

Startup Notes for CMD 2015.x with Remote Database Server Software for CMD 2015, 2014, and 2013 Users

This installation must first be done on the actual computer that will be hosting CMD's data! Do not start this process on a client computer.

The installation process is not hard, but there are specific steps that need to be followed in the correct sequence. Briefly, here are the steps (in order) that you will take:

1. Download the two setup files needed for CMD 2015
2. Run the setup program for CMD 2015 Tools
3. Stop any current CMD Server and CMD Web Server software that you are using
4. Run the setup program for CMD 2015
5. Restart the CMD Server and CMD Web Server
6. Run CMD 2015 for the first time
7. Create your first new Remote CMD File (which initializes CMD 2015)
8. Import your prior CMD data
9. Connect client computers to CMD 2015 data
10. What's New in CMD 2015?
11. CMD 2015 FMX Version Notes

Below is detailed information about each step. Once again, it's important to do these steps in the order they are proscribed.

Please pause at this point and make a fresh backup of your CMD data so that you are fully protected in case there's a problem somewhere along the line. Go ahead. I'll wait...

1. Download the Setup Files

Go to this page on our web site:

www.softwareforministry.com/html/cmd2015downloads.html

You are going to download two files onto the host computer:

- CMD2015ToolsSetup.Exe
- CMD2015.xWithRDBSSetup.Exe (or CMD2015.xFullSuiteSetup.Exe if that's your version)

We suggest that you place these two files on your desktop for easiest access to start the setup programs.

2. Run the Setup Program for CMD 2015 Tools

Before we can run the setup program for CMD itself, you need to set up the CMD 2015 tools program so that you can stop any current CMD Server and CMD Web Server software that might

be running. This is because both servers are updated for 2015, and Windows won't allow those files to be overwritten if they are currently in use. So we must stop them temporarily so that when the actual CMD 2015 setup program is run, that these two servers can be updated.

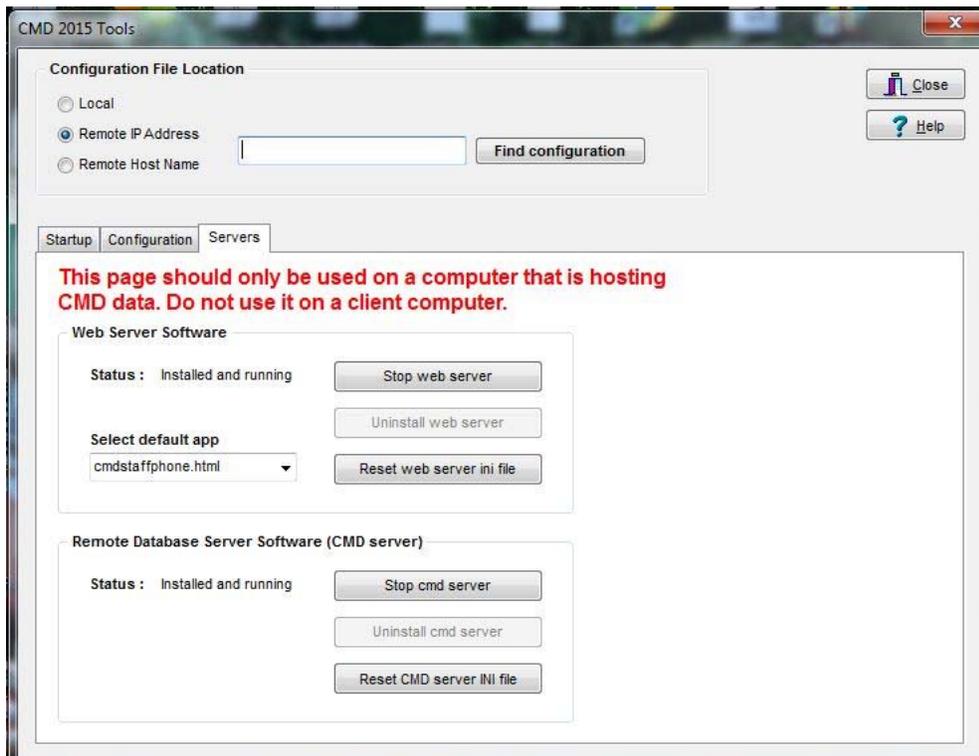
That all starts by running the CMD2015Tools.Exe program. Find and double-click the icon for it on your host computer's desktop. Click the appropriate buttons to complete the setup of CMD 2015 Tools.

