

installation media with you to the computer you want to install the program on, insert the disc into the CD/DVD drive, and run the Setup program.



WARNING

When you finish manually installing software from a CD or DVD, don't forget to remove the disc from the drive! It's easy to leave the disc in the drive, and if the user rarely or never uses the drive, it might be weeks or months before anyone discovers that the disc is missing. By that time, you'll be hard-pressed to remember where it is.

## Running Setup from a network share

If you plan on installing a program on more than two or three computers on your network, you'll find it much easier to run the Setup program from a network share rather than from the original CDs or DVDs. To do so, follow these steps:

1. **Create a network share and a folder within the share where you can store the Setup program and other files required to install the program.**

I usually set up a share named *Software* and then create a separate folder in this share for each program I want to make available from the network. You should enable Read access for all network users, but allow full access only for yourself and your fellow administrators.

Read more about creating shares and setting permissions in Chapter 13.

2. **Copy the entire contents of the program's CD or DVD to the folder you create in Step 1.**

To do so, insert the CD or DVD into your computer's CD/DVD drive. Then, use Windows Explorer to select the entire contents of the disc and drag it to the folder you created in Step 1.

Alternatively, you can click Start, type **cmd**, and then press Enter to open a command prompt. Then, enter a command, such as the following:

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xcopy d:\*.* \\server1\software\someprogram\*.* /s
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In this example, *d:* is the drive letter of your CD/DVD drive, *server1* is the name of your file server, and *software* and *someprogram* are the names of the share and folder you created in Step 1.

3. **To install the program on a client computer, open a Windows Explorer window, navigate to the share and folder you create in Step 1, and double-click the Setup.exe file.**

The Setup program launches.