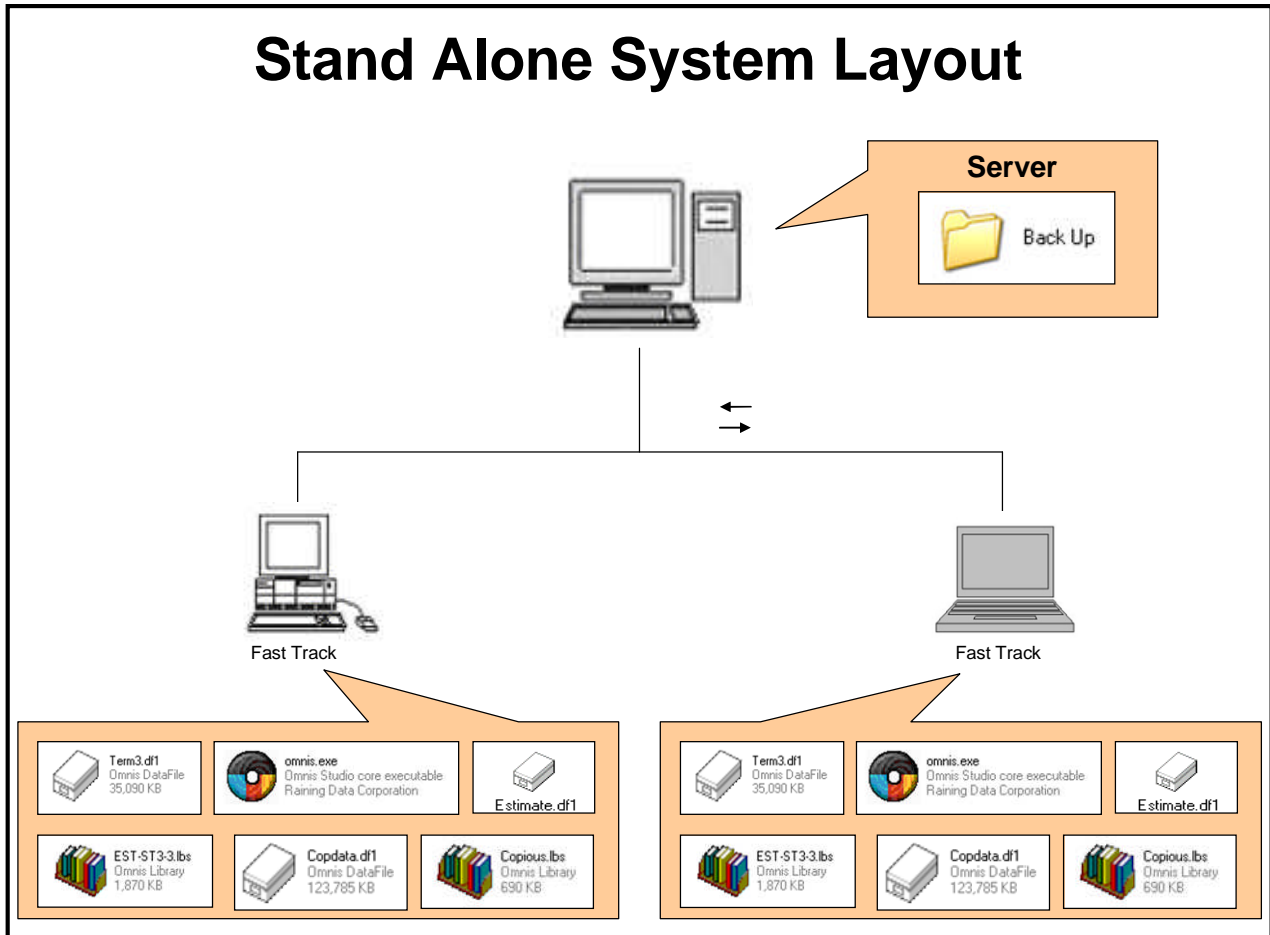


Section 13

Set Up Diagrams

13.1 Stand Alone System Layout



13.1.1 Typical Stand Alone Layout

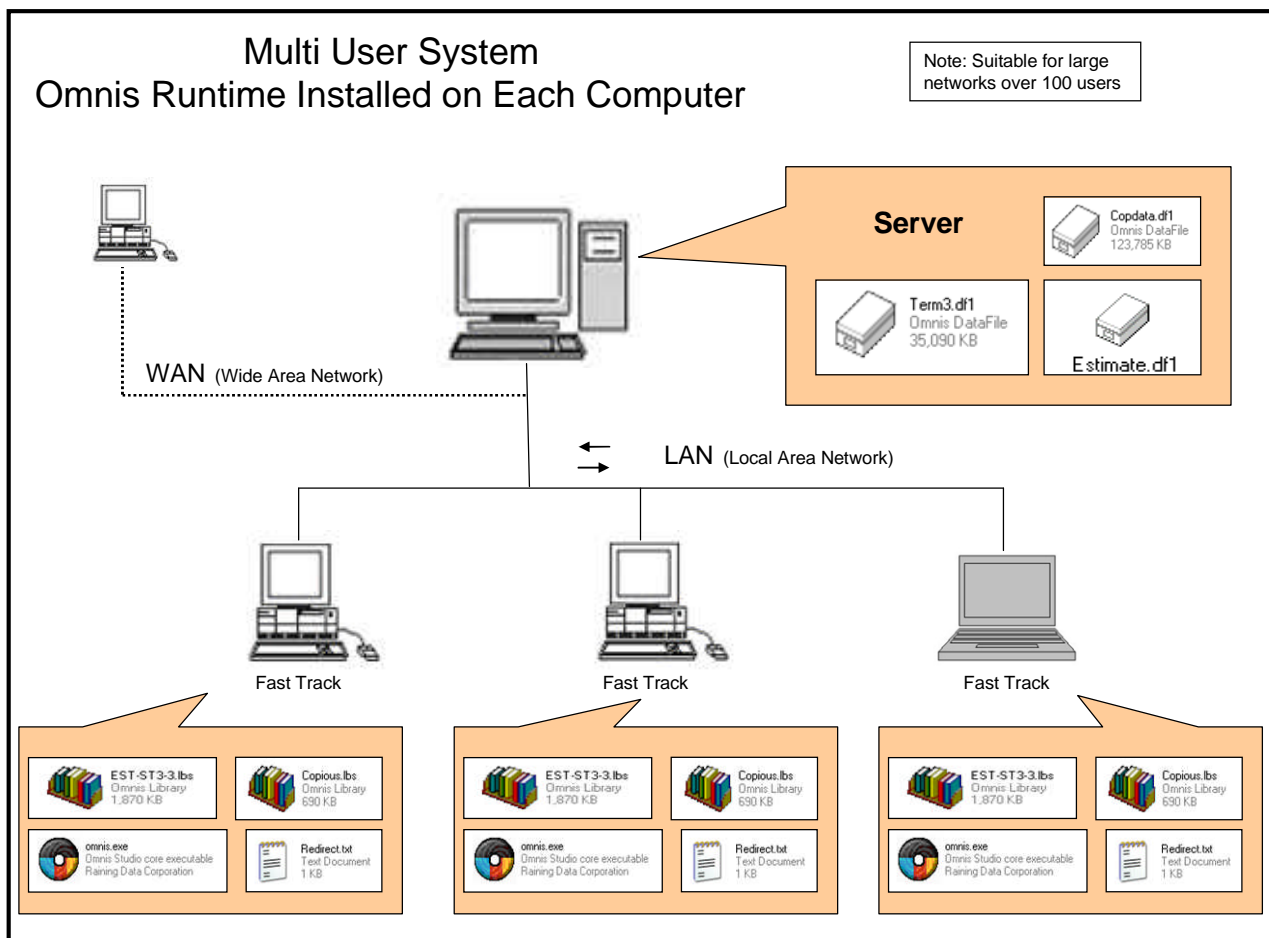
13.1.2 Advantages

The advantages are that the user can take out their own estimate numbers on their computer because the Term3.df1 and Estimate.df1 data file reside on the C Drive. Back-up can be done onto a server if available, a USB drive or similar. This system is mainly used by roving estimators.

13.1.3 Disadvantages

The disadvantages are if the computer is lost stolen or crashes the data cannot be retrieved.

13.2 Multi User System Omnis Runtime Installed on Each Computer



13.2.1 Typical Situation Where the Omnis Runtime is Installed on Each Computer

13.2.2 Advantages

The advantages are that all information is stored on the server and thus the data is more secure.

All estimate information is compiled onto Term3.df1 and the Estimate.df1 data files.