Special Note: Some anti-virus programs will take exception to the CMD Tools program and attempt to block it (or in the case of Norton products) completely delete it. They react this way because the CMD 2015 Tools program has code in it that starts/stops and installs/uninstalls Windows services. Your anti-virus program doesn't know that CMD Tools is ok because it only accesses those Windows services that are part of CMD, so if it is blocked or removed, you will need to temporarily turn off your anti-virus software and rerun the setup program. In some cases, you may even have to download it again first. This can happen either during setup or when you first try to run it.

3. Stop the CMD Server and the CMD Web Server Software

Startup CMD 2015 Tools, but you must do it in a specific way. Instead of double-clicking the CMD 2015 Tools icon, instead, right-click on it and select the option from the menu that says Run as Administrator.

Once the CMD 2015 Tools program is running, find and click the Servers tab and note there are two boxes on this page, one referring to the CMD Web Server and one to the Remote Database Server (CMD Server).



You will need to stop either or both of these if they are running. To do this, click the button that says Stop Web Server and then Stop CMD Server. It is not necessary to uninstall these because they have the same name in the updated coming with CMD 2015, so Windows will reload the newer version the next time they are started up.

Once you have stopped both servers, you can close the CMD 2015 Tools program. You will return to it later to restart the servers, but for now you can close this program if you wish.

4. Run the CMD 2015 Setup Program

Only now should you run the CMD 2015 setup program. Find and double-click the icon that says CMD2015.xWithRDBSSetup.Exe (or CMD2015.xFullSuiteSetup.Exe if that's your version). As the setup program starts, you'll be prompted to enter the password I have sent you already.

CMD does not give you a choice of folders when setting up the program. That's because there are a number of folders CMD must find in specific places, so those are preset for you. Basically you just keep clicking the buttons to continue.

The setup program will place two version of CMD 2015 on your computer:

- **Classic:** This is the CMD you've known and have been using updated for 2015. All of the features you are used to in CMD are there. You can use it as you always have.
- **FMX:** This is the CMD reboot for 2015, which is the basis for a future Mac version of CMD, which we hope will be available sometime during 2015. Currently, the FMX version is not fully built out, but there are a number of functions in it that are fully implemented and thus useful right away. See the notes on the FMX version at the end of these setup instructions for more details.

Note that you can freely switch back and forth between the Classic and FMX versions as desired since they work with the same data and the same startup information.

When you come to the Finish dialog, uncheck the box that says to run CMD 2015 on exit. We have to restart the server software first, so you need to finish the setup program without starting up CMD 2015.

5. Restart CMD Server and Web Server

Reopen CMD 2015 Tools, running it as an administrator. Click the Servers tab.

Click the buttons to start both the CMD Web Server and the Remote Database Server. Once both have been restarted, you can exit the CMD 2015 Tools program.

Note: If you are using the remote database server software for the first time, you should click the button to Reset CMD Server INI File first, and then click the button to restart. If the Status line shows that it is uninstalled, click the button to install it before you can start it.

