VAR Guide to Laserfiche Suite: Detailed Hardware/Software Installation Checklist

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Overview

This document outlines the major checklists of items that should be verified before installing the suite of Laserfiche software. These checklists vary from general items that apply to all installations—such as licensing and software to product-specific items that may or may not apply to your particular installation. As such, it is recommended that you review all of the checklists in this document before starting your installation to determine which items are relevant and to verify that your system meets all of the necessary requirements for each component that applies.

Checklists

Hardware

Verify the minimum/recommended hardware specifications for all of the products you plan to include in your installation.

Note: Some Laserfiche products are very resource intensive; for successful implementation, it is best to follow the list of recommended hardware requirements. For more information about minimum/recommended hardware specifications, see the <u>Laserfiche Hardware Planning and Specifications</u> white paper.

Software

Will you be bringing the software with you or has your customer already downloaded the necessary software?

Tip: It is a good idea to have the latest copy of the Laserfiche suite of software on a USB key that you can bring with you on-site.

Once on-site, you may want to consider copying the software to either the Laserfiche Server or a network folder specifically intended for software installations.

Did the customer request the hardcopy manual?

Activation (if applicable)

Currently, the following products use activation:

• Laserfiche Server 8.1, Rio License Manager 8, Web Access 8.1, Quick Fields 8, Plus 7, and all subsequent versions of these products

For more information about activation, see the <u>Laserfiche Activation and</u> <u>Licensing</u> white paper.

Were you able to generate your activation keys from the Laserfiche Support site?

Note: Activation keys should be obtained from the Laserfiche Support Site at least a few days before the scheduled installation date.

Is port 443 open on the firewall to enable communication with the activation server?

Note: The Domain Name System (DNS) name of the activation server is activation.laserfiche.com.

Have you properly activated your products?

Note: Activation is included as an installation step for all of the products listed above with the exception of Quick Fields, which must be activated post-installation, and Plus, which must be activated when the product is launched for the first time.

Licensing

Currently, the following products use pre-made license files instead of activation:

- Laserfiche Server 8.0, Client 8.1, Snapshot 8.0, Web Access 8.0, Quick Fields 7.0, and all prior versions of these products
- All versions of all other Laserfiche products not listed above or covered by activation

For more information about licensing, see the <u>Laserfiche Activation and</u> <u>Licensing</u> white paper.

Do you have the complete set of customer's product licenses for Laserfiche?

Note: Licenses should be obtained from the Laserfiche Support Site at least a few days before the scheduled installation date.

Do you have an actual master license?

Upgrading

Are you upgrading to Laserfiche 8 from Laserfiche 7 or earlier?

Note: If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Laserfiche 8, you can simply run your upgrade overtop of your existing Laserfiche 8 installation.

If so, have you run the Laserfiche 8 Migration Utility?

Note: For more information about upgrading to Laserfiche 8 using the Migration Utility, see the <u>Laserfiche 8 Migration Quick Reference</u> white paper.

Remote Access

Configure remote access software (e.g., Remote Desktop, VPN, etc.).	
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Get the IP addresses of the servers that you will need to access.

Get authentication information for VPN and login information for individual servers.

Rio

What server will the Laserfiche License Manager be installed on?	
Note: Given that the Laserfiche License Manager is not processor intensive, it is acceptable to install it on the same box as the first Laserfiche Server.	
Will the Laserfiche License Manager be able to communicate with all licensed Laserfiche products on the network?	
Note: This applies to the following products when licenses are generated through Rio License Manager: Laserfiche Server, Laserfiche Web Access, Laserfiche WebLink, Laserfiche Quick Fields, and Laserfiche Import Agent.	
Has the hardware arrived at the customer's facility?	
Is the OS installed? What version?	
Is the server on the network (TCP/IP)?	
What is the IP address of the server?	

What is the hostname of the server?

Determine a username and password for admin access to the machine.

Laserfiche Server

Has the hardware arrived at the customer's facility?	
Is the OS installed? What version?	
Is the server on the network (TCP/IP)?	
What is the IP address of the server?	
What is the hostname of the server?	
Verify that the Laserfiche Server can communicate with your Laserfiche applications over the relevant ports.	
Note: Depending on your Server operating system, the ports will vary as follows:	
• For the 32-bit edition of Windows XP, the Server and Client communicate on port 5050.	
• For all other supported operating systems, the Server and Client communicate on port 80.	
Additionally, for Workflow installations, the Laserfiche Server must be able to broadcast notifications on port 5051. On the Server machine, port 5053 should also be open.	
Determine a username and password for admin access to the machine.	

SQL Server

Confirm architecture. Dedicated or shared server?

