

TOPS – Using Multiple Databases

TOPS Pro saves all data within the program in the ...\\TOPSAPPS\\TOPSPRO\\Data\\ folder. However, you are not limited to just one database when using TOPS Pro. Sometimes, it makes sense to create separate database, for example, to hold data for different customers or departments.

Follow these steps to add two (2) more database for use TOPS Pro

1. Install TOPS
2. Open Windows Explorer and go to the C:\\Program Files\\TOPSAPPS\\TOPSPRO\\ folder.
3. Make two copies of the “Data” folder. (Please consult your Windows manual or your IT department on how to create copies of folders or files.)
4. Rename the “Copy of Data” folder to “Company1” (or any name of your choice).
5. Rename the “Copy (2) of Data” folder to “Company2” (or any name of your choice).
6. Create two shortcuts of the TOPSPRO.EXE program file on the desktop and rename them to Company1 and Company2 respectively.



7. Right click on the first shortcut (Company1) and select “Properties”.
8. In the Company1 Properties dialog box as shown on the right, go to the Target field and add the following “-dbpath=<path> where path is the data folder for Company1

In our case, the whole target line will look something like this
"C:\\ProgramFiles\\TOPSAPPS\\TOPSPRO\\topspro.exe"
-dbpath="C:\\ProgramFiles\\TOPSAPPS\\TOPSPRO\\Company1

9. Click on OK. When you run this executable from now on, it will point to the database specified (Company1).
10. Repeat steps 7 and 9 for Company2.