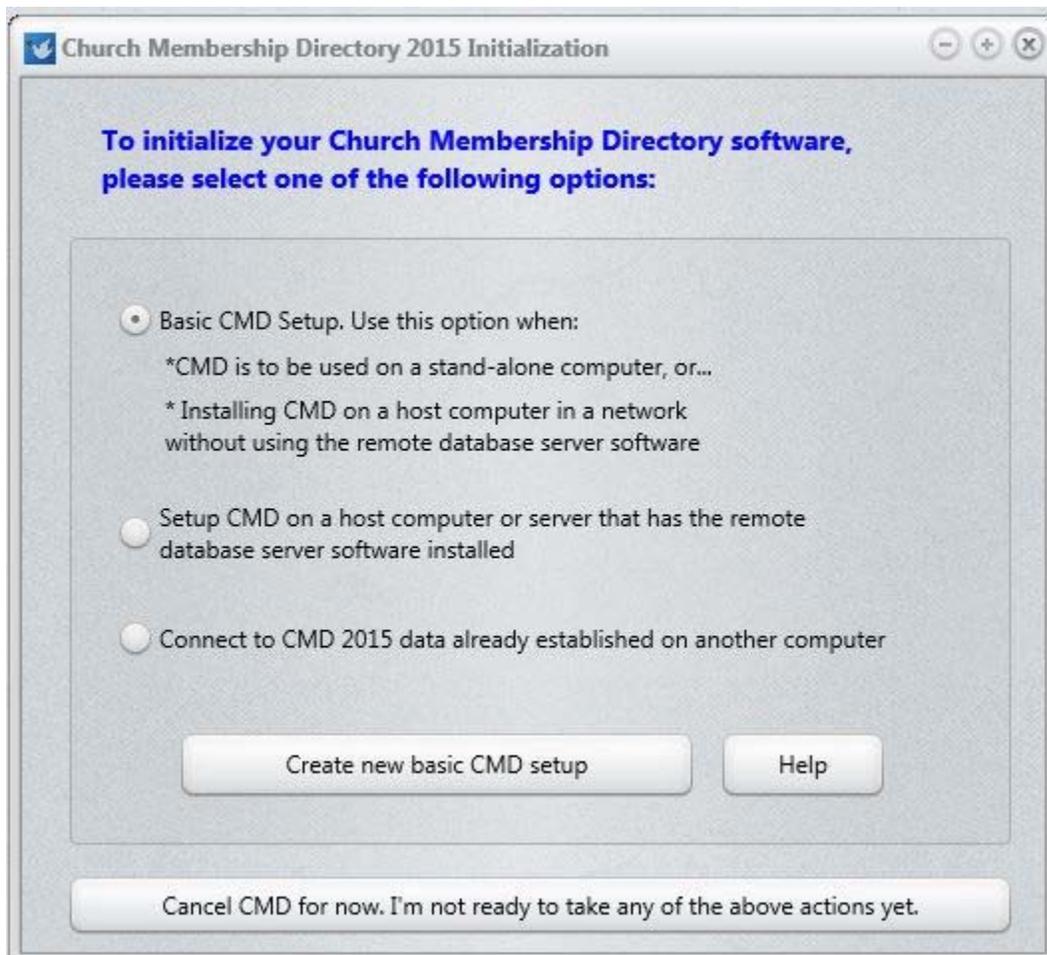
6. Run CMD 2015 For the First Time

Find and double-click the CMD 2015 icon on your desktop.

You may also double-click the CMD 2015 FMX icon if you wish. You may use either version for the startup processes. They work exactly the same, though the screens will vary in minor details. We'll use the new FMX version for our screen grabs so that you can see a little of the refreshed look for CMD right from the start.

Whether you have a prior version of CMD already installed or if you are installing CMD 2015.x as the very first version of CMD going on your computer, the first steps you will take are exactly the same because either way, CMD 2015 needs to set up its own file space and create the tables that are used in the overall CMD database for 2015.

When you run CMD 2015.x for the first time, you will see this dialog:



Since you are starting up CMD 2015 for the first time on your host computer, you will select the middle option above, the one that says "Setup CMD on a host computer or server that has the remote database server software installed." Click the large button near the bottom that says to "Create New Remote Server Setup." After first confirming that the Remote Database Server is running, you will be taken to the Create New Remote CMD File dialog:

Create New CMD Remote File

File Description
 Enter a descriptive phrase for your new data file here
 Create CMD File

Database Name
 Church Data 2015
 Help

Data Folder Name
 Church Data 2015
 Cancel

Create on host name Create at IP address
 Enter the host computer name here or use IP Address

Default Telephone Area Code

Church Information Use this information for phone/tablet apps

Church Name
Address
City
State **Zip**
Phone
Fax
E-Mail

7. Create New CMD 2015 File

First, enter a **File Description** for the new remote file you are creating. Use a description that will easily help you identify the data file while CMD is running. This is especially important if you intend to use multiple CMD data files. Here are some useful examples:

First Community Church 2015 Data
 Grace Church Data 2015
 Church Family Data 2015

I suggest that you have the 20145date in there somewhere since CMD's configuration file can recognize CMD files from multiple years, and having the year in there will help keep things straight.

