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Getting Started Guide

Installation, Setup, and Basic Conversion Techniques

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1.2 Technical Support

Technical Support

Please read over this inline HELP documentation at least once before seeking support for this product. We have worked very hard to make this help file clear and useful, but concise. There's a lot of power here so we suggest you reread these instructions once you have become accustomed to using R:BASE. New uses will become apparent.

If you have further question(s) about R:BASE, and can't find the answer(s) in this help documentation, you can obtain information from a variety of sources:

- E-mail our Technical Support Department at: support@rbase.com
- Access the R:BASE Technologies Support Home Page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.rbase.com/support>.
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- The type of hardware and operating system you are using.
- Details regarding your operating environment, such as available memory, disk space, your version of R:BASE, local area network, special drivers, related database structures, application files, and other files that are used or accessed by your application.

All of the information that you provide us is used to better and more expeditiously assist you.

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1.3 Feedback

Suggestions and Enhancement Requests:

From time to time, everyone comes up with an idea for something they'd like their software to do differently. This is true of all applications, no less R:BASE.

If you come across an idea that you think might make a nice enhancement to R:BASE, your input is always welcome.

Please submit your suggestion and/or enhancement request at our online R:BASE Developers' Corner Crew (R:DCC) homepage at: <http://www.rbase.com/RBG7RDCC>. Describe what you think might make a nice enhancement.

Unless additional information is needed, you will not receive a direct response. You can periodically check the status of your submitted enhancement request accordingly.

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- What happened
- What version and build of R:BASE you have
- Any error messages R:BASE gave
- What kind of computer you have
- Which operating system you're using
- Anything else you think might be relevant

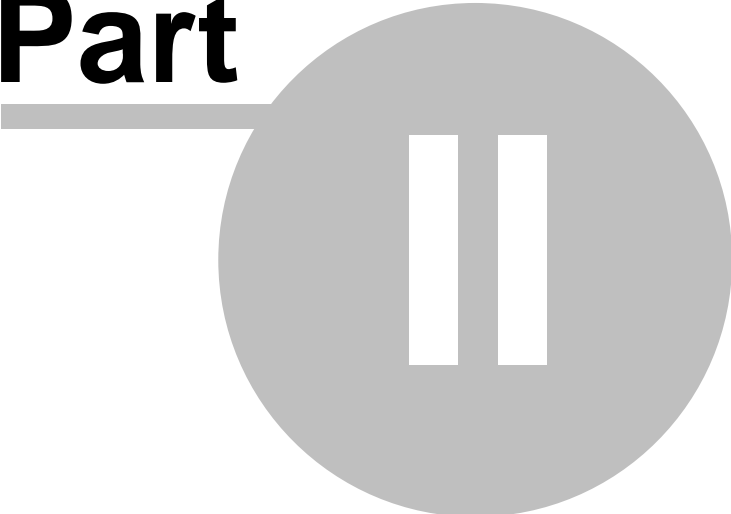
Unless additional information is needed, you will not receive a direct response. You can periodically check the status of your submitted bug accordingly.

If you would like to send the sample as an attachment in reference to submitted bug on RBG76 RDCC, please send an e-mail to rbg76rdcc@rbase.com.

1.4 Useful Resources

- . R:BASE Home Page: <http://www.rbase.com>
- . Up-to-Date R:BASE Updates: <http://www.rupdates.com>
- . Sample Applications: <http://www.rbasecommunity.com>
- . Bug Report and Enhancement/Feature Requests: <http://www.rbase.com/rbg7rdcc>
- . Building Syntax for PROPERTY Command: <http://www.rbase.com/property>
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- . Education and Training: <http://www.rbaseuniversity.com>
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- . R:BASE Beginners Tutorial <http://www.rtutorial.com>

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2 Installing R:BASE 7.6

2.1 System Requirements

Before installing R:BASE 7.6 for Windows, make sure that your computer meets or exceeds the following minimum hardware and software requirements:

- IBM compatible, 1 Ghz processor or higher
- 512 MB of RAM memory (1 GB is the recommended minimum)
- A 2 GB hard disk with at least 60 MB of free space (network installations require more free disk space for temporary installation files)
- VGA or higher resolution monitor
- Keyboard
- CD-ROM (for installation)
- Windows NT 4.0 with Service Pack 6.0 or higher, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows 2003, Windows XP Professional, or Windows Vista

2.2 Installation Media

The R:BASE 7.6 for Windows installation media can be provided in two forms; CD-ROM or download.

The online download only includes the R:BASE Setup executable. The full installation CD includes the following:

- Autorun.inf
- CommandIndex.pdf
- FunctionIndex.pdf
- Maintenance.pdf
- RBASE76forWindows_FeaturesandEnhancements.pdf
- RBASE76forWindows_GettingStartedGuide.pdf
- RBG76.ico
- **Setup.exe**
- Tutorial.pdf
- WhatsNewInRBASE76forWindows.pdf
- WhatsNewInRBASE76forWindows_Update1.pdf
- WhatsNewInRBASE76forWindows_Update2.pdf
- Conversion Tools
 - RBWIN65
 - GetStartedWindowsGuide.pdf
 - RBASE.ICO
 - RBASE2000Features.pdf
 - Setup.exe
 - Convert
 - CONVERT.EXE
 - DBCON1.MSG
 - DBCON2.MSG
 - DBCONV.EXE
 - DBCONV.MSG
 - DEFAULT.MSG
 - DOS4GW.EXE
 - NEWDB.EXE
 - RBASE1.MSG
 - RBASE2.MSG

2.3 Things You Will Need

- License Key

Before launching the installer, it is recommended that you have your R:BASE 7.6 20-character License Key readily available. The License Key is located on a label above the installation CD on the inside of the protective product case. If you acquired the installer by download, the License Key would have been

provided in an email message. If you have lost or misplaced your License Key, please contact our Support Staff by email at support@rbase.com or call our office between 10:00am and 6:00pm EST at 1+724-733-0053.

- Internet Access

Whether you have chosen the local client installation or the server installation, the actual computer where R:BASE 7.6 will be launched should have access to the Internet when you first start the R:BASE. The Internet access is used to visit the R:BASE Technologies to provide you with your required Activation Key.

In instances where R:BASE will be installed on a computer that is not connected to the Internet, you must then contact R:BASE Technologies by phone or email to provide information displayed on the computer screen. In this case, please contact our Product Activation Staff by email at activationkey@rbase.com or call our office between 10:00am and 6:00pm EST at 1+724-733-0053. When you call, you will need to have your R:BASE Registration Number available. The Registration Number is provided on your invoice/packing slip, inside your product case on an index card, or on the email for users who have downloaded the product.

- Administrative Permissions

If you are using Windows 2000, Windows 2003, XP Professional, Windows Vista, or Windows 7, make sure you log in as the Administrator or a user with Administrator privileges. Otherwise, you will not be able to install the software properly. If you do not know how to do this, please check with your IT department.

- User Access Control

Using Windows Vista or later, User Access Control must be set to allow the end user with the ability to read the License Key and Activation Key within the registry.

2.4 Client Installation

The Client Installation is the typical installation choice for single users or for users that want R:BASE installed upon the workstations, not the server, within a local area network.

