

FED LOG Newsletter

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Hot Tip

NEW VERSION 6.0. All users MUST reinstall this month.

Only received 5 discs this month?

Starting with the October 2004 edition, FED LOG will be available either on a five-disc CD set or a single DVD. The previous CD-set options of basic (discs 1-4), characteristics (disc 5), and/or drawings (disc 6) will not be produced. The five-disc CD set and DVD will contain all the data in the previous six disc set, plus we are adding FLIS packaging data.

For further information regarding FED LOG subscriptions, please refer to the Subscription Information below.

FLIS PACKAGING DATA VIEW:

The FLIS Packaging Data Screen contains packaging data. Access this data by choosing Select Views from a pick list or data screen, and then tagging FLIS Packaging Data in the resulting Select Views Window. It is much like the Army Packaging Data. In some cases, there are multiple packaging data for an NSN. If additional information exists, you can use the small arrow (< and >) buttons to see the next or previous packaging data for the NSN. Choosing View SPI takes you to the Special Packaging Instruction screen. This command is only available if SPI data exists for the NSN. If a SPI exists but is not part of FED LOG, contact information for obtaining that SPI is displayed.

Subscription Information

Subscriptions are maintained by different Points of Contact for each service.

Army 256-955-9568 Annette Lewis
Navy 215-697-4742 Keith Minion
Air Force DSN 661-5694 or 269-961-5694 Shiela Huis
Marines 229-639-8319 John Washington
Coast Guard 202-267-0745 Margo Thompson
Government Contractors Call DLIS at 888-352-9333

- OR visit our website for complete subscription information at www.dlis.dla.mil/fedlog
- or call us at 800-351-4381

Installation Guidelines

There are many ways to install the FED LOG application.

If the CD/DVD is copied to a server you should NOT run the setup.exe on the server, only the workstations.

Put disc one in your CD/DVD drive and if it autoruns, choose the Install option.

If it does not autorun, go to the location of disc 1 and run the setup file.

Click "I Agree, Continue" (If you choose "I Agree, Install with Defaults " it will run the Complete Setup.) Click Next. Choose the installation Option you would like.

The Abbreviated Setup

To ease the burden of system administrators, choose the abbreviated setup which will create program groups and icons and leave the executables on the disc or server. This eliminates the need to update user workstations every month. If you copy the CD's to a network drive or run off of a CD tower, the abbreviated setup is the most hassle-free way to go.

Do this on each workstation using FED LOG. If FED LOG is currently installed on the machine and you wish to use this option. Go to Start-Programs-FED LOG-uninstall. Run the uninstall.

Once this is done run the abbreviated setup. After this it will never need to be run again.

Each month the system administrator will need to copy the new data to the server or put the CD's in the tower and then everyone will be ready to go with no additional setup needed.

The Complete Setup

This option creates a C:\Fedlog\ folder on the local machine (the machine you are running the setup on) then copies the actual executable (wint32.exe) and other files from the server or CD/DVD. It renames the wint32.exe to wint.exe. This option requires the user to reinstall each month the version changes. This is not the option to use if the user(s) of the machine do not have administrative permissions on the machine.

The Custom Setup

This gives you the ability to deselect either the Batch or Interactive portion. (NOT generally used)

The Administrator Setup

This option copies the DOS, 16 bit and 32 bit executables for FED LOG to the location you choose. This is not necessary unless you have users on multiple operating systems such as DOS or Win 3.11. If a later version than Windows 95 is used, select the complete or abbreviated setup.

Running FED LOG

There are many ways to run FED LOG as well.

Copy to Hard drive

You can copy each of the discs to its own individual folder either on a server or local machine. Create the folders by going into Windows Explorer and selecting File, New, Folder. Name the folders disc 1, disc 2 etc. After you have created all the folders go into Windows explorer and select the CD/DVD drive letter. Go to Edit, Select All, Then select Edit again, Copy. Then go to the folder you created for disc 1 and select Edit, Paste. Continue until all CD's are copied over to their respective folders.