Has the hardware arrived at the customer's facility? Is the OS installed? What version? Is SQL Server installed? What version? **Note:** Laserfiche does not require any specific SQL Server configuration; however, if a customer requires certain SQL Server options (e.g., to support older versions of SQL Server), it is best to configure those during the SQL Server installation. Some of these options may include: **Cluster configuration information** • Windows Authentication (Note: The domain user chosen must be the same user that is configured to log in to both the Laserfiche and Workflow server services.) Collation Does the customer have a requirement for where the SQL data file and SQL transaction logs are stored? Is the server on the network (TCP/IP)? What is the IP address of the server? What is the hostname of the server? Note: Make sure that the SQL instance has the same name. Is there remote access to the SQL Server? If so, is it through SQL Server Management Studio and/or Remote Desktop? What rights will we have to the SQL Server? If not full rights, what limited set of rights will we have? Will the Laserfiche SQL databases be configured manually? Are we using SQL Server authentication or Windows Authentication? Determine an administrative-equivalent username and password for accessing the machine. Note: For SQL Server, Laserfiche does not require an admin user; however, the service account that Laserfiche uses to connect to SQL Server must have dbolevel access to the Laserfiche database that is created.

Workflow

Confirm architecture. Dedicated or shared server?	
Has the hardware arrived at the customer's facility?	
Is the OS installed? What version?	
Have the Workflow prerequisites been installed?	
Note: By default, most Workflow prerequisites are automatically installed; however, the Windows Message Queuing component must be manually installed on the machines hosting the Workflow Server and Subscriber. For more information on installing this component, see the <u>Workflow help files</u> .	
What SQL Server will the Workflow database reside on?	
Is the server on the network (TCP/IP)?	
What is the IP address of the server?	
What is the hostname of the server?	
Verify that the Laserfiche Server can communicate with Workflow over the relevant ports.	
Note: Depending on your Server operating system, the ports will vary as follows:	
• For the 32-bit edition of Windows XP, the Server communicates on port 5050.	
• For all other supported operating systems, the Server communicates on port 80.	
Additionally, for all Workflow installations, the Laserfiche Server must be able to broadcast notifications on port 5051.	
Determine a username and password for admin access to the machine.	

WebLink/Web Access/Audit Trail Reporter

Confirm architecture. Dedicated or shared server?	
If it is a dedicated server, will Windows Authentication be used?	
Note: If so, Kerberos configuration is required. Configuring Kerberos is a very intensive operation in terms of time and technical IT expertise.	
Is there a firewall between the Web server and the Laserfiche Server?	
If there is a firewall, determine the proper IP addresses, proxy settings, and TCP ports for Laserfiche.	
Has the hardware arrived at the customer's facility?	
Is the OS installed? What version?	
Is IIS installed?	
Is IIS configured to run .aspx pages?	
Is the server on the network (TCP/IP)?	
What is the IP address of the server?	
What is the hostname of the server?	
Is there a Domain Name System (DNS) entry for the Web server?	
If you are using Audit Trail Web Reporter, have you set up access to the Configuration Page through IIS security?	

Verify that the Laserfiche Server can communicate with your Laserfiche applications over the relevant ports.

Note: Depending on your Server operating system, the ports will vary as follows:

- For the 32-bit edition of Windows XP, the Server communicates on port 5050.
- For all other supported operating systems, the Server communicates on port 80.

Determine a username and password for admin access to the machine.

Laserfiche Client

Has the hardware arrived at the customer's facility?	
Is the OS installed? What version?	
Is the server on the network (TCP/IP)?	
Is this workstation going to be a scan station?	
If so, verify compatibility between scanner and Client operating systems.	
Has the scanner arrived at the customer's facility?	
What scanner drivers will be used? (e.g., TWAIN, ISIS, Kofax)	
Have the latest drivers for the scanner been downloaded?	
What scanning interface will be used? (e.g., USB, SCSI, Kofax)	
If SCSI or Kofax, are the necessary cards and cables available?	_
Note: Make sure that the correct SCSI interface is being used; there is a wide variety.	
If installing Snapshot, be aware that additional configuration is required for x64 computers.	

Verify that the Laserfiche Server can communicate with the Laserfiche Client over the relevant ports.

Note: Depending on your Server operating system, the ports will vary as follows:

- For the 32-bit edition of Windows XP, the Server and Client communicate on port 5050.
- For all other supported operating systems, the Server and Client communicate on port 80.

Laserfiche Repository Creation

Make sure at least one Administrator instance of the Laserfiche Client is installed to provide access to the LF Administration Console.

Determine the hostname or IP address of the Laserfiche application server and SQL Server.

Register your Laserfiche Server in the Administration Console.

Create the Laserfiche repository. Choose a name for the Laserfiche repository and the corresponding SQL database.

Tip: Choose a self-explanatory name for both the repository and its database; ideally, the two should use the same name to more easily identify their relationship.

Enable repository security by setting a password for the default "admin" Laserfiche user.

Enable Audit Trail.

Note: If you are licensed for Audit Trail on your Server, you will have to enable it before you can begin tracking events. If you are unsure what settings to use for Audit Trail, we recommend enabling tracking on all items under the Everyone group in the Laserfiche Administration Console.

Post-Installation Checks

 In the Administration Console, can you create a new volume?

 In the Client, can you open your new repository?

 Note: This item should be verified from a Laserfiche Client that is not installed on the Laserfiche Server.

In the Client, can you import a document?

In the Client, can you open a Laserfiche imaged document, and view its image, text, thumbnails, and metadata?

In the Client, can you open an electronic document, and view it in its native application (Adobe, Microsoft Word, etc.)?

In the Client, can you OCR or extract text from a document?

In the Client, can you perform a text search? Are the text highlights in the proper places?

In Scanning, can you scan a new document and store it in the repository?

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