Using this method, you will insert the R:BASE 7.6 CD-ROM into each workstation's CD-ROM drive and run the installer. Or, if the installer was made available through a download, you would run the "Setup.exe" while physically sitting at the workstation.

Make sure to log into the computer as the Administrator when installing R:BASE. Otherwise, you will not be able to install the software properly.

Next, follow the "[Setup](#)" instructions.

2.5 Server Installation

The Server Installation is the typical installation choice for network administrators and developers that want R:BASE installed upon a centralized location within a local area network. It is beneficial to use this method when there are a great number of users which will be launching the R:BASE software. Another benefit is that when applying R:BASE updates, there is only one installation to be updated, other than updating every workstation individually.

Using this method, you will insert the R:BASE 7.6 CD-ROM into the server's CD-ROM drive and run the installer. Or, if the installer was made available through a download, you would run the "Setup.exe" while physically sitting at the server. Or, you can run the "Setup.exe" on a workstation and change the "Destination Folder" to a shared network directory during the Setup process, but this option prevents the proper installation of the R:BASE ODBC driver. If you have a R:BASE application which uses the R:BASE ODBC driver, you must run the installer while at the server.

1. Make sure to log into the server as the Administrator when installing R:BASE. Otherwise, you will not be able to install the software properly.
2. Next, follow the "Setup Initialization" instructions within Section 2.6, and return here before launching R:BASE.

3. In order to run the R:BASE program on the server, three .DLL files must be moved from the "System Folder" (default: C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32) to the "Destination Folder" (default: C:\RBTI\RBG76), after R:BASE is installed.

Those DLL files include: **RBENGINE76.DLL**, **RB76IO.DLL**, and **RSTYLE76.DLL**

If you run the "Setup.exe" while physically at the server, the DLLs will be installed in the server's "System Folder". If you run the "Setup.exe" on a workstation and changed the "Destination Folder" during the Setup process, the DLLs will still be installed in that workstation's "System Folder", only the destination location will have been altered.

4. Another file that needs moved into the "Destination Folder" is the R:BASE 7.6 configuration file: **RBENGINE76.CFG**

The CFG file must be moved from the "C:\WINDOWS" folder to the "Destination Folder" (default: C:\RBTI\RBG76) to reside with the DLL files. For server installations, it is likely that an existing custom application has already been developed. In this case, make sure to use the modified RBENGINE76.CFG file that has been developed with the custom application.

One consideration for a server installation and having the CFG file stored in a single location is that all users will be recognized with the same name when using the (CVAL('NAME')) Function. An alternative is to use the Functions (CVAL('NETUSER')), which captures the logged in network user name, and/or (CVAL('COMPUTER')), which captures the actual computer name.

5. At this point, you must provide users with the necessary network access rights. The users will require read permissions to launch the R:BASE program. If you intend to store the database files in the same directory as the R:BASE program, then read and write permissions are required. For more information about these access rights, refer to the documentation for your network. Both mapped drive letters and universal naming conventions (UNC) are supported for the network shared directory.
6. The next step is to place a desktop shortcut to the R:BASE program on the server. From the workstation desktop, navigate to the "Destination Folder" where the R:BASE program files were installed. Right click on the RBG76.EXE, select "Send To" > "Desktop (create shortcut)". Then, on the desktop, right click and select properties for the new desktop icon. From the "Shortcut" tab, add a "-a" parameter to the end of the "Target:" field value. The executable and "-a" parameter should be separated with a space. Select the "Apply" button.
7. Under the "General" tab, edit the shortcut name to what ever you choose. Save your changes by selecting the "OK" button.

Environment Consideration

At this point, R:BASE is installed on the server. Each workstation that has their desktop set up appropriately with the shortcut properties will launch from the server correctly. However, one issue which may cause concern is that all of the default user settings for R:BASE, which are loaded during the installation process, are now only located on the server's registry. This will leave the workstation's R:BASE Development interface with no stored settings forcing you or the user to set up the screens for the main Database Explorer, the Form, Report and Label Designers, the R:BASE Editor, R:Style, the R> console, the Data Browser, and the Data Dictionary. In most cases a server installation means that end users will be running a custom application and will not need to access the development interface. If this is not the case, and you require that users have the ability to develop in R:BASE with a server installation, and would like the series of R:BASE default settings, a registry dump can be made available. Please contact R:BASE Technologies, Inc. by phone at 1+724.733.0053 or through email at support@rbase.com

Product Updates

After the server installation is implemented, you must remember that your method of applying R:BASE program updates has changed. When running an R:BASE update, be sure to use the "Server Update" button, which will drop all the program and DLL files into the specified directory.

8. The next step is to launch R:BASE. Go to [Starting R:BASE for the First Time](#).

2.6 Setup Initialization

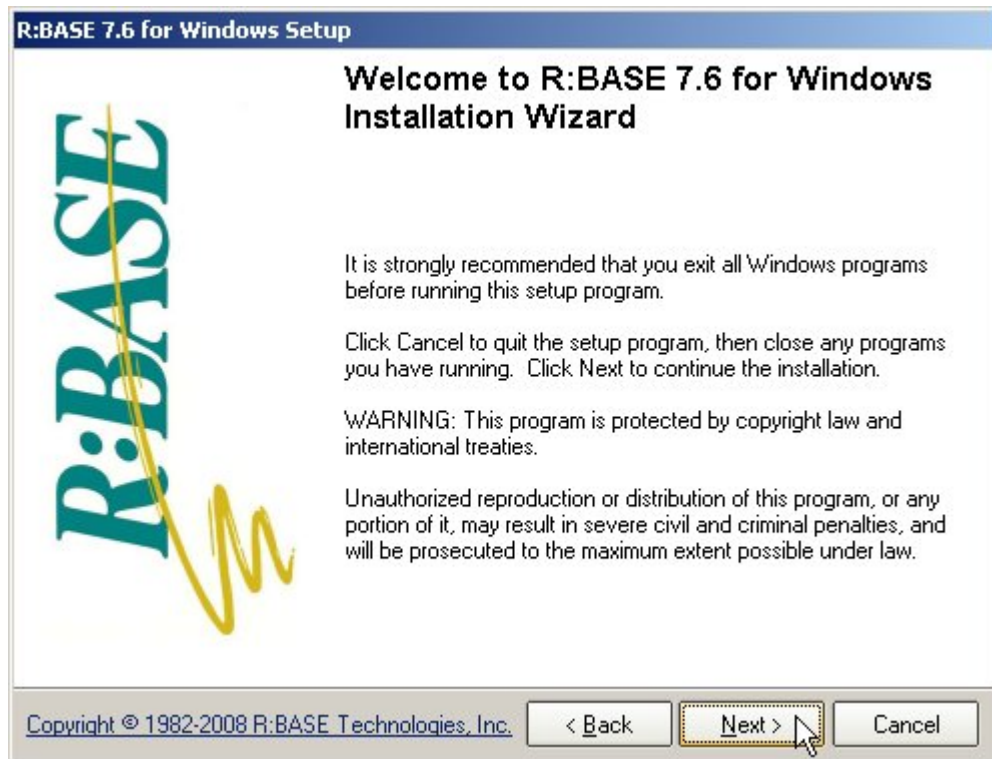
Begin by inserting the installation CD into your CD-ROM drive. Normally, the setup process begins automatically. However, if it does not, go to Start > Run and type "D:\Setup.exe" where D: is the drive letter of your CD-ROM or DVD drive that contains the installation CD. Also, do not include the quote characters ("").

