



SCS_DistServer

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This help file serves the help manual to SoftWin version 3 Distribution Server and can be access via the program be selecting help.

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1 AIM

The aim and goal of this document is to serve as a general help manual for the use of the Softcon program SoftWin 3 Distribution Server. More technical details are available in documents that describe the database functions, communication and installation specifics.

The document SoftWin3_Spec lists the specifications of the program and those specifications must comply with this document and visa versa. Certain specifications may be duplicated here for completeness and clarity (e.g. priority criteria), but duplication should be limited where possible.

General development info about the program SCS_Client is:

2 GENERAL

SCS_DistServer synchronizes databases of the Softcon SoftWin3 range of programs. It can be installed and run on any PC running SoftWin3 programs as required and requires a link to the program SCS_Server that interfaces to the system databases.

SCS_DistServer communicates with SCS_Server program on other systems via TCP or dial-up modem communication links, synchronizing edited data, audit and log files. Alarms can also be transferred on occurrence. Data is synchronized on request or on a preset schedule, as set in the [dB distr schedule](#).

Data file changes are synchronized via the audit files, which are created automatically (requires **SCS_Server.exe** to be started with the parameter **/audit**) when data is edited or when converters are run with the audit setting.

The synchronization is done in 4 steps:

When audit files are processed, 2 fields are added to the daily audit file, namely source host and DT scheduler that sets the PC where the change was made and when the data was process by the distr server.

The created compressed file names are automatically allocated and contain file type and date/time information. The files that are created are stored in the directories c:\softwin3\temp\pc_name\out and the files are sent or fetched to the directory c:\softwin3\temp\ pc_name \in. Files have the extension **.DST**.

There is at least one .DST file for a log/adit file and the name is as follows:

When a **Filtered** option is selected, only the last change of a data field is contained in the .DST file. Filtering has the advantage that the file sizes are reduced. Filtered is not used when an audit of all changes (not only last) is required. Only the latest change of a field is stored in to the data file databases, irrespective of whether filtered is selected or not.

Different [languages](#) are accommodated via configuration databases.

3 START-UP

The Softcon program SCS_Server.exe must be running before the client program is started. SCS_DistServer can be started with the following parameters:

/start	Starts and links to the previous server selected, with the password shut down with.
/start:???	Starts and links to server running on PC ???, with the password shut down with. ??? is the network name or IP address of the PC.

These parameters can be viewed in help about or by starting the program with the parameter **/?**

The Softcon program SCS_Server.exe can be started with the following parameters:

/audit	All database editing is logged to the daily audit file c:\softwin3\audit\auyymmdd.mdb.
/language:???	Selects language ???. Requires the appropriate language fields in the configuration databases. See language in SCS_Edit.hlp set-up.
/start	Starts with the password shut down with.

These parameters can be viewed in help about by right clicking on the dialog name bar (blue section on the top) or by starting the program with the parameter **/?**

If SCS_Server is not running on the same PC as SCS_DistServer, the SoftWin3 directory must be shared on the PC running SCS_Server, and when SCS_DistServer starts running, the operator will be asked for the PC where SCS_Server is running and the shared name.

When SCS_DistServer start running the following occurs:

4 CLOSING

5 SET-UP

Set-up of the Distribution server is done via the following set-up menus in the program SCS_Client:

5.1 dB Distr Set-up

dB Distr Schedule

Audit Create.	Creates a compressed file of audit data.
Audit Fetch.	Copies the compressed audit files previously created by a create operation.
Audit Process.	Uncompresses audit files and adds the data to the daily audit files.
Audit Send.	Sends files created by an audit create to a destination PC.
Log Create.	Creates a compressed file of log data.
Log Fetch.	Copies the compressed log files previously created by a create operation.
Log Process.	Uncompresses log files and adds the data to the daily log files.
Log Send.	Sends files created by a log create to a destination PC.

Modem Set-up

6 DISTRIBUTION SERVER

6.1 Distribution Servers

6.2 Modem Connections

6.3 Log Entries

6.4 Operation Schedule

6.5 File

6.5.1 Audit

Selecting a Create option creates a compressed audit file, with data since the last create was performed. Open views the data of a compressed audit file.

6.5.2 Log

Selecting a Create option creates a compressed log file, with data since the last create was performed. Open views the data of a compressed log file.

6.5.3 Exit

Exits and closes the distribution server and the scheduler is stopped.

6.6 Operation

6.6.1 Status

The status of the scheduled tasks are displayed.

6.6.2 Show sequence

Scheduled tasks are listed in time sequence.

6.6.3 Start

Starts the scheduler. The scheduler is automatically started if SCS_DistServer.exe is run with the parameter /start.

6.6.4 Stop

Stops the scheduler.

6.7 View

6.8 Tools

6.8.1 Logon/off

Changes the logged on operator. New operators are added in the program SCS_Client.

6.8.2 Change password

Changes the password of an operator.

6.8.3 Dial-up

The Windows Network and modem function are access, allowing the dialling of a connection, adding new connections or changing the properties of a connection.

6.8.4 Options

The starting database from which the audit and log files are to be **created** can be changed by right

clicking on the task and changing the start file. If not changed, the task will continue from the entry in the file that was last created.

Checking the **Audit Process** option results in all tasks being logged to the daily ASCII log file.

7 .HELP

Displays this help file.



Help about displays the software version, the basic functions of SCS_DistServer and the parameters that can be passed when the program is run. Parameters are separated with spaces.
