How to install FlexiTree 3

This document explains how to install FlexiTree 3 in four situations, using the master CD:

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How to install FlexiTree 3 on a stand-alone computer

The steps to take are as follows:

1.	We recommend that you are logged on as **Administrator**. In any case, you will need Administrator rights in order to install the software.
2.	Insert the FlexiTree master CD. If the CD starts automatically, choose the option **Install FlexiTree 3**. If the CD does not autostart, then use **Computer** (or **My Computer** on Windows XP) to browse for the files on the CD and double click on the **Setup** program.
3.	If you are installing on a Windows Vista or Windows 7 computer, you will probably be told by the User Account Control system that the program needs your permission to continue. Check that the program name is given as **FlexiTree 3** and that the publisher is shown as **Flexible Software Ltd**, and then click on the **Continue** button.
4.	When the install program starts, you should read each screen and check that the options shown are the ones you want. Once you are happy with the choices, click on the **Next** button to go to the subsequent screen.
5.	You will be asked to type in the Registration Key for FlexiTree 3. This key can be found on the Licence Agreement which you will have received with the program. **We recommend that after you have installed the software you keep the Licence Agreement in a safe place.**
6.	Once the program has been installed, there will be a shortcut in each user's **Program** menu under **Flexible Software**. A shortcut icon will also have been placed on each user's desktop (unless you chose not to use this option).

Installing FlexiTree 3 on a network using Group Policy
(except RM Community Connect)

Please note that this section does **NOT** apply to RM Community Connect; please see below for details of how to install on that network.

You can use Group Policy to install FlexiTree 3 on some (or all) computers on a network. On the FlexiTree 3 CD there is an msi file to install the program. The Group Policy system on a Windows server allows this msi to be run automatically for a selection (or all) computers or for a selection of users.

Please note that after the msi has been run, it will be necessary to then enter the Registration Key for FlexiTree 3 from a station, and the key will be saved on the server. If you choose to save the key to a mapped drive on your network then FlexiTree will be able to find that key without further intervention. Otherwise, the first user on each computer who runs FlexiTree will also need to type in the location of the key on the server.

The steps to take are as follows:

1.	Log on to the server as an administrator, and create a shared network folder. Set permissions on the folder so that all standard users have read-only access to the share. This folder is called the **distribution point**.
2.	Insert the FlexiTree 3 CD. If the CD starts automatically, choose the option **Exit** . Copy the file **FlexiTree3.msi** from the FlexiTree 3 CD to the distribution point.
3.	Create a **Group Policy Object** using the **Active Directory User and Computers** tool. You will need to set which security groups you want to use FlexiTree, and then either assign or publish the package in the normal way. Please see MicroSoft Support Article 816102 if you require further details.
4.	Start up a client computer on which you have chosen for FlexiTree 3 to be installed and log on as an administrator. Once FlexiTree has been installed, start the program. You will be asked for a Registration Key. This key can be found on the Licence Agreement which you will have received with the program. Type in your key, and then click on **Store on network server** .
5.	You will need to specify where on the network server that the registration key is to be stored. If possible, you should use a mapped drive which points to a suitable folder on the server that is read-only for all standard users but has write-access for administrators. If such a drive exists on your server, then select it in the pull down list of mapped drives. If you choose drive **N:** (for example) then FlexiTree will automatically create a folder called **N:\Apps\Flexible Software\FlexiTree3** and put the registration key in it. From then on, if FlexiTree is run on any computer on the network it will find that key automatically.

6.	If there is no suitable mapped drive on your network, you should choose a suitable folder on the server which is read-only for all standard users but has write-access for administrators. Click on the **Browse** button and choose a suitable folder on the network server. For example, if you choose the folder **Server\Public** then FlexiTree will automatically create a folder called **\\Server\Public\Apps\Flexible Software\FlexiTree3** and put the registration key in it.
7.	Once you have typed in the registration key and chosen the mapped drive or folder on the network server where the key is to be stored, click on the **OK** button and the key will then be saved on the server. **We recommend that after you have installed the software you keep the Licence Agreement in a safe place.**
8.	If you have chosen for the registration key to be stored in a folder on the server, then the first user on each computer who runs FlexiTree will need to type in the location of the key on the server. Please note that there is no need for this first user to be an administrator. In the example above, when the first user of FlexiTree on each computer is asked for a registration key, they should type **\\Server\Public** as the key and then click on the **OK** button.
9.	Once the program has been installed, there will be a shortcut in each user's **Program** menu under **Flexible Software**. A shortcut icon will also have been placed on each user's desktop.

