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Technical Note - TN1003w
Enable/Disable Auto-Login Feature for Windows Non-Network Versions of Music Ace Products

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Scope

This technical note applies to V3.0, V3.1, V3.1.3 and V4.0 Music Ace non-network Educator versions running on Windows systems. Non-network Educator versions include single-computer Educator versions and Lab Pack versions. **This technical note does not apply to network versions.** Refer to TN1003wn for network versions.

Overview

Music Ace products include a feature called auto-login which controls whether the program displays a list of user names at startup, or uses the system login ID as the user name at startup. When the auto-login feature is OFF, a list of users is displayed at startup allowing the user to select her name from the list or create a new user name. When the auto-login feature is ON, the system login ID is automatically used as the user name at startup and the list of user names is not displayed. The auto-login feature is selected at the time the product is installed. The installation default is auto-login OFF. Under some circumstances, you may want to enable or disable the auto-login feature after the product has been installed. This note describes how to enable/disable the auto-login feature.

Procedures

Method 1 – Uninstall and reinstall the product

One method to change the auto-login setting is to uninstall the product from each workstation and reinstall the product on each workstation with the desired auto-login setting. **Caution: this approach will clear all Groups and Users that you may have defined as well as all student progress records.** If this is not acceptable, then use Method 2 below.

Procedure:

1. Exit the Music Ace application.
2. From the Windows Control Panel select *Add or Remove Programs*.
3. Completely remove the Music Ace program.
4. After the product has been removed, you will then reinstall it. During the reinstallation you will be presented with a checkbox for selecting the auto-login feature. Set the auto-login checkbox to the desired value. After the installation completes, the Auto-Login feature will operate according to the selection you made during the installation.

Method 2 – Edit the configuration file

If you do not wish to uninstall and reinstall the product, you can enable/disable the auto-login feature by editing a setting in a configuration file.

Procedure:

1. Close the Music Ace application.

2. Locate the configuration file on the workstation. If you used the default location during the installation, the configuration file will be located at:

   For **Music Ace**:
         C:\Program Files\Harmonic Vision\Music Ace\cfg\Debug.cfg.
   For **Music Ace 2**:

C:\Program Files\Harmonic Vision\Music Ace 2\cfg\Debug.cfg.
For **Music Ace Maestro**:
C:\Program Files\Harmonic Vision\Music Ace Maestro\cfg\Debug.cfg.

Note: If you installed the product to a location on the workstation other than the default, you will need to look in that location for the configuration file.

3. Using a text editor (such as Windows Notepad) open the configuration file

4. Locate the line in the file that reads:
   [Login]
   If there is no line containing "[Login]" then go to step 7.

5. If the line following [Login] is "AutoLogin=true" or "AutoLogin=false", then edit the line to read "AutoLogin=false" to disable the Auto-login feature, or "AutoLogin=true" to enable the Auto-login feature. Skip ahead to step 8.

6. If the line following [Login] is not "AutoLogin=true" or "AutoLogin=false", then add a line following the [Login] line that reads "**AutoLogin=false**" to disable the Auto-login feature, or "**AutoLogin=true**" to enable the Auto-login feature. Skip ahead to step 8.

7. If a line containing "[Login]" does not exist in the file, then add the following two lines to the end of the file to disable the Auto-login feature:
   [Login]
   AutoLogin=false

   or add the following two lines to the end of the file to enable the Auto-login feature:
   [Login]
   AutoLogin=true

8. Save the modified configuration file.

9. Run the Music Ace application with the new auto-login setting.