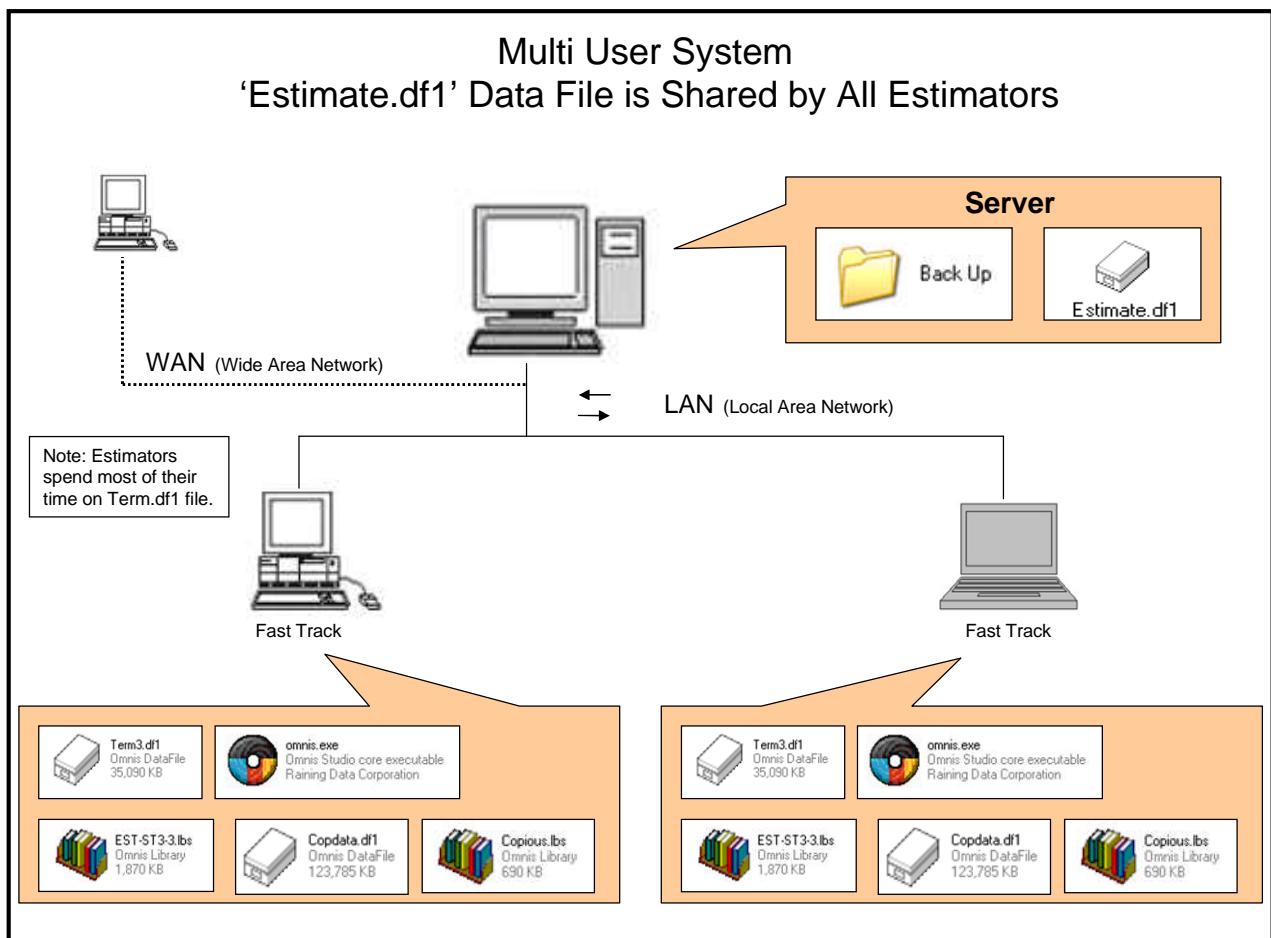
Reports can be quickly done on all Estimates taken out on Estimate.df1 data file.

13.2.3 Disadvantages

The disadvantage is that the estimator is bound to the server and is not able to take the system home or on-site.

