Network Installation Instructions

Note to Vista or Windows 7 Installers
The user logged into the machine running the installation process must be the user who will be using the Ally application or it will not work on Vista or Windows 7.

First Time Installation

First PC

1. Install the Ally application. Take note of the installation directory. You will need that info for step 4.
2. Launch the application and create the main data source.
3. Exit the application.
4. Copy the allywin.mdb file from the installation directory to your desired network server location. Take note of the network server location chosen. You will need that info for step 7.
5. Launch the application.
6. Go to the main menu item entitled Edit, then to User Preferences, and then click on the Network button. This automatically opens the bawin9.ini file to allow you to edit this file and make the changes you desire.
7. Find the [DATA] section within this .ini file.
8. Modify the Name1 entry by changing the entry to contain the full drive and path to the database file at the designated server location; example = x:\BA9\allywin.mdb, where x is the name of the server drive (usually F:). The updated section should look like this below if your created data source is named "Main Database" and the table name you gave it was "main":

[DATA]
DataSource=1
dsN1=Main Database
dsF1=main
dsT1=0
Databases=1
Name1=F:\BA9\allywin.mdb

9. Select File | Save and close the .ini file window.
10. Exit the application. You are now finished installing the application on the first PC.

All Other PCs

1. Install the Ally application.

2. Launch the application.
3. Go to the main menu item entitled Edit, then to User Preferences, and then click on the Network button to open the bawin9.ini file.
4. Find the [DATA] section within this .ini file.
5. Modify the Name1, dsN1, dsF1, and dsT1 entries to look exactly like the first PC's .ini file entries.
6. Select File | Save and close the .ini file window.
7. Exit the application. You are now finished installing the application on this PC.

Upgrade Existing Network Installation

Preparation Steps
1. Determine if your users have created multiple data sources.
2. If there is only one data source for all users, you can proceed to the Server PC steps.
3. If there are multiple data sources, merge all the data sources into the main data source. Do this by importing all contacts from each secondary data source into the main data source.

Server PC
1. Install the Ally application.
2. Answer "Yes" when you are asked, "Do you wish to convert data from version 8 to 9?"
3. Launch the application.
4. Go to the main menu item entitled Edit, then to User Preferences, and then click on the Network button to open the bawin9.ini file.
5. Find the [DATA] section within this .ini file.
6. Make note of the Name1, dsN1, dsF1, and dsT1 entries. You will use this info in the installation steps for All Other PCs.

All Other PCs
1. Install the Ally application.
2. Answer "No" when you are asked, "Do you wish to convert data from version 8 to 9?"
3. Launch the application.
4. Go to the main menu item entitled Edit, then to User Preferences, and then click on the Network button to open the bawin9.ini file.
5. Find the [DATA] section within this .ini file.
6. Modify the Name1, dsN1, dsF1, and dsT1 entries to look exactly like the server PC's .ini file entries.

7. Select File | Save and close the .ini file window.
8. Exit the application. You are now finished installing the application on this PC.