The same is true for both the **Database Name** and **Data Folder** fields. We suggest having 2015 in there to avoid confusion with older CMD data files, or data files created in future years.

You are free to use the suggested Database Name and Data Folder Name if you wish. However, if you wish to create additional CMD files for CMD 2015, you will need to rename both of these for future CMD files – it's mandatory to use unique Database Name and Data Folder Names for each CMD file you create.

If this is your first time ever using CMD, you can enter your church's area code in the **Default Telephone Area Code** field. If you are going to be importing data from a prior CMD version, it is not necessary to enter this number as it will be brought in during the import process.

Create on Host Name

When creating a remote file, CMD's data engine will need to know if it is to be created using a Host Name or an IP address.

If you are creating the file on the host computer (and that's where you should be creating it!), we strongly suggest that you use the Host Name for this. In this context, this actually means the Computer Name of the host computer.

If you do not know the name of the host computer, click the **Start** button, look for the **Computer** item on the right side of the menu, right-click on it, then select **Properties**. This will bring up a page that will give you the actual name of the host computer. You may have to scroll down to see it.

Enter the name of the Host Computer in the space provided on the **Create Remote File** dialog.

Create at IP Address

Though we provide this as an option, it is meant to be used when a new CMD file is created from a client computer that uses an IP address to connect to CMD's data. Use the Host Name when you are creating your first CMD file for CMD 2015.x while at the host computer.

Church Information

New to the installation process in 2015, is the entry of Church Information. While this information can be entered later, I advise you to do it now if it at all possible. Prior church information is not imported, so it needs to be established again (we store it differently in 2015 and onward).

Note the checkbox that says **Use This Information for Phone/Table Apps**. If you use either the phone or tablet apps, your church's contact information is needed for the login page of the phone and tablet apps. If you check this box during the Create CMD File process, the Church Information you provide here will be written into the special file that is used for the phone and tablet apps.

Creating the New File

Once all the fields have been filled in, click the **OK** button to begin the process of creating CMD's data tables for the CMD file you are creating. Once it's finished, you'll be taken to the CMD's main dialog where you can begin entering new names, or import data from a prior version of CMD.

8. Import Data from a Prior CMD Version

Select **Import Prior CMD Data** from the **Utilities Menu** to import data from CMD 2012, CMD 2013, or CMD 2014. Locate the actual folder location of the data you wish to import using the button provided.

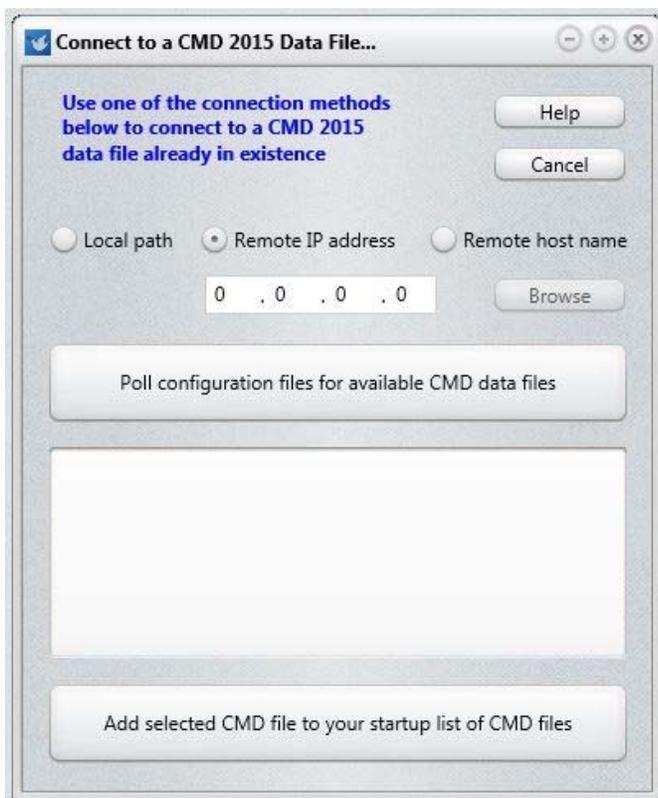
NOTE: If you have data from a CMD version prior to CMD 2012, we will have to do the data import for you. There is a small nominal fee for this service. Please contact me at mic@softwareforministry.com for details.