Installing FlexiTree 3 on a ghost station on a network
(except RM Community Connect)

The following instructions explain how to install FlexiTree 3 onto the hard drive of a ghost network station so that you can then produce a single image of the hard drive. All stations on the network can then be cloned from this image using a ghost program. In this situation, you should choose to store the Registration Key on the network server, preferably using a drive which is mapped to the server.

The steps to take are as follows:

1.	You will need to work on your 'standard' station on the network, and be logged on as Administrator.
2.	Insert the FlexiTree 3 CD. If the CD starts automatically, choose the option **Exit** . Choose to run the install program **FlexiTree3.msi** which is on the FlexiTree 3 CD.
3.	Once FlexiTree has been installed, start the program. You will be asked for a Registration Key. This key can be found on the Licence Agreement which you will have received with the program. Type in your key, and then click on **Store on network server** .
4.	You will need to specify where on the network server that the registration key is to be stored. If possible, you should use a mapped drive which points to a suitable folder on the server that is read-only for all standard users but has write-access for administrators. If such a drive exists on your server, then select it in the pull down list of mapped drives. If you choose drive **N:** (for example) then FlexiTree will automatically create a folder called `N:\Apps\Flexible Software\FlexiTree3` and put the registration key in it.
5.	If there is no suitable mapped drive on your network, you should choose a suitable folder on the server which is read-only for all standard users but has write-access for administrators. Click on the **Browse** button and choose a suitable folder on the network server. For example, if you choose the folder **Server****Public** then FlexiTree will automatically create a folder called `\\Server\Public\Apps\Flexible Software\FlexiTree3` and put the registration key in it.
6.	Once you have typed in the registration key and chosen the mapped drive or folder on the network server where the key is to be stored, click on the **OK** button and the key will then be saved on the server. **We recommend that after you have installed the software you keep the Licence Agreement in a safe place.**
7.	Once the program has been installed, there will be a shortcut in each user's **Program** menu under **Flexible Software**. A shortcut icon will also have been placed on each user's desktop (unless you chose not to use this option).

How to install FlexiTree 3 on RM Community Connect

FlexiTree 3 includes a complete install system for an RM Community Connect 3 or 4 network. The package includes an MSI and the installer will automatically put it in the correct place on drive Q:.

Please note that you do **not** need to set up or use a clean machine, and you should **not** use RM Application Wizard during this installation.

The steps to take are as follows:

1.	In the case of RM Community Connect 3, you can work on a station or the server. In the case of RM Community Connect 4, it is essential that you work on the server. You must be logged on as **System Administrator**.
2.	Insert the FlexiTree master CD. If the CD starts automatically, choose the option **Install FlexiTree 3**. If the CD does not autostart, then use **Computer** (or **My Computer** on Windows XP) to browse for the files on the CD and double click on the **Setup** program.
3.	The install program should detect that it is running on RM Community Connect. Please ensure that **Install on this RM Community Connect server** is ticked.
4.	When the install program starts, please read each screen and check that the options shown are the ones you want. Once you are happy with the choices, click on the **Next** button to go to the subsequent screen.
5.	The install program will automatically install the MSI program on drive Q: using the correct folder structure. It will also install some support files on drive P:.
6.	You will be asked to type in the Registration Key for FlexiTree 3. This key can be found on the Licence Agreement which you will have received with the program. **We recommend that after you have installed the software you keep the Licence Agreement in a safe place.**
7.	Once the program has been installed, there are three more tasks to carry out, using **RM Management Console:** 1. Update the package list to include FlexiTree 3; 2. Allocate the package to the stations; 3. Add the shortcut to the program sets.