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## Upgrading To A Newer Version of NewsReady for Windows

Since you are currently running NewsReady on your system, the only file you should have to replace is the executable on the server. These instructions also include how to upgrade to the "loader" program for customers who have been running the executable directly from the server/shared drive.

When NewsReady for Windows was first released, customers were encouraged to create desktop shortcuts to the executable on the server/shared drive. The NewsReady program was called `wr_win.exe` and the shortcut would be something like **w:\wire\wr\_win.exe /u news1**.

When upgrading to a newer version, all users would have to exit NewsReady in order for the executable to be renamed.

To make it easier to upgrade to a newer version, we started using a loader program. Since most of the desktop shortcuts were pointing to `wr_win.exe`, that is the name that was adopted for the loader. This loader automatically copies the network-available program file (`wr32.exe`) to `c:\wire` and launches it.

If you are not sure if you are running the loader program, the size of the executable will tell you. Check the size of the `wr_win.exe` in the Wire folder on the server/shared drive. The loader program is about 170 KB (169,984 bytes). If `wr_win.exe` is the NewsReady executable, it will be in the range of 1200 KB to 3000 KB, depending on the version.

If you have any questions as you are doing the upgrade, please contact WireReady Technical Support for assistance.

### If you are using the Loader program in the Desktop shortcuts

On either a LAN or a stand-alone installation, you should already have a short cut to our loader/executable (`wr_win.exe`). If so, you will just put the new version into the Wire folder on the server/shared drive and rename files.

Rename the existing `wr32.exe` in the Wire folder to include the date you are renaming it. (If it is June 1<sup>st</sup>, rename it to `wr32-060104.exe`)

Rename the new version to wr32.exe.

Restart the NewsReady program with the desktop shortcut, and that machine will be updated with the new version of NewsReady for Windows. The next time each user logs into the program, they will be running the new version.

### **If you are not using the Loader program in the Desktop Shortcuts**

If you have not been using the loader program, you can begin using it with the new version.

The files that are needed are the new version, wr\_win.exe (the loader program, a file that is about 170 KB in size), and loader.ini.

All users will need to log out of NewsReady to do the upgrade. The computers do not need to be shut down, only to have all users out of the program.

Rename the current wr\_win.exe in the Wire folder to include the date you are renaming it. (If it is June 1<sup>st</sup>, rename it to wr\_win-060104.exe)

Put the new version, wr\_win.exe (the loader program) and loader.ini into the Wire folder.

Rename the new version to wr32.exe.

If your server/shared drive that NewsReady is running from is not w:\, you will need to edit the loader.ini file in Windows Explorer using Notepad or WordPad. The only line that should require editing is the Path line under [Source]. Change the drive letter to be the server/shared drive that NewsReady runs from. Save the changes and close the loader.ini file.

When the program is started from the desktop shortcut, the loader program will copy wr32.exe to the c:\wire folder and launch it. The next time each user logs into the program, they will now be running the new version of NewsReady for Windows. In the future, the users will not need to exit the program to install an upgrade.