During the initialization process, it is possible that you may be required to reboot your machine before the actual R:BASE installation can proceed. This is a normal part of the initialization if your machine does not have the latest Windows MSI interface installed. The R:BASE installer will update the Windows MSI interface automatically and require you to reboot before continuing.

After your machine restarts, the installation should resume automatically. If it does not, go to Start> Run and type "D:\Setup.exe" where D: is the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive that contains the installation CD. Do not include the quote characters ("").

2.6.1 Welcome

The R:BASE 7.6 for Windows setup was designed to make the process as simple and efficient as possible. After the initialization process, you will be presented with the Welcome screen.



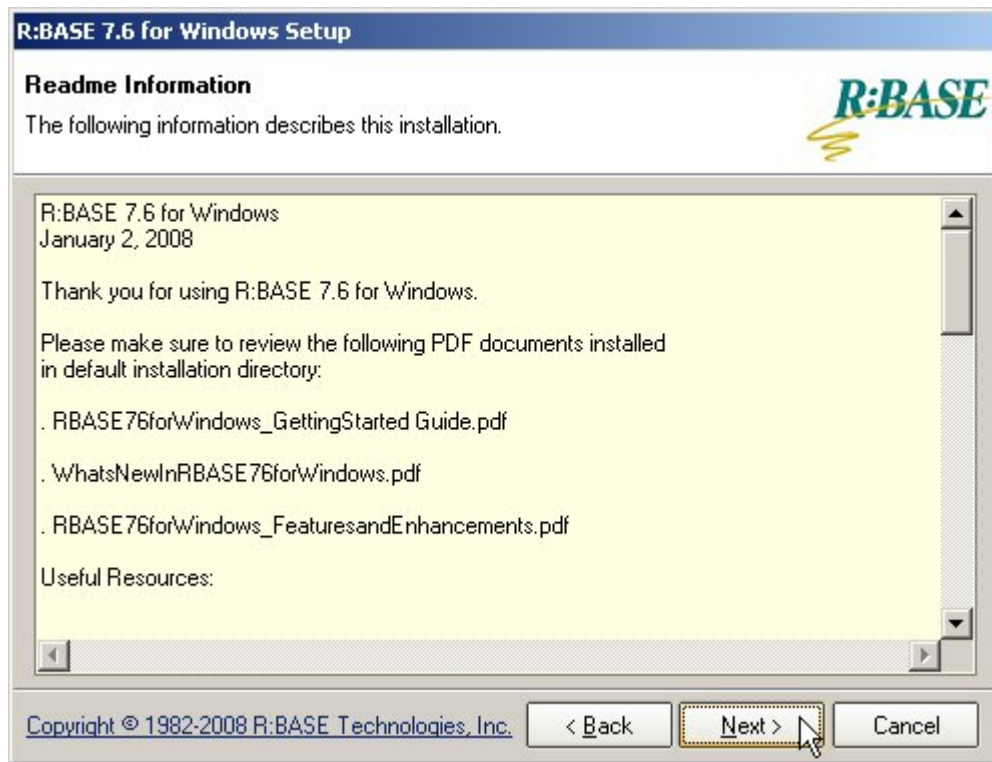
Click "Next" to this screen, you will be advance to the License screen.

2.6.2 License



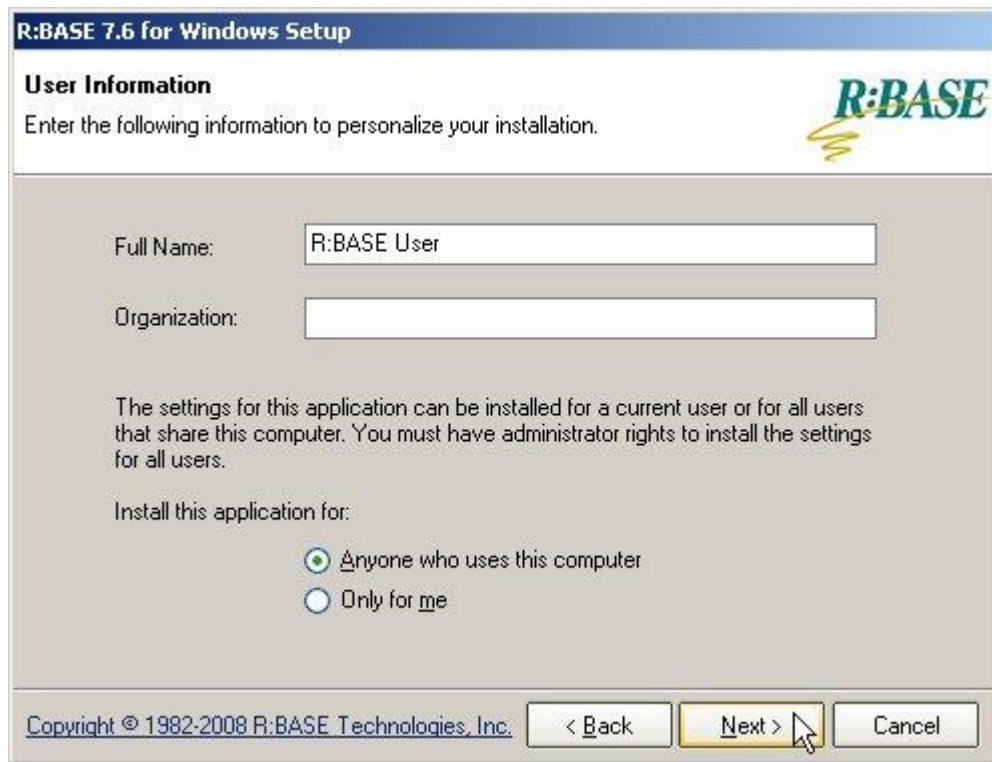
Before you will be allowed to continue, you must agree to the license by clicking the "I accept the license agreement" radio button. Only then will you be able to press the "Next" button to continue.

2.6.3 Readme Information



Press the "Next" button to continue after reading the information.