9. Connect Client Computers

Connecting client computers is simple once you have the remote database server software running (CMD Server). Follow these steps:

- 1) Ascertain the IP address or domain name of the host computer. You'll need the internal IP address if the client is on the same local network as your host computer. However, if you are connecting from a computer off-site, you'll need the domain name or static IP address that can be used from the outside.
- 2) Download the CMD 2015 setup program onto your client computer.
- 3) Run the CMD 2015 setup program
- 4) Double-click the icon for CMD 2015 to start it up for the first time. Select the third option on the Initialization dialog, to Connect to CMD 2015 Data Already Established on Another Computer, then click the **Connect to Existing Data** button.

This will bring up this dialog:



Enter the IP address, or click Remote Host Name if you are going to enter a domain name. Once you've entered either the IP address or Remote Host Name, click the **Poll** button to see the data files available.

When there's an available 2015 file to connect to, it will be listed in the large list box area. Check the box of any of the files you wish to connect to, then click the **Add** button near the bottom of the dialog.

This will connect the client computer to the remote computer hosting the CMD's data.

10. What's New in CMD 2015?

To see a list of the changes in CMD 2015.x, select the Help Contents option on CMD's Help Menu. Scroll to the very bottom and you'll see a chapter there for New Features in CMD 2015.x. Open that chapter and read over the introduction to the new features.

11. CMD 2015 FMX Notes

The FMX version of CMD represents two steps forward in CMD's development:

1. Refreshed, updated look
2. Basis for future Mac version

It's our hope to have a Mac version ready even as soon as this summer, though it's difficult to tell at this point. There are two key components that have to be updated to work in the FMX framework that I need to make CMD work in both Windows and Mac environments:

CMD's Data Engine. Our data engine provider is working on this already, and I expect it to be finished in a couple of months. While we cannot say for sure at this point, our hope is that PCs and Macs will be able to exist on the same network and access the same CMD data. Further, we hope that either a PC or a Mac will be able to serve as the host computer for CMD's data.

At the very least, CMD should be able to work on a PC-only or a Mac-only network, but I'm still optimistic that both can work together. We'll know soon. For now, CMD is still PC-only, and we will let you know as soon as a Mac version is possible.

CMD's Print Engine. This is a crucial component that I'm still awaiting word about. If the provider of the print engine CMD has been using since 1998 decides to port the engine to FMX, it will be a relatively simple matter to transplant virtually all of the print routines from the Classic version over to the FMX version.

If not, it means I have to build the actual printing report code again from the ground up. I'm hoping and praying that won't be the case. This is the reason there are no print functions in the FMX version in this first release. I didn't want to do any work toward either alternative at this point until I knew for sure which way I'd ultimately have to go. Instead, I've put my time into getting as many basic features into the FMX version as possible.

What's Working Now

In CMD 2015.1, the FMX version contains the following working functions:

File Menu (all items)

Find Menu

Names Menu

 Enter/Modify/Delete Names

 Quick List (moved to this menu, all functions on same dialog)

 Visitation

 Attendance (basic functions, no name tags or phone-based entry, or forms)

Contributions (most functions)

Utilities (most functions)

Preferences (most functions)

If You Get Stuck

If you have problems with your basic setup, please e-mail me for help at mic@softwareforministry.com. You can also text me if you'd like: 817.219.1243.

If you text me, please give me your name and your church because I likely won't have your name and number in my phone's contact list.

I request that you contact me via e-mail or text first rather than calling. My work day often finds me in meetings, and it will most helpful to hear from you in a way other than by phone first. I will get back to you as quickly as I can. If I can't resolve the issue by e-mail, we'll set a phone appointment so that I can speak with you.

My cell also gets so many robo-calls these days that I just don't pick up on numbers I don't recognize any more.

Thanks in advance for contacting me by e-mail or text first.