



WARNING

2. **Run the Setup program and follow the installation steps right up to the final step.**

When you get to the confirmation screen that says the program is about ready to install the software, stop! Do *not* click the OK or Finish button.

3. **Return to the Temp folder you opened in Step 1, and then poke around until you find the .msi file created by the Setup program you ran in Step 2.**

The .msi file is the actual Windows Installer program that Setup runs to install the program. It may have a cryptic name, such as 84993882.msi.

4. **Copy the .msi file to the network share from which you want to install the program on your client computers.**

For example, `\\server1\software\someprogram.`

5. **(Optional) Rename the .msi file to setup.msi.**

This step is optional, but I prefer to run `setup.msi` rather than `84993882.msi`.

6. **Use Notepad to create a batch file to run the .msi file with the /quiet switch.**

To create the batch file, follow these steps:

1. Right-click in the folder where the .msi file is stored.
2. Choose New ➤ Text Document.
3. Change the name of the text document to `setup.bat`.
4. Right-click the `setup.bat` file and choose Edit.
5. Add the following line to the file:
`setup.msi /quiet`
6. Save the file.

You can now install the software by navigating to the folder you created the `setup.bat` file in and double-clicking the `setup.bat` file.

Creating an administrative installation image

Some software, such as Microsoft Office and AutoCAD, comes with tools that let you create a fully configured silent setup program that you can then use to silently install the software. For Microsoft software, this silent setup program is called an *administrative installation image*. (Note that the OEM versions of Office don't include this feature. You need to purchase a volume license to create an administrative installation.)