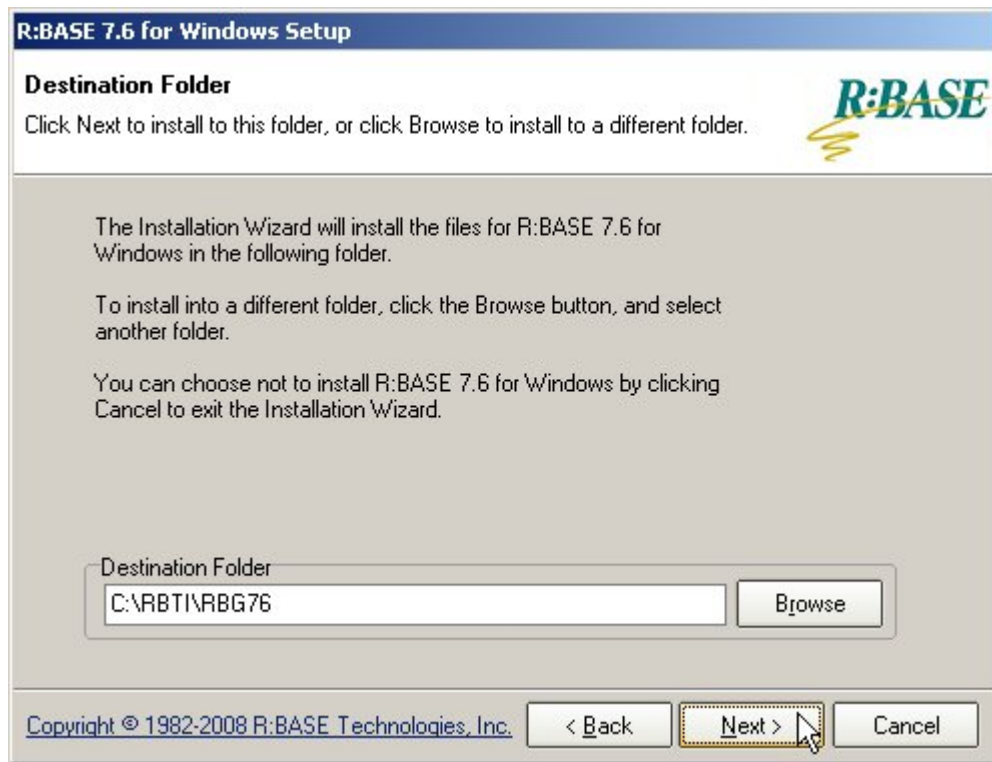
2.6.4 User Information



The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "R:BASE 7.6 for Windows Setup". The main heading is "User Information" with a sub-instruction: "Enter the following information to personalize your installation." The R:BASE logo is in the top right corner. There are two text input fields: "Full Name:" containing "R:BASE User" and "Organization:" which is empty. Below these is explanatory text: "The settings for this application can be installed for a current user or for all users that share this computer. You must have administrator rights to install the settings for all users." Underneath, it says "Install this application for:" followed by two radio buttons. The first is selected and labeled "Anyone who uses this computer", the second is labeled "Only for me". At the bottom left is the copyright notice "Copyright © 1982-2008 R:BASE Technologies, Inc.". At the bottom right are three buttons: "< Back", "Next >" (highlighted with a mouse cursor), and "Cancel".

The User Information screen allows you to enter personal information for the installation. You can also choose between installing the program for "Anyone who uses this computer" that may log onto the machine, or just for yourself. Select the appropriate radio button after entering your information and press "Next" to continue.

2.6.5 Destination Folder



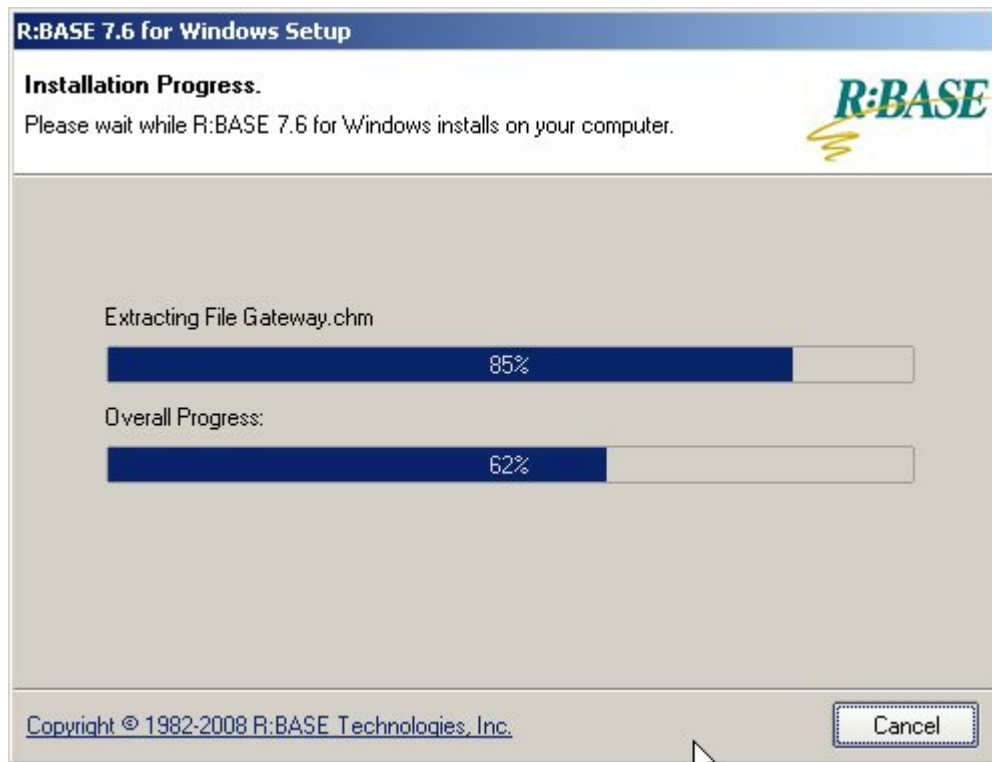
The Destination Folder screen allows you to tell the installer where you would like the program to be installed.

Simply click the "Browse" button to navigate to your desired location. The installer will create the directory you choose if it does not already exist. The program is installed in a subdirectory of your chosen location named RBG76.

Note: For "Client Installations", R:BASE MUST be installed upon the "Local Disk (C:)" in order for the installer to work properly.

When finished, press "Next" to continue.

