Creating a Shared Network Installation

*****These instructions are to aid Network/IT Administrators for the installation on a Networked Server*****

Download the application (VE [Version xxxx].msi and the shared content (VESharedContent.msi) from our website and install it onto a workstation. The Shared Content,(Standard Weather data & Weather Files), these files rarely change between versions and therefore will only need to be updated on an occasional basis. Once the Installations are complete, follow the steps below:

Step 1 – Initial Workstation Setup	
	On one of the client machines start the installation of both the VE [version].msi and the VE Shared Content .msi files. (the installation procedure is the same, whether you are installing from a DVD or a download)
Step 2 – Server Setup	
	1. Select Network Location. 2. Create a folder within here and give it a name of your choice. 3. Create a Shared folder within this one called – IES* and allocate share permissions. 4. Within the IES folder create another subfolder and call it – apps* 5. And again within the apps folder, make another new subfolder and call it – keys** (See Note 2) *The names of the files are irrelevant; they are only the ones we would suggest to avoid confusion, should IES need to refer to them if a support call is placed.

The file string should look like this when finished: X:\IES Licence\IES\apps\keys. UNC Paths are also acceptable (i.e. \\server\sharename\ies\apps\keys)

*Note 1. The keys folder has to be shared out to all users/groups that are going to use the <VE> and the share permissions must be set to **Change** and the NTFS permissions set to **Modify**.
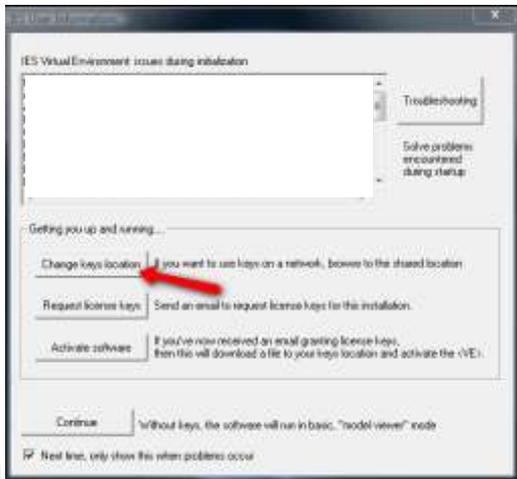
**Note 2. In order to populate the content of the keys folder, copy and paste the contents from a local keys folder, which by default are saved in the following locations:

Windows Vista/7/8 Machine - C:\ProgramData\ies\apps\Keys

Step 3 – Client Machine Setup	
	1. Now that the installations and the setup of the Network Share point have completed, set the licence path within the <VE> to point at the Network Share Point. (See fig. 1)

By clicking the "Browse" button you can then navigate to the Network Share point.

Fig.1

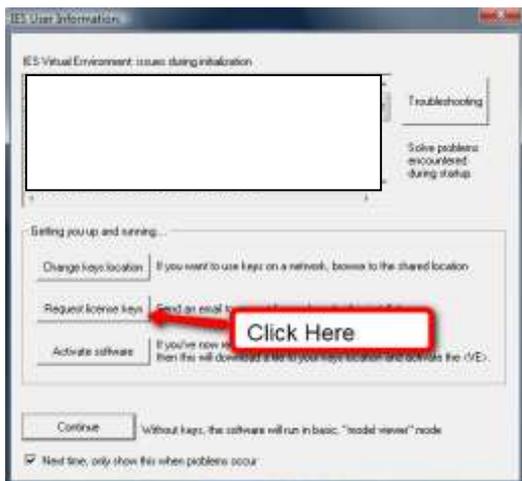|	
Step 3 – Client Machine Setup cont.	
	2. Once you have set the licence path, click the OK button. 3. You can now request your licence keys. (Fig.2)

Fig.2

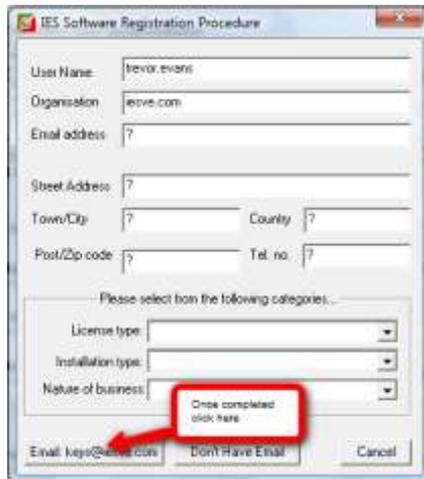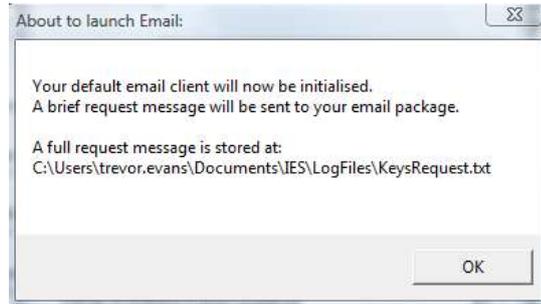| **Step 3** – Client Machine Setup cont.	
	4. You will be presented with the screen below (Fig. 3). Fill in all of the boxes and then press the "Email keys@iesve.com" button. 5. You will then see the screen detailing where the "KeysRequest.txt" file is located. (Fig.4)