Internet

FED LOG can be run "across" the Internet and connects to our servers in Fort Collins. There is no actual website or URL that runs FED LOG.

Launch the application and when the CD SCANNING CONSOLE displays, ensure there is a green check next to disc 1 (say NO if it asks you "do you want to search the network for other discs") To run from the Internet you only need access to disc 1 which may be put or copied onto 1 server location for all users to access.

Go to the bottom of the page and click the INTERNET box.

If you don't have a proxy server click OK and you are now on the Internet. If you have a proxy server, check that box and fill in your proxy address. (This is something that you must get from your Network Administrator. We do not have this address.) Click OK. You are now connected to FED LOG via the INTERNET.

If you get the error, "No response from server" then you probably have a proxy server and would need to get that address or you have a firewall issue.

Switching Discs

If the previous options are not available or you only have access to 1 CD/DVD drive you will have to run FED LOG by switching discs. This is not the ideal way to run FED LOG but it may be a last option.

Technical Support

Problems with Interactive?
Batch just doesn't want to batch?
Installation just stalls?
Is the Internet option leaving you in a tangled web?
Curious about a code?

Contact us with all of your questions!
Toll free: 800-351-4381 x 202 or
e-mail: FEDLOG@optimus-corp.com
Check out our FAQ's at www.dlis.dla.mil/fedlog/support/faqs.asp

Attention Navy and Marine Corps FED LOG users!

Beginning March 2004, you will no longer be able to install FED LOG as you have previously due to NMCI compliance. FED LOG technical support can not help with this issue. Please use contacts below for questions. NMCI Help Desk is available 24/7.

Phone: 1-866-THE-NMCI (1-866-843-6624)
Fax: 1-877-FAX-NMCI (1-877-329-6624)

Personnel using e-mail are encouraged to direct inquiries to the Help Desk center closest to them
- Norfolk, VA or San Diego, CA.

Norfolk E-mail: HelpDesk_NRFK@nmci-isf.com
San Diego E-mail: HelpDesk_SDNI@nmci-isf.com

Data Problems

Report all data questions and comments to DLIS right from inside the FED LOG program. Click on the Report Data Problems toolbar button or go to our website, www.dlis.dla.mil/fedlog and fill out the Data Problems form under the Support section. Upon completion the form is submitted directly to DLIS for data research. Someone will notify you once a solution is found.

Program Suggestions

Do you have suggestions to enhance the program? Please submit ideas to www.dlis.dla.mil/fedlog under the "Suggestions" section.

FREE FED LOG Training

Are you getting the most out of the FED LOG application? Find out how to make FED LOG work for you.

Sign up now to host Free Training for 2005

Please contact the training department at 1-800-351-4381 extension 210, e-mail FEDLOG_training@optimus-corp.com, or fill out the Enrollment Form via the Internet.

***** Open 2004 Classes *****

November 9th-10th, HO, Ft. Collins, CO

Combining both lecture and class exercises, students learn:

- Basic to advanced features of the Interactive program
- Searching by Characteristics
- Drawing functionality
- How to use the time saving Batch program
- Recent and future enhancements

Recycling Old Discs

Disposal and Recycling FED LOG CD-ROM/DVD's. The recycling location for your FED LOG Discs has changed.

In accordance with For Official Use Only (FOUO) documents, FOUO products must be rendered inoperable or destroyed before disposal occurs. If you'd like to recycle your FED LOG discs, scratch the disc with a nail or something sharp on the front AND back to render the disc inoperable....do not cut, fold, or mutilate. Ship discs without any packaging. Do not send sleeves, paper, mailing envelopes, etc., only the discs. Packages must weigh 50 pounds or less.

Ship packages to:

Plastics Recycling Inc.
2015 S. Pennsylvania
Indianapolis, IN 46625
317-780-6100