

FP2 - TIP 'O THE WEEK # 85 DIFFERENT APPEARANCE SETTINGS



Different Appearance Settings for each FirePro 2 User

If you have more than one user and you do not all use the same appearance settings you may notice that FirePro 2 loads slower than usual. This is because FirePro 2 is loading your individual settings each time you open the program. To make loading appearance settings (and hence the program) load much quicker for everyone, you should create new library files for each user.

Before doing this, you will need the free Updater Program. Please let us know if you need it and we will ship it to you. The following instructions will not work until you have this in place.

Once the Updater Program is installed, it will automatically create the library file copies for you every time you install a FirePro 2 update. The copies will be put in the same folder as the file FirePro2.lbs. They will be called FIREPRO2_O2.LBS, FIREPRO2_O3.LBS, etc., for as many copies as you need.

To set up the system for the number of copies needed, go to:

Set up → Custom Settings → Other tab

Enter the number of copies required in the "Libraries Created on Update" field. The number of copies you need is the number of different appearance settings that are used.

The screenshot shows the 'Other' tab of the 'Custom Settings' dialog box. The 'Libraries Created on Update' field is highlighted with a red circle and contains the number '2'. The 'Create Now' button is located to the right of the field. Other visible settings include 'Station Title', 'Squad', 'Current Field Highlighting' (set to 'Thick'), 'Confirm Cancel' (checked), 'Links' (set to 'Create shortcuts in links folder'), 'Symposium' (checked), 'Email Transmission' (SMTP Server field and TEST button), 'PDF Printing' (checked), and 'Graphic Letterhead' (text area containing 'Your Town Fire Department', '123 Main Street', and 'Your Town, Canada').

For example, if you have 4 users and one of them has changed the appearance settings and the other 3 are using the FirePro 2 defaults, you would enter a 2 in this field since you have 2 different settings in use.

Now, when you install an update the copies will be automatically created for you.

If you want to set this up between updates, click on the "Create Now" button to make the copies now. Make sure there are no other users using FirePro 2 when you do this.

The shortcuts to FirePro2 will then need to be changed for anyone using different settings. **It is essential that the person who installs the updates uses the library FirePro2.lbs (not one of the copies)**. Any one that uses the same appearance settings as the user installing the updates can also use FirePro2.lbs. Using the previous example, we will assume that the person who installs the updates is one of the 3 that uses the default appearance settings. All 3 of those users will keep their shortcut to FirePro as is. They will use FirePro2.lbs. The other user will need to recreate their shortcut by first deleting the existing shortcut, and then find the new file in the FirePro folder (in this case we are looking for FIREPRO2_O2.LBS). Right click on it, then click Send to → Desktop (Create Shortcut).

The good news is that once you have this set up, you should not need to repeat this process unless you add more users to the system and they are using different settings.



Quote of the week:

"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"" *Robin Williams*