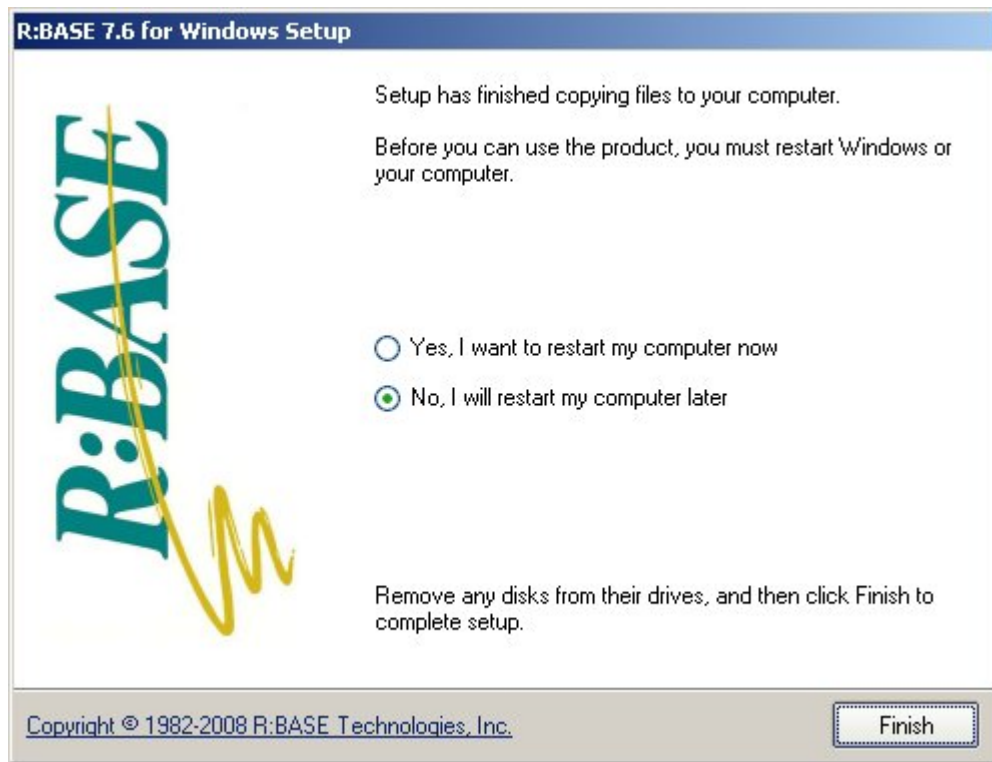
2.6.6 Installation Progress



The installation process will show you the status of the installation. If any errors occur, they will display during this process.

Sit back and relax while the program does its work!

2.6.7 Process Completed



When you receive this screen, the installation process has successfully completed.

Press "Finish" to finalize the installation and begin using R:BASE 7.6!

2.7 Permissions

This extra step is required for workstations that are not provided with Administrator rights. For any R:BASE installations on workstations which have full Administrator access all the time, you can skip to the next section.

If the End User for this computer will NOT have Administrator rights, permissions must be provided so the End User can read the License Key and Activation Key. To provide the End User with Permissions, review the following registry instructions:

Windows XP x64 or later: (64-bit operating systems)

1. While logged in as the Administrator, select the "Start" button and choose "Run".
2. Type "regedit" and select "OK" to launch the Windows Registry Editor
3. Locate the registry key in the following registry path:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\R:Base Technologies\RBG76

4. Right click on the "RBG76" folder and choose "Permissions"
5. Within the "Permissions" dialog, provide the End User with the appropriate "Read" permission so the R:BASE 7.6 License Key will be read upon every launch of the program.
6. Close the Registry Editor, log onto the computer as a user, and launch R:BASE. You should not be prompted for a key.

Windows XP x32 or later: (32-bit operating systems)

1. While logged in as the Administrator, select the "Start" button and choose "Run".
2. Type "regedit" and select "OK" to launch the Windows Registry Editor

3. Locate the registry key in the following registry path:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\R:Base Technologies\RBG76

4. Right click on the "RBG76" folder and choose "Permissions"
5. Within the "Permissions" dialog, provide the End User with the appropriate "Read" permission so the R:BASE 7.6 License Key will be read upon every launch of the program.
6. Close the Registry Editor, log onto the computer as a user, and launch R:BASE. You should not be prompted for a key.

Windows 2000:

1. While logged in as the Administrator, select the "Start" button and choose "Run".
2. Type "regedt32" and select "OK" to launch the Windows Registry Editor
3. Locate the registry key in the following registry path:

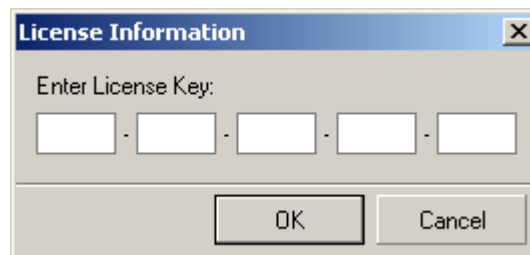
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\R:Base Technologies\RBG76

4. Select the "RBG76" folder, and from the Menu Bar choose "Security" > "Permissions"
5. Within the "Permissions" dialog, provide the End User with the appropriate "Read" permission so the R:BASE 7.6 License Key will be read upon every launch of the program.
6. Close the Registry Editor, log onto the computer as a user, and launch R:BASE. You should not be prompted for a key.

Failure to provide the end user with the required permissions will result in the End User being prompted for the License Key and Activation Key every time R:BASE 7.6 is launched.

2.8 Starting R:BASE for the First Time

When starting R:BASE 7.6 for Windows for the first time, you must be logged into the computer as the Administrator. At this time, you will be prompted to enter your 20-character License Key, which is provided with your product and is located on a label above the installation CD on the inside of the protective product case.



After entering the License Key, you will see a dialog to prompt for your Activation Key. This Activation Key is provided based on the User Key generated by your system. This User Key is unique for each computer, and must be present to obtain an Activation Key. If you press the "Later" button, you will be reminded each time R:BASE starts to register your copy.



There are three ways to obtain your Activation Key. If you are connected to the Internet, press the "Obtain Activation Key" button to automatically receive your Activation Key. You may also click on the E-Mail link to launch your MAPI email client and send a pre-formatted message to RBTI for your Activation Key. Or, you can call our office between 10:00am and 6:00pm EST at 724-733-0053. You will need to provide your R:BASE Registration Number and User Key.

At any time, you can review your R:BASE License status by starting R:BASE 7.6, and from the Menu Bar clicking on "Help" > "About R:BASE" and then select the "License" tab. You can enter a new License Key from this dialog if you purchase additional licenses or if you are installing a legal copy of R:BASE 7.6 after installing the evaluation version. Your R:BASE 7.6 Registration Number is also displayed on the window.

Please be advised that if you are activating multiple workstations, it is recommended that you keep records of the computer name, User Key and Activation Key for future reference.