13.3 Multi User System

'Estimate.df1' Shared by All Estimators



13.3.1 Typical Situation Where the 'Estimate.df1' is Shared by All Estimators

13.3.2 Advantages

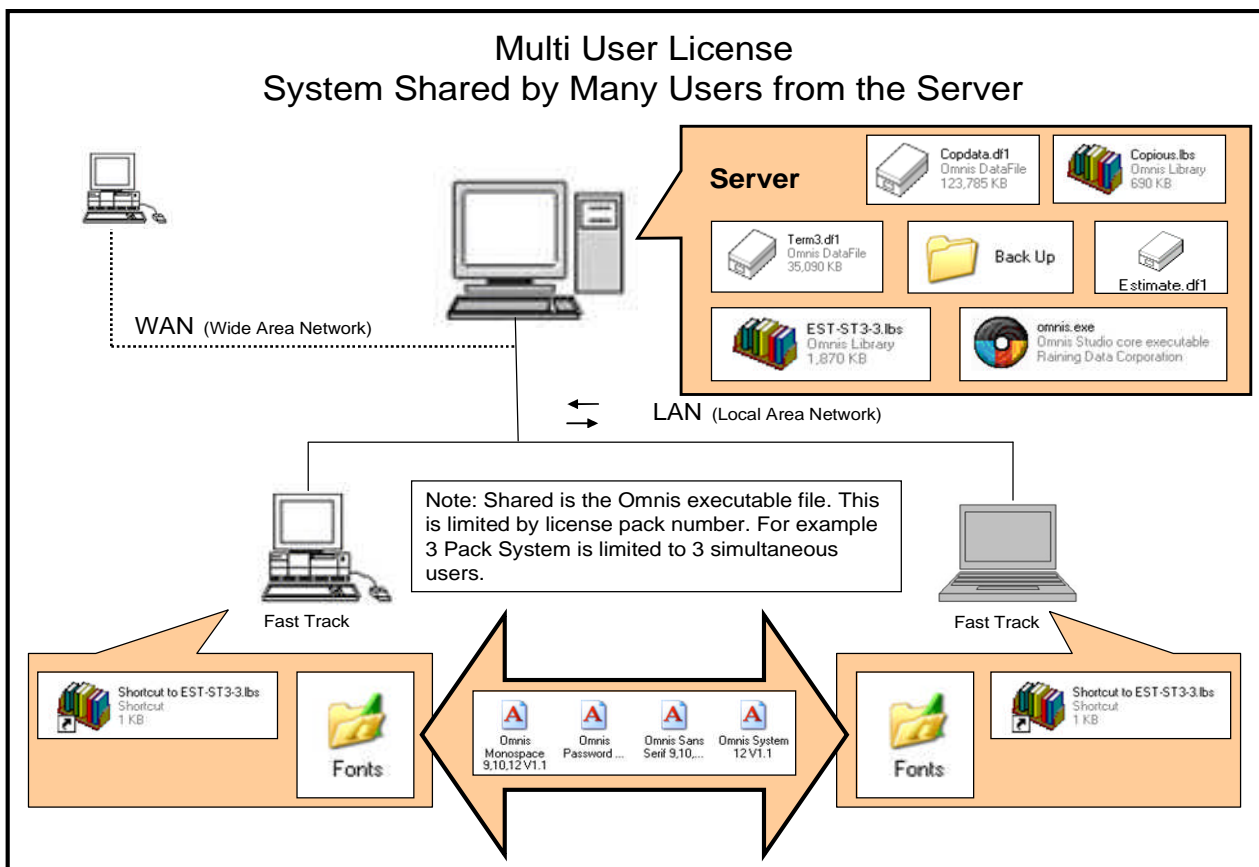
This is the most commonly used setup, and the advantages are that information such as the Front Sheet and Estimate data stored in the Estimate.df1 data file remains secure on the server, including the Term3.df data file backup. The Estimate.df1 data files enables reports to be quickly produced and Estimates to be taken out on Estimate.df1 data file. This allows the estimator the freedom of movement.

13.3.3 Disadvantages

The disadvantages are that the estimator can not take out a new estimate without it being connected to the server. This is a minor disadvantage because the estimator can take a few spare numbers if they are going to be needed.

13.4 Multi User License

System Shared by Many Users from the Server



13.4.1 Typical Situation Where the Multi User License is shared from the Server

13.4.2 Advantages

The advantages are that all information is stored on the server and the data is more secure. A short cut and some fonts can be placed onto any computer and this enables that person to become an estimator of Fast Track. This is limited by the multi user pack number. This means if a '3-pack' is installed then only three users can be on the data file at the same time.

This makes IT maintenance easy as any updates can be installed once and all users are updated simultaneously

13.4.3 Disadvantages

The disadvantages are that all estimators are bound to the server via the network. Some large networks can slow down Fast Track (300 Users).

13.4.4 Summary

In summary there are many ways of networking a system and there are examples of companies using a mixture of both.

Notes