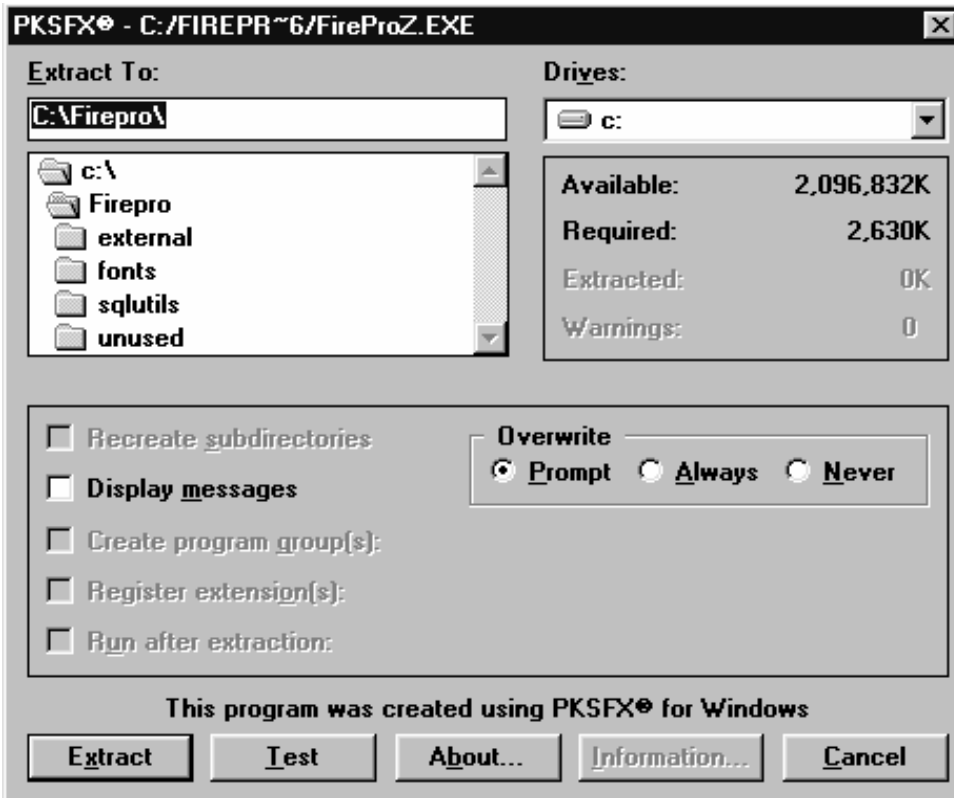
If you are using Remote Inspections or Building Permit Remote you will need to repeat all of these steps on all remote computers.

Updating FirePro 2

Program updates are sent out from time to time by email. The attachment is compressed into a .zip file with the version number in it's name. Normally you will only need to run this update on the computer that stores FirePro 2.

Before installing a new version, quit FirePro 2 (and if you have multiple users, ensure they have also quit FirePro 2) and backup both the FirePro2.lbs file and your data file which is usually named "your town".df1 (save these to a different location than where they are usually stored – this is just in case something goes awry and you need to have your old files. Also, you don't want to get the old and new files mixed up. Trust me; backing up files is a good thing to do and you should do it on an ongoing basis regardless of whether you are installing an update or not).

From the e-mail we send, open the attachment. You will get the following window (or one very similar depending on the .zip software that you have):



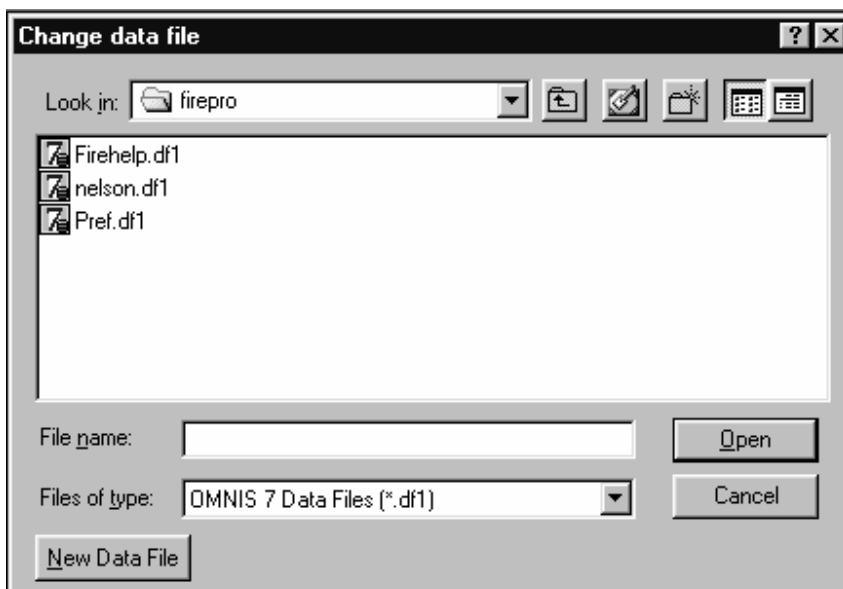
Extract To

This field is defaulted to C:\FirePro\, which will work in most situations. Check with technical support for any questions about this.

Extract

Click the Extract button and you will be asked if you want to replace the existing file of the same name. Respond with "Yes".

After completing the extraction process, start up FirePro 2 and you will be presented with the following window:



Information entered here will tell the program where your data file is. If your data file is stored on your computer, change the "Look in:" folder to FirePro. To do this you will probably need to change it to C: first and then choose the FirePro folder. Now choose your data file. It is named "your town".df1.

NOTE:

The file named "your town" .df1 is the data file that is named for your town/city's fire department. In the case of our above example, our data file is name "nelson.df1". Do not select any other file!

If your data file is stored on a server or another computer, you will need to find the correct path to it using the "Look in:" box. Once you can see your data file, open it.

WARNING:

Never click the NEW DATA FILE button as this will create a new data file, which will not work for you. If this is done accidentally and you save a new data file, quit the program, find that data file and delete it.

Next week I'll talk about installing updates on a computer running Vista.

Enjoy the week ahead!



Quote of the week:

"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."
Robin Williams