

TECHNICAL NOTE

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SUBJECT: DATATRACE® for Windows (DTW) PATH ERROR

PROBLEM: After the normal installation of DATATRACE® for Windows a user attempts to start the DTW program by double clicking on the DATATRACE Icon. The following error messages appear:

“Error locating config file – bad path?” Click OK.

“Invalid path or filename.” This message is followed by:

“Program has performed an illegal function. Program will be terminated.”

The program is in fact terminated and the user is dumped to the desktop.

CAUSE: The problem is a normal Microsoft Visual FoxPro (VFP) program reaction to an error in the Path statement. The error is a missing semicolon (;) that divides the directories in a Path statement in Autoexec.bat (Windows 95) or Environmental Tab (Windows NT).

DTW is looking for a Config.fpw file in the home directory. When it does not find it there it follows the Path statement. If the “;” is missing, DTW can not find Config.fpw. This causes the cascade of error messages listed above.

CURE: Examine the Path statement in the Autoexec.bat or Environmental Tab and insert the missing “;”. Because of the complex nature of computer configurations, this may require the assistance of someone from the MIS department if you are not very comfortable with computer configuration issues.