

EPI Suite® 6.3

Network Setup

There are currently two setup scenarios supported in a networked environment - sharing the database file; and sharing password and card format files.

Note: All procedures were tested on a clean Windows installation.

SHARING THE DATABASE FILE

To share a file-based database, perform these steps:

1. On each workstation, perform a complete installation of EPI Suite 6.3, and select the sample database that you want.
2. Create a shared folder on the server where the database file will be located.
3. Copy the appropriate database file (mydb.mdb) to the shared folder.
4. Make sure that everyone who requires access to the database file in the shared folder has the proper access rights (read/write or modify rights are required on the file itself).
5. On each workstation, connect to the shared database file using the appropriate option of the EPI Suite application modules.

To share an ODBC database

1. Create the database following the documentation of your database engine.
2. On each workstation, create an ODBC data source that will connect to your database. Refer to the instructions supplied with your database documentation.

SHARING THE PASSWORD AND CARD FORMAT FILES

1. On each workstation, perform a complete installation of EPI Suite 6.3.
2. Create a shared folder on the server where the password and/or card format files will be located.
3. Copy the GACARD.PKF (hidden file) from one of the workstations to this folder.
4. Change the file rights so that EPI Suite Administrator- and Supervisor-level users have read/write/modify/create access to the folder and the files gacard.pkf and gacard.pkb. Other users only require read access.
5. Change the file rights so that all EPI Suite users that will be creating/modifying card formats have read/write/modify/create access to the folder and the *.gdr, *.dgn, and *.bak files. Users that will only print cards require read access. Users that will change the printer setup prior to print require read/write/modify access.
6. Locate the NETLOCATION.REG file on the EPI Suite CD (cd drive:\Doc\Network), and copy it to this folder. Right-click on the filename and choose **Edit** from the pop-up menu. Change the string "\\yourserver\yoursharedpath" to the name of the shared folder.
7. Double-click on the NETLOCATION.REG file from each of the workstations to load the settings into each workstation's registry so that the local system will access the shared password file.