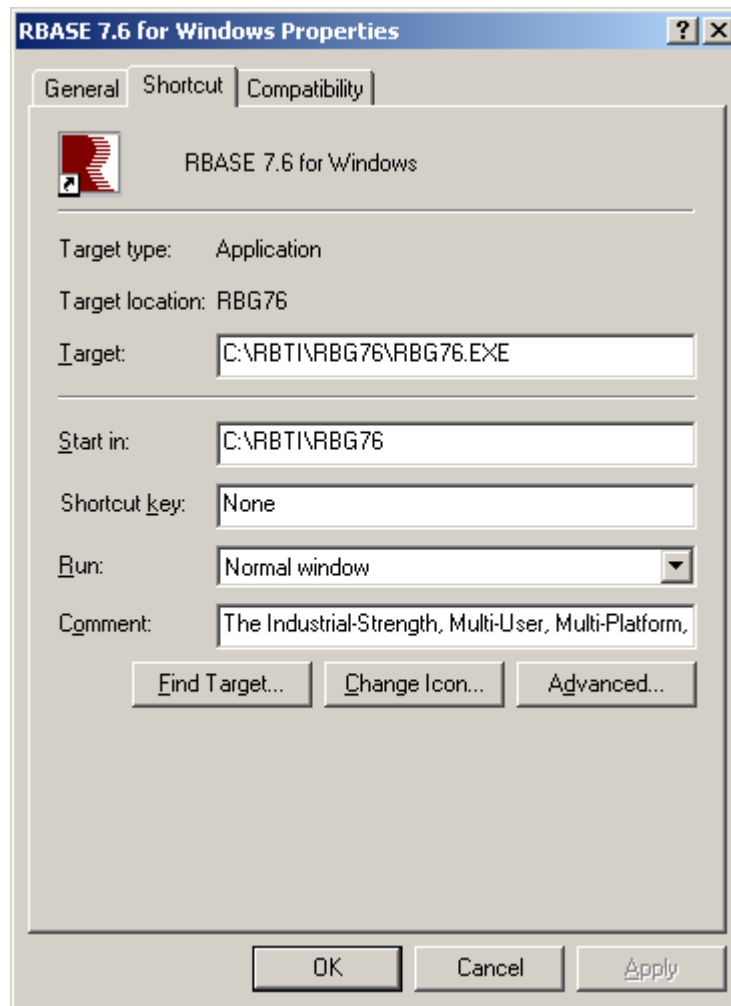
2.9 Shortcut Icon Properties

R:BASE 7.6 for Windows supports several startup options that you can embed in the Shortcut Icon. Using the desktop shortcut, you can edit the properties to launch your custom R:BASE application, or to simply launch R:BASE in a different directory.

Target:

-A

This option tells R:BASE to look in the RBG76.EXE program directory first for the RBENGINE files (RBENGINE76.DLL, RBENGINE76.CFG). This option is beneficial if you are making only one installation of R:BASE on a network server and want local workstations to be able to launch the R:BASE 7.6 program remotely without the need to install it on the local workstation. Add the "-A" parameter to the end of the "Target:" field value. The executable and "-A" parameter should be separated with a space.

**"-BLOB <filename>"**

This option opens the specified file in the R:BASE BLOB Viewer/Editor when the program is launched. Note that there is a single space between the -BLOB and the file name parameter, and that the -BLOB <filename> must be enveloped in double-quotes.

-C

This option opens the R> Prompt window when the program is launched.

-E

This option opens the R:BASE Editor when the program is launched.

"-E <filename>"

This option opens the specified file in the R:BASE Editor when the program is launched. Note that there is a single space between the -E and the file name parameter, and that the -E <filename> must be enveloped in double-quotes.

-L

This option opens the Database Explorer when the program is launched.

-O filespec

This option specifies an alternate RBENGINE76.CFG file to use for startup information.

filespec

This option specifies a startup file opens your custom application directly. It can be a command file (.DAT, .RMD, .CMD) or a R:BASE application file (.RBA).

Start in:

By editing the "Start in:" field, you can alter what folder location R:BASE will launch in. You can specify a local folder, a mapped network drive and a UNC path.

Launching Applications

To launch a custom application on a network directory, edit the "Start in:" field to the database and custom application directory. Then, specify your R:BASE application file or startup file in the "Target:" after the R:BASE executable. Separate the executable and startup file with a space.

2.10 Files Installed

The R:BASE 7.6 installer will place the following files into the following folders, by default:

Program Directory - **C:\RBTI\RBG76**

- Applications.chm
- Codelock.chm
- COMMAND.INI
- CommandIndex.pdf
- DataBrowseEdit.chm
- DBExplorer.chm
- DialogBuilder.rbl
- DialogWithButtonBuilder.rbl
- EForms.chm
- Forms.chm
- FunctionIndex.pdf
- Gateway.chm
- Help.rid
- Labels.chm
- License.rtf
- LoadDirectoryName.rbl
- LoadFileName.rbl
- LoadFileNamePlus.rbl
- Maintenance.pdf
- PausePlug.rbl
- QBE.chm
- RBASE76forWindows_FeaturesandEnhancements.pdf
- RBASE76forWindows_GettingStartedGuide.pdf
- RBDefine.chm
- RBEEdit.chm
- RBG76.chm
- RBG76.EXE
- RBG76.ico
- RBGUDF.EXE
- RBThemes.DLL
- RCalculator.rbl
- RCalculatorPlus.rbl
- RCharts76.rbl
- ReadMe.TXT
- Reports.chm
- RESTORE.RMD
- RPrompt.chm
- RWhois.dll
- RWhois.rbl
- Trace.chm
- Tutorial.chm
- Tutorial.pdf
- WhatsNewInRBASE76forWindows.pdf

- WhatsNewInRBASE76forWindows_Update1.pdf
- WhatsNewInRBASE76forWindows_Update2.pdf

Windows Directory - **C:\Windows**

- RBENGINE76.CFG
- rbuninstall.exe

System Directory - **C:\Windows\System32**

- RB76_32.DLL
- RB76_INS.DLL
- RBEXT.DLL
- RB76IO.DLL
- RBENGINE76.DLL
- RSTYLE76.dll

2.11 Startup Options

Once R:BASE 7.6 for Windows launches, you can customize how you want the program to start each time.

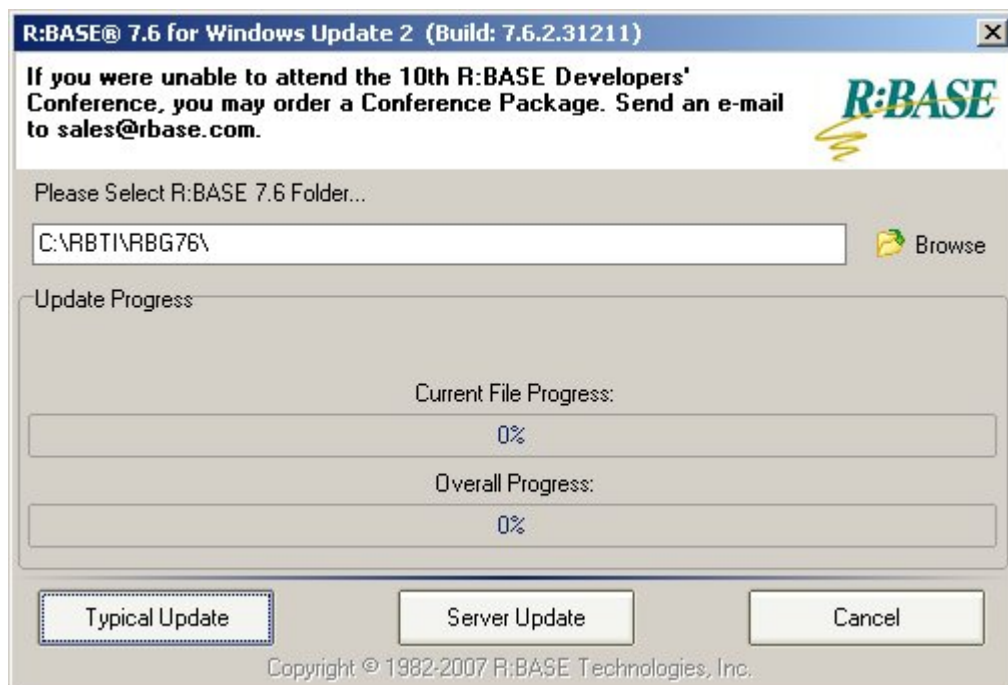
If you go to "Settings" > "Startup Options," you can choose which window you want R:BASE to start with:

- Database Explorer
- R> Prompt
- R:BASE Editor

And, you can choose whether or not you want the program to "Maximize Main Window" on startup.

