

MERL 4.3 Installation Instructions

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- IBM PC or compatible
- Windows 2000 (SP4)/XP (SP2)/Vista
- CD-ROM Drive (16x or faster)
- 128MB RAM
- 50 MB Free Hard Drive Space
- Machine Administrative Rights, for install only.

Installing the MERL Client

The MERL client is the main application for the MERL Suite of software. It includes the Project Estimator, Bid Entry & Analysis Utility, Job Manager, Update Wizard, and supporting system files.

To install the MERL Client, run SetupMERL43.EXE. This file can be found in the root of the MERL CD, or can be downloaded from the MERL Web site at <http://merl.michiganlta.org/Download.html>.

Please note: If you already have MERL 4.x installed, you can run the update rather than the full client install to get to the latest version. The update file (Update42To43.EXE) can also be found in the Update42To43 folder on the MERL CD, or can be downloaded from the MERL Web site at <http://merl.michiganlta.org/Download.html>.

Depending on how up to date your system is, the installer may need to install prerequisite system files used by MERL 4.3 before continuing with the actual install of MERL.

The installer will give you three options:

- 1. Stand-Alone Setup:** This will install the MERL program as well as an instance of SQL Express 2005 which will house the MERL database. Choose this option if you do not already have MSDE or SQL Express installed and do not have access to a shared MERL SQL database on another machine or server.
- 2. MERL Client Only:** This will install the MERL program only. Choose this option if you already have MSDE or SQL Express installed or have access to a shared MERL SQL database on another machine or server.
- 3. SQL Express 2005:** This will install an instance of SQL Express 2005. This is an advanced feature. Contact technical support at 906-487-2102 or merl@mtu.edu for more information.

Once the installation is complete, follow the Database Manager instructions for Setting up a New MERL Database (found in Docs\DBManager.pdf on the CD or at <http://merl.michiganlta.org/MERLHelpDocs.html>).