ACP ThinManager Tech Notes

Mapped Drives and AppLink

Use the **F1** button on any page of a ThinManager wizard to launch Help for that page.

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Databases are usually installed on different servers than the terminal server. If a user wants to launch a connection to the database engine they may want to use a mapped drive.

This may not work with an AppLink program because the drive mapping is done by the Explorer shell and AppLink doesn't launch the Explorer shell for security and control.

The desired results can be achieved with a batch file.

Step 1

Open a text editor like Notepad and enter the command to map the drive. Then enter the executable.

Example:

Net use z: \\dataserver01\C$\Database (use the drive and path you want to map)
Start z:\database.exe   (use the mapped path to the executable)

Step 2

Save the file on the C:\ drive of **each** terminal server and rename it with a ***.cmd** extension.
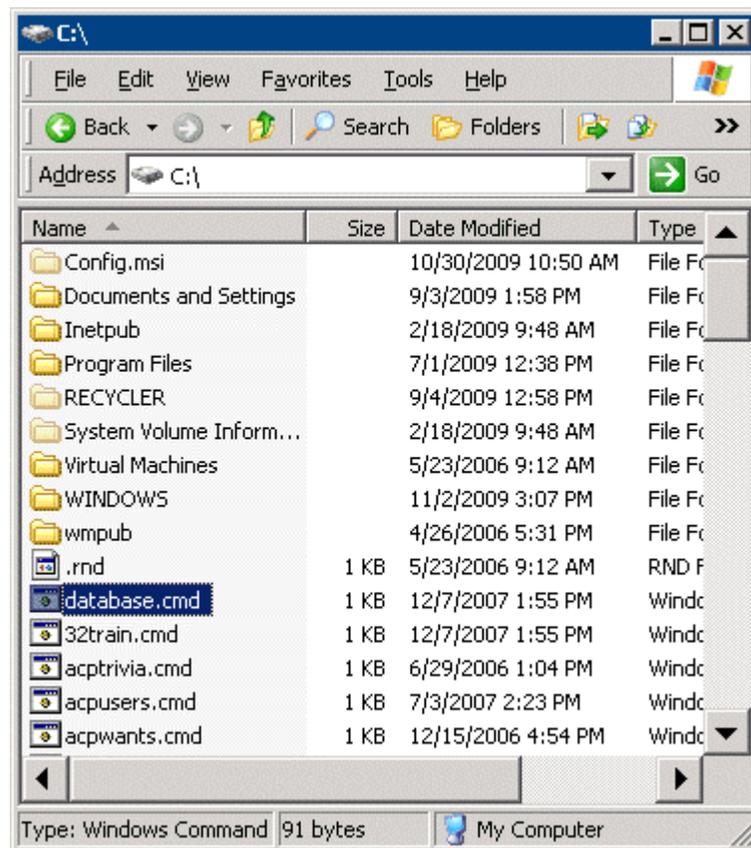
C:\database.cmd File

Step 3

Create a Display Client (Application Group) as an AppLink group. Add the path to the batch file in the Program Path and Filename field.

AppLink Path

Step 4

Assign the AppLink Display Client (Application Group) to the desired terminals.

When a terminal starts the group it will run the batch file, map the drive, then launch the executable in the mapped location.