

This document contains some important notes about configuring the ROSES application.

NOTE #1: The ROSES Home Page address is: <http://www.misd.net/roses>

In addition to storing ROSES software updates, the ROSES Home Page contains important documentation.

NOTE #2: There are two types of software updates on the ROSES Home Page:

1. **ROSES Application Update**
2. **ROSES DLL Update**

The **ROSES Application Update** installs the standard application files. New application updates are posted on the ROSES Home Page fairly often.

The **ROSES DLL Update** installs and registers the Dynamic-Link Library files that permit a client computer to run the ROSES application. Normally, the DLL update is only performed once on a computer.

NOTE #3: If you are installing ROSES for the first time at your site, install the ROSES application files first. In the section on testing the success of the installation, you will be instructed to install the ROSES client DLL's on a client computer.

NOTE #4: Before trying to install the ROSES DLL's, make sure that the computer has Microsoft Access 2002 or 2003. Currently, ROSES does **NOT** work with Access 2007.

NOTE #5: The **ROSES Application Folder** stores the standard application files such as: **ROSES.EXE** (the application executable file), **RPMaint.Mdb** (the template report database), etc.

Normally, the **ROSES Application Folder** is a shared network folder. (Example: **R:\ROSES**)

Usually, the **ROSES 'Data' Databases** (PR?????.MDB and FR?????.MDB) are also stored in the **ROSES Application Folder**.

NOTE #6: The **Local ROSES Folder** is the location for a ROSES operator's private copy of the report database (**rpMain.Mdb**).

Usually, the **Local ROSES Folder** is: **C:\ROSES**

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Although each ROSES operator could have a unique **Local ROSES Folder** on the network, this would probably make ROSES reports run slowly on most networks.

NOTE #7: Each ROSES operator must have **full rights** to the **ROSES Application Folder** and the **Local ROSES Folder**. In other words, verify that the ROSES operator can create, delete, and modify all files in these two folders.

If the ROSES 'Data' Database(s) are **not** stored in the **ROSES Application Folder**, make sure that each ROSES operator has full rights to **the ROSES 'Data' Database folder**.

NOTE #8: On certain networks, it might improve performance to store the **ROSES Application Folder** on each ROSES operator's computer.

In this situation, the **ROSES Application Folder** and the **Local ROSES Folder** will be identical (C:\ROSES) and only the **'Data' databases** (PR?????.MDB and FR?????.MDB) will be stored in a network shared folder. Usually, the **USER.MDB** file will also be stored in the network shared folder.

It is important to remember that the ROSES application stores user names and passwords in the **USER.MDB** file. By default, ROSES looks for the **USER.MDB** file in the same folder with the ROSES executable file: **ROSES.EXE**.

If ROSES cannot find the **USER.MDB** file in the same folder with the **ROSES.EXE** file, ROSES looks for the **USER.INI** file (in the same folder with the **ROSES.EXE** file). The **USER.INI** file tells ROSES where to find the **USER.MDB** file.

The easiest way to create the **USER.INI** file is to copy the **USERTE.INI** file (in the **ROSES Application Folder**) to **USER.INI** (in the **ROSES Application Folder**) with **My Computer** or **Windows Explorer**.

For example, if the **User.Mdb** file exists in the **R:\Data** folder while the **ROSES.Exe** file exists in the **C:\Roses** folder, modify the **User.Ini** file in the **C:\Roses** folder as follows:

USERMDB=R:\DATA\USER.MDB

If the **User.Mdb** file exists in the same folder as **Roses.Exe**, the **USER.INI** file should contain:

USERMDB=

Reminder #1: If the **User.Mdb** file exists in the same folder as **Roses.Exe**, the **User.ini** file is not needed. (By default, ROSES looks for **User.Mdb** in the same folder as **Roses.Exe**.)

Reminder #2: To make it easier to install ROSES updates, most technicians put the **ROSES Application Folder** in a shared network folder rather than copying the ROSES

Application Folder to each operator's computer.

NOTE #9: Before referencing a ROSES network folder, map a network drive to the higher level folder(s).

For example, when creating a ROSES short-cut, do **not** type the target like this:

\\esc\roses\Roses\Roses.exe

Instead, map a drive letter (R:) to the higher level folder(s) (\\esc\roses). Then, type something like this:

R:\Roses\Roses.Exe

NOTE #10: If you ever suspect that software has become corrupt, re-install software in the following order:

1. Microsoft Access 2002 or 2003
 2. ROSES Application Files
 3. ROSES DLL Files
 4. Restore ROSES 'Data' Database backup(s) made before the corruption occurred.
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NOTE #11: In the ROSES software installation instructions, you are normally told to save (download) an Installshield executable file (Setup*.Exe) to the following **Temporary Folder: C:\Temp**. Then, you are instructed to **double-click** (run) the Installshield file from the **Temporary Folder**.

If you must perform the installation on numerous computers, you might want to copy the Installshield executable file to a CD, or, to a temporary network folder. Then, run the update from the CD or temporary network folder.

Reminder: On most computers, the Installshield executable file will probably run fastest if it is in a temporary folder on the local computer.

NOTE #12: After installing the ROSES application, why would some or all of the version numbers be wrong on the **Session Settings** form?

Here are some possible answers:

1. You did not install the ROSES application into the proper **Roses Application Folder**.

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2. You did not set the target of the ROSES desk-top icon to point to **ROSES.Exe** in the proper **ROSES Application Folder**.
 3. Somebody was using the ROSES application when you installed the application files.
 4. You did not run the latest **SetupRosesApp.Exe** file.
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NOTE #13: After logging into the ROSES application, if you get the **Cannot Open the Database** message, perform the following to open a Primary 'Data' Database:

- 1) Select the following from the **Main ROSES Menu**:

File -> Open -> Any Primary Database

- 2) Use the **Look in** combo box to navigate to the folder where the 'Data' Databases are stored.
 - 3) Double-click a file with the following naming conventions: "PR####.MDB", where "####" is the year in which the school year started.
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