Fig.3   Fig.4

Step 3 – Client Machine Setup cont.	
	6. The "KeysRequest.txt" file must be manually attached onto the email and send it off to our licensing team. *****The location of the keys folder must not be amended after the licence request has been sent. Any change to the keys folder location will invalidate the PIN and any associated licence.***

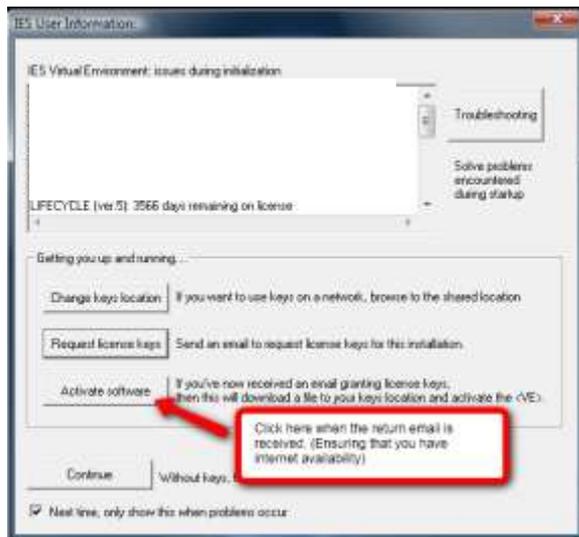|	
Step 3 – Client Machine Setup cont.	
	7. You will then receive an email back from "IES Activation Keys" stating that your licences are ready for download. All that you are required to do now is make sure that you have the internet available and open the <VE> application, and then press the "Activate Software" button. (Fig.5)

Fig.5

The License download only has to be carried out on one machine; provided shared license location is shared out correctly the remainder of the machines are set-up as Step 4.

Step 4– Remainder of Client Machines to be Setup.	
	1. The remainder of the client machines can then have the application and shared content installed. Once this is completed, simply press the "Change Keys Location" button and set the location to point at the Network Share Point. (Fig.6/7) 2. Alternatively for multiple installations, it is possible to copy the Keyspath.txt file from the local keys folder on the workstation (see below) to the same location on additional machines either manually or by way of a script. Again this keyspath.txt is found in the local keys folder from the initial workstation and is by default located in the following location: *XP Machine – C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\ies\Apps\Keys* *(Version 5.8 and later Installations)* *C:\Program files\ies\apps\keys (for earlier installations)* *Vista Machine - C:\ProgramData\ies\apps\Keys*

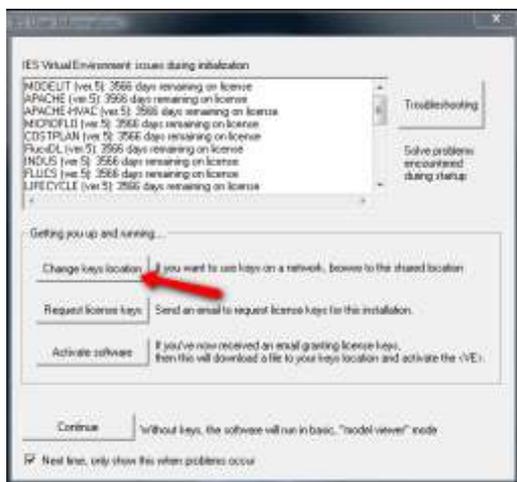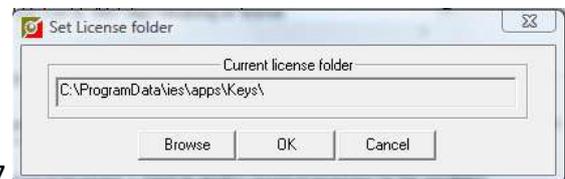
Fig. 6

Fig. 7

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