How to set up RASWIN to start from a batch file instead of directly from a shortcut.

When the RASWIN program is installed it creates a desktop shortcut that tells the program to start. In some cases it can be useful to start from a batch file instead. This gives you the opportunity to include other commands in the startup process, such as special printer drivers or other required options.

For example you might have the batch file to check for a more current version of RASWIN.EXE when located on a shared network drive and if one is found it will copy down from the network drive to the local drive to replace the RASWIN.EXE program file. The replacement step must take place before the program is running since once it is running Windows will not let you overwrite the program file.

This document explains how to do this.

Create a batch file that contains the following commands for the 64-bit version of Windows..

```
@echo off
xCOPY Q:\quadrant\RASWIN.EXE "c:\PROGRAM FILES (X86)\QUADRANT\RASWIN\" /f/d/r/y
C:
cd "program files (x86)\quadrant\raswin"
start RASWIN.EXE
exit
```

For 32-bit Windows use the following commands instead:

```
@echo off
xCOPY Q:\quadrant\RASWIN.EXE "c:\PROGRAM FILES\QUADRANT\RASWIN\" /f/d/r/y
C:
cd "c:\program files\quadrant\raswin"
start RASWIN.EXE
exit
```

The above examples use the standard Windows command called XCOPY to check a network location for a version of the program that is more current. This is based strictly on the date-time stamp on the file. You will have to adjust the network drive letter and directory or UNC location to reflect your network setup. Any workstation that's going to use this method of starting the program must have access to the specified network location. We suggest using a UNC type file specification instead of a network drive as shown above to avoid issues that arise when different users have different drive mappings. For example:

```
xCOPY \\svr\shared_dir\quadrant\RASWIN.EXE "c:\PROGRAM FILES\QUADRANT\RASWIN\" /f/d/r/y
```

Save the batch file into the appropriate RASWIN directory (depending on whether you want 32 or 64 bit version of Windows). We suggest calling the file STARTRASWIN.BAT. Then create a new shortcut on your desktop that points to the new batch file. We suggest deleting the existing desktop icon for the RASWIN program to avoid confusion on behalf of the users.

After these steps are completed on each workstation make sure you have a master copy of the RASWIN.EXE program file located in the specified network location. When the users click on the RASWIN icon on the desktop it will copy down the more current version of the file if one exists. Otherwise it will simply start the program.