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Minimum File and Registry Rights
Bloomberg Terminal®
Bloomberg Office Tools®

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Introduction

This document provides the minimum Windows file and registry rights required for running the Bloomberg Terminal®, Bloomberg Office Tools® and receiving automatic software updates for these products. Please contact your local IT/Helpdesk for further assistance in obtaining these permissions for your PC.

Note: Please refer to "Software Compatibility Matrix" for Microsoft Windows Operating System recommended by Bloomberg.

Folder and File Permissions

The default installation directory for the Bloomberg Terminal® is "\blp". This location may be defined at the time of installation and does not affect the operation of the auto-update mechanism.

The initial installation of the Bloomberg Terminal® requires local administrative rights with write access to:

- %ProgramData%
- %temp%
- %appdata%
- %localappdata%

Initial installations and Auto-updates of Bloomberg Office Tools® and BBComm (included in the Bloomberg Terminal® software) require execution access granted to:

- %ProgramData%\miaXXXX.tmp*
- %localappdata%\temp\is-XXXXX.tmp*

Temporary directories created by Setup or Uninstall for extracting files that are to be executed but aren't needed after the installation. "XXXX" is a placeholder for a random generated hexadecimal number.

Users must also be permissioned with full control access to:

- The root Bloomberg directory (e.g. C:\blp)
- %temp%\Bloomberg *(and its subdirectories)*
- %localappdata%\Bloomberg *(and its subdirectories)*
- %ProgramData%\BLP *(and its subdirectories)*

The following folders, and their contents, must **not** be deleted:

- %localappdata%\Bloomberg
- %appdata%\Microsoft\Word\Startup
- %temp%\Bloomberg
- %ProgramData%\{xxxx xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx} – these GUID values can change
- %ProgramData%\BLP\ContentArchive

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Registry Rights

The initial installation requires local administrative rights with write access to:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall

Users must have the required rights or be granted the full control access for the following registry keys:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Bloomberg L.P. (and all keys created under this key)

Required Rights:

- Query Value
- Set Value
- Create Subkey
- Enumerate Subkeys
- Notify
- Delete
- Read Control

Non-Required Rights:

- Create Link
- Write DAC
- Write Owner

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Short filenames (8.3 Filenames) are required in order to complete the installation of the Bloomberg Terminal®. You may confirm short filename support on your system by executing the following, within a command prompt: dir /x c:\

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