R:BASE will also remember the last coordinates of the window when you start the program again. These settings are unique for each user.

2.12 Product Updates



Client Installation

Before installing R:BASE updates on client workstations, you must close the R:BASE program!

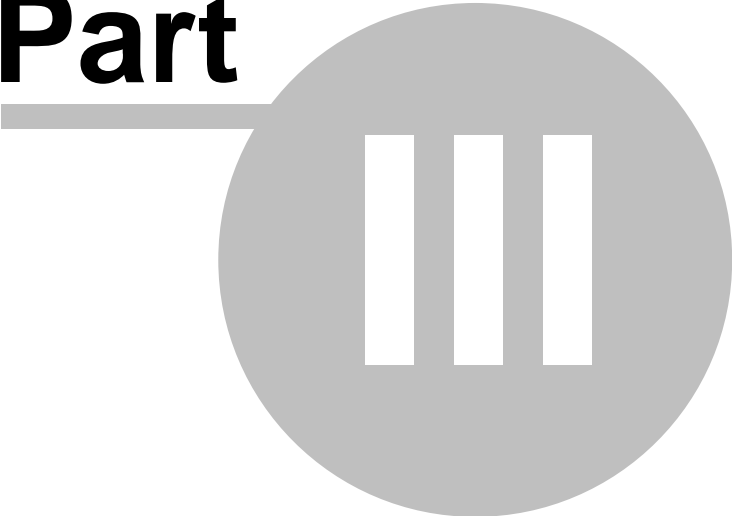
When applying updates for client installations you will use the "Typical Update" button. This will place R:BASE program DLLs into the system directory and R:BASE program executable and associated updates into the R:BASE program direct (default: C:\RBTI\RBG76). If you have altered the default installation path, you must use the "Browse" button to change the update destination for the R:BASE program files.

Server Installation

Before installing R:BASE updates on a server installation, you must make sure all client workstations close the R:BASE program!

When applying updates on the server, you will use the "Server Update" button. This will place R:BASE program DLLs, program executable, and associated updates into a single directory. You must use the "Browse" button to change the update destination for all of the R:BASE files.

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3 Upgrading

When preparing to convert a legacy R:BASE database and use those files in the current version, it is important that you follow the proper steps to convert your database.

Please review the Database Conversion Guide located in the R:BASE 7.6 program directory (default C:\RBTI\RBG76) to ensure you convert your legacy database successfully.

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4 Frequently Asked Questions

General

Q. When was the first 7.6 beta version released?

A. The first beta of R:BASE 7.6 for Windows was released on October 21, 2005. Subsequently, the official Pre-Purchase Beta was released on October 21, 2006.

Q. Is there an R:BASE 7.6 for DOS?

A. Yes. R:BASE 7.6 for DOS is also available. This version is fully compatible and synchronized with the R:BASE 7.6 for Windows, including all core engine-level fixes and enhancements.

Conversions

Q. I'm using the current version of R:BASE 7.5/7.1 for Windows. Will there be any conversion required?

A. There is NO conversion required when upgrading from R:BASE 7.5/7.1 to R:BASE 7.6. The conversion is instantaneous.

Q. I'm using R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows. Will there be any conversion required?

A. With R:BASE 6.5++, there is no conversion required as far as the database tables, views, constraints, etc. You will, however, have to step through your fully functional 6.5++ for Windows Forms, Reports and Labels using the built-in Conversion utilities to complete the process. Once converted, you can take advantage of additional features and controls, but your original Forms, Reports and Labels should be as intact as possible. Additional details are provided within the [R:BASE 7.6 Database Conversion Guide](#).

Q. Should I upgrade to another version of R:BASE first, and then switch to 7.6 for Windows?

A. If you are planning to upgrade from previous versions to R:BASE 7.6 for Windows, your best option is to first upgrade to R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows, convert and fine tune all your Forms, Reports and Labels, and make sure that everything is exists accordingly. Then, upgrading to R:BASE 7.6 for Windows will be much smoother. A copy of R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows is included with the purchase of R:BASE 7.6, for conversion purposes.

Once in R:BASE 7.6, you can take advantage of all advanced features like, R:Themes, Colored Push Buttons, Form Panel, Group Box, Wallpaper, DBGrid, DBNavigator, DateTime Picker, Calendar, DB Web Browser, DB Mail Label, DB Image, CheckBox, RadioGroup, ListBox, ComboBox, Scrolling Region, BitButton, Speed Button, Image, Shape, Bevel, AVI Animation, Splitter, Tabbed Control, Internet Controls (WEB Browser, Mail Label). Advanced Report features include, Embedded RichText Files, Multi-Page NOTE fields, Sub-Reports, Crosstab, Regions, Page Styles, System Variables (Date, DateTime, Document Name, Print DateTime, PageCount, Page Set, Page Set Desc, Page No, Page No Desc, Time), Shapes (Rectangle, Square, Rounded Rectangle, Rounded Square, Ellipse, Circle), BarCode (UPC-A, UPC-E, EAN-13, EAN-8, Interleaved 2 of 5, Code 128, Code 39, PostNet, FIM, MSI), CheckBox, DBText, DBMemo, DBRichText, DBCalc(Count, Sum, Minimum, Maximum, Average), DBImage, DBBarCode, DBCheckBox, Region, CrossTab, Print to a File (Comma Delimited, Tab Delimited, Fixed Length) and more. Advanced Label features include pre-defined templates, Shapes, Bar Codes, etc.

Q. Why can't I upgrade directly to R:BASE 7.6 from older versions?

A. R:BASE 7.6 for Windows Forms, Reports and Label advanced parser will only read the working data from SYS_FORMS2, SYS_REPORTS2 and SYS_LABELS2 to convert to SYS_FORMS3, SYS_REPORTS3 and SYS_LABELS3 accordingly. Your Forms, Reports and Labels must be fully functional and tested in R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows before you convert to R:BASE 7.6 for Windows. If you are using R:BASE 7.1 or 7.5, then you already have the SYS_FORMS3, SYS_REPORTS3 and SYS_LABELS3 tables.

Q. What is involved in converting from R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows to R:BASE 7.6 for Windows?

A. Our Development Team has spent an enormous amount of time to create a smooth conversion process for upgrading from R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows to R:BASE 7.6 for Windows. As soon as you CONNECT to your 6.5++ database using R:BASE 7.6, all necessary SYSTEM tables are created automatically. New forms, reports and labels will be stored in the SYS_FORMS3, SYS_REPORTS3 and SYS_LABELS3 tables accordingly.

The new Database Explorer Group Bar includes the "Convert" button for converting forms, reports and labels. Once again, we have made every effort to make this process simple and user friendly. Additional details are provided within the [R:BASE 7.6 Database Conversion Guide](#).

Q. Why is a conversion of my existing forms, reports and labels necessary?

A. More advanced and up-to-date tools and designers are used in R:BASE 7.6 for Windows. All previous Forms, Reports and Labels MUST be adapted to this new process.

Licensing

Q. How is R:BASE 7.6 licensed?

A. R:BASE 7.6 is licensed similar to R:BASE 7.5, 7.1 and 6.5+, i.e., as a per Seat License.

Q. How are R:BASE 7.6 Seats sold?

A. R:BASE 7.6 can be purchased as a Single Seat License with, or without, a 5 Seat Add-On Network License. A Single Seat License must be purchased first, and then the 5 Seat License is added to it. Ultimately, the licensing increments as follows:

- Single Seat License
- 6 Seat License
- 11 Seat License
- 16 Seat License
- 21 Seat License
- 26 Seat License
- 31 Seat License
- 36 Seat License
- 41 Seat License
- Etc.

Q. Can I install a Single Seat License on more than one computer?

A. The current R:BASE Single Seat License Agreement states that you can use R:BASE only on a single computer.

Q. How does your activation work?

A. The R:BASE product requires activation using a unique code (except when operating in evaluation mode). Each activation code is tied to one Windows computer. An R:BASE activation can be completed automatically through an Internet connection, manually through a provided email option, or by calling our office between 10:00am and 6:00pm Eastern Time at 1+724-733-0053. Using the email or phone options, you will need to provide your R:BASE Registration Number and User Key. R:BASE License activations are provided based upon the number of licenses purchased.

Q. Can I reinstall the software when my computer crashes?

A. An R:BASE Seat may be moved from an old computer to a new one that replaces it, as long as R:BASE is not reused again on the old computer. Moving an R:BASE Seat to another computer requires license re-activation. Conditions for transferring an R:BASE Seat to another computer are applicable within 1 YEAR of your software purchase, or depend on your active [Software Assurance Plan](#) status.

Q. Is there a Runtime version of R:BASE 7.6?

A. Yes. The Multi-Application Unlimited Runtime License is also available for R:BASE Application Developers.

Q. Is there an R:BASE 7.6 for Windows compiler?

A. Yes. An R:Compiler version of R:BASE 7.6 for Windows will be available for developers who would like to compile their project/application as a single-distributable executable version.

Q. Is there an R:BASE 7.6 for Windows Corporate Unlimited License available?

A. Yes. R:BASE 7.6 for Windows Corporate Licenses are available for customers who require R:BASE to be installed across a wide range of computers with the requirement for unlimited use.

Q. Is R:BASE 7.6 for Windows OEM Licensing available?

A. Yes. R:BASE 7.6 for Windows OEM Licenses are available.

Upgrading

Q. What type of product upgrades do you provide for users of previous R:BASE versions, and at what cost?

A. Several upgrade tiers are available for existing R:BASE users based on the qualifying version you are upgrading from. Please visit our [Products](#) page for the various upgrade tiers.

Q. After I upgrade to the current release, can I continue using my old version?

A. No. Upon installation, the new license agreement takes the place of the agreement of the qualifying software you upgraded from. After you upgrade, you may no longer use the software from which you upgraded. When you install the upgrade, you must uninstall the copy of the qualifying product.

If you are required to continue using your old R:BASE version and the new version simultaneously, then the upgrading pricing is not available to you, and you must pay the Initial Purchase pricing for the new software. Please visit our [Products](#) page for the appropriate pricing.

Q. Can I connect to the same R:BASE database with version 7.1 or 7.5 with R:BASE 7.6?

A. No. Forms, Reports, and Labels that were designed and used with R:BASE 7.6 cannot be used with R:BASE 7.5, just as 7.5 Forms, Reports, and Labels were not compatible with R:BASE 7.1. Once a Form, Report, or Label is opened and saved in the respective R:BASE 7.6 Designer, it will not be backward compatible.

Q. Can I connect to the same database with R:BASE 6.5++ and R:BASE 7.6?

A. Yes. Forms, Reports, and Labels that were designed and used with R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows will remain unchanged in the SYS_FORMS2, SYS_REPORTS2 and SYS_LABELS2 tables. Only new and converted versions of those Forms, Reports, and Labels will be saved in the SYS_FORMS3, SYS_REPORTS3, and SYS_LABELS3 tables. Any changes made in Forms, Reports and Labels using R:BASE 6.5++ Form, Report and Label Designer will be available to users of R:BASE 6.5++ for Windows, and will not affect Forms, Reports, and Labels available to users of R:BASE 7.6. Any changes made in Forms, Reports and Labels using R:BASE 7.6 Form, Report and Label Designer will be available to users of R:BASE 7.6, but will not affect the Forms, Reports, and Labels for use with R:BASE 6.5++.

Q. Can I connect to the same database between 6.5++ (Windows/DOS) and 7.6 (Windows/DOS)?

A. Yes.

Q. I won't have any trouble convincing my Windows customers -- but, what do I tell my DOS customers about new goodies they will get so that they consider upgrading? Can I knock the socks off of my DOS customers too?

A. Tell your DOS customers that they should get BOTH the newest DOS and the newest Windows versions. Then, they can convert and smoothly cross over, as fast or as slow as they want. Every desktop can have an R:BASE for Windows and an R:BASE for DOS icon.

The users can run the DOS version as long as they want, but you should do everything new they ask for in the Windows version. After they've seen your good work in Windows, the much nicer reports, the friendlier dialog boxes, the more functional screens, etc., they will start begging you to move more and more of the old stuff to Windows.

Product Updates

Q: Should I update my software after the installation?

A: Yes. It is always a good idea to keep your software up-to-date with the latest builds. Please check the [R:BASE Updates](#) Web site regularly for product updates. You must register your R:BASE software before updates will be made available to you.

Q: How do I register my software?

A: Your R:BASE software can be registered by completing the online [Product Registration](#) at our Web site.

Technical Support

Q: Do you offer technical support plans?

A: We offer a variety of technical support plans for your R:BASE development requirements. Please visit the [Technical Support Plan](#) page at our Web site.

Q: Do I receive any technical support with my purchase?

A: We provide a limited 30-day complimentary technical support plan with your R:BASE purchase. This complimentary support is limited to installation and elementary conversion related issues ONLY.

Training

Q. Is training available for R:BASE 7.6?

A. Yes. Please contact RBTI's Training Division at 1+724.733.0053 or via e-mail at: training@rbase.com. As always, we will continue to provide In-House and On-Site training.

Q. When and how long will the training be?

A. Please visit <http://www.rbaseuniversity.com> for an up-to-date training schedule.

Q. Is training provided for R:BASE Authorized Developers?

A. Yes. A special training program is in place for all R:BASE Authorized Developers to get up to speed with the new interface and technology. R:BASE 7.6 for Windows includes an entirely different way of using Forms, Reports, Labels and Queries. We at RBTI will provide you with the latest tools and techniques, along with an inside peek into R:BASE 7.6 for Windows. It is very important to R:BASE Technologies that our Authorized R:BASE Developers are well equipped with the knowledge to answer any questions from their existing and/or potential clients.

Developers

Q: What do I have to do to become an Authorized Developer for R:BASE?

A: Please review the terms of the [Authorized Developer Program](#). You'll need to attend at least one R:BASE Training Class during your term as an Authorized Developer.

Q. Is there a special section for R:BASE Authorized Developers on the RBTI web site?

A. Yes. All Authorized R:BASE Developers are listed at the following URL: <http://www.rbase.com/developers/>

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