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Before You Install

Welcome to Astra LoadTest, Mercury Interactive's functional testing tool for Web applications using Windows 2000 and Windows NT 4.0 or higher. This guide describes everything you need to know about how to install Astra LoadTest on a network or standalone computer.

Registering Your Copy of Astra LoadTest

Register your copy of Astra LoadTest to become a licensed user with all rights and privileges. Registered users can access technical support and information on all Mercury Interactive products, and are eligible for updates and upgrades.

To register your copy of Astra LoadTest, fill out the Mercury Interactive Software Registration card.

- If you are in the United States, fill out the USA Owners portion of the card. Send the card to the Sunnyvale, California address printed on the card. No postage is necessary.
- If you are outside the United States, fill out the non-USA portion of the registration card and mail it to the appropriate international address using correct postage.

If your address changes, notify Mercury Interactive or your local representative, so that you can continue to receive product information and updates.

Note: You can also register your copy of Astra LoadTest on the Mercury Interactive Customer Support site (http://support.mercuryinteractive.com).

System Requirements

In order to successfully run Astra LoadTest, you need the following minimum system requirements:

Computer/Processor	An IBM-PC or compatible with a Pentium® 400 MHz or higher micro processor
Operating System	Windows 2000, Windows NT® version 4.0 or higher
Memory	Minimum 128 MB RAM
Free Hard Disk Space	Minimum 400 MB
Browser	Internet Explorer 4.01 SP1 - 6.0(required), Netscape Navigator 4.06 or higher (optional)

Note: Netscape Navigator 6.0 or higher is not supported.

Installing Astra LoadTest

Your Astra LoadTest CD-ROM includes a setup program that guides you through the installation process.

To install Astra LoadTest on your computer:

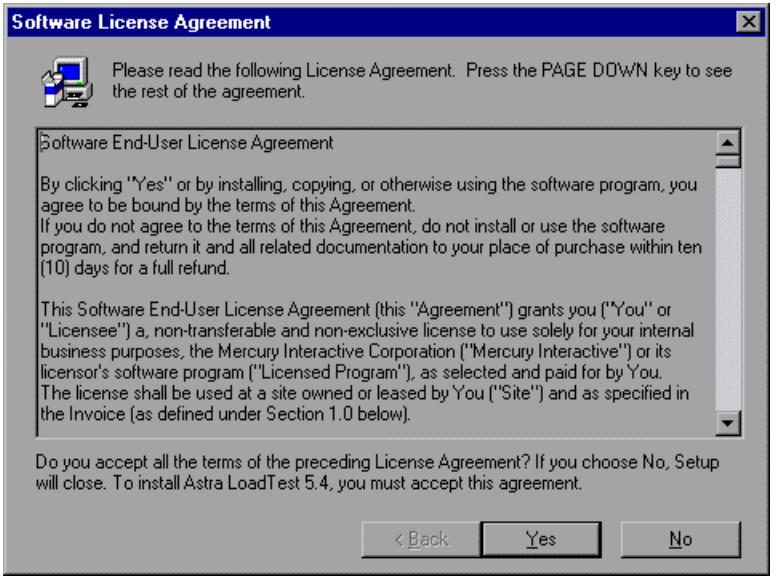
1 Insert the CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. If you are installing from a network drive, connect to it.

2 Select **Run** on the **Start** menu.

3 Type the location you are installing from, and setup.exe. For example, type d:\setup.exe.

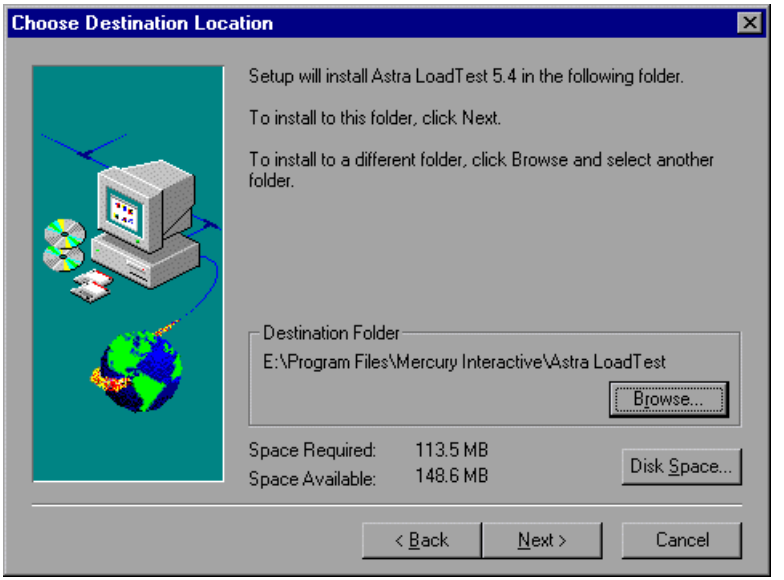
4 Click **OK**. The Astra LoadTest setup program starts.

5 Read the agreement in the **Software License Agreement** dialog box.



To install Astra LoadTest, you must accept the terms of the license agreement by clicking **Yes**. If you click **No**, the setup program closes.

6 In the **Choose Destination Location** dialog box, choose the **Destination Folder** in which you want to install Astra LoadTest.

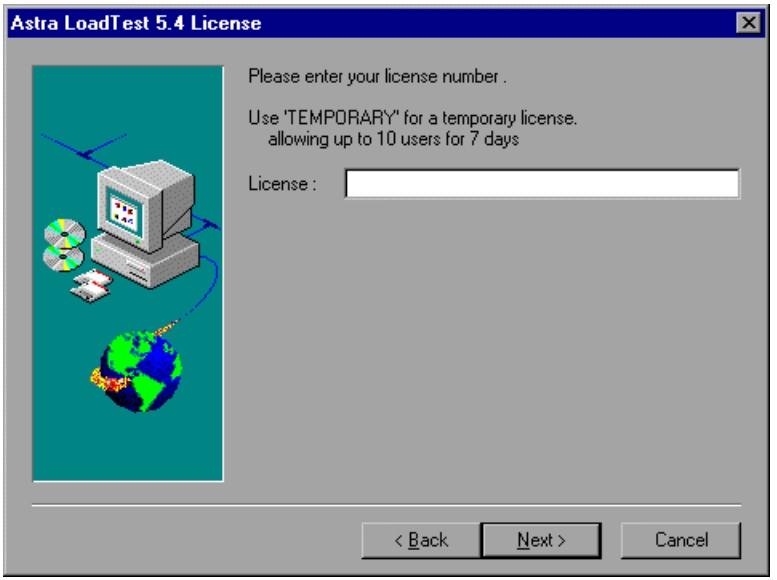


To select a different location, click **Browse**, choose a folder, and then click **OK.**

You should install Astra LoadTest to a drive with at least 60 MB of free disk space. To check the space available on a disk drive, click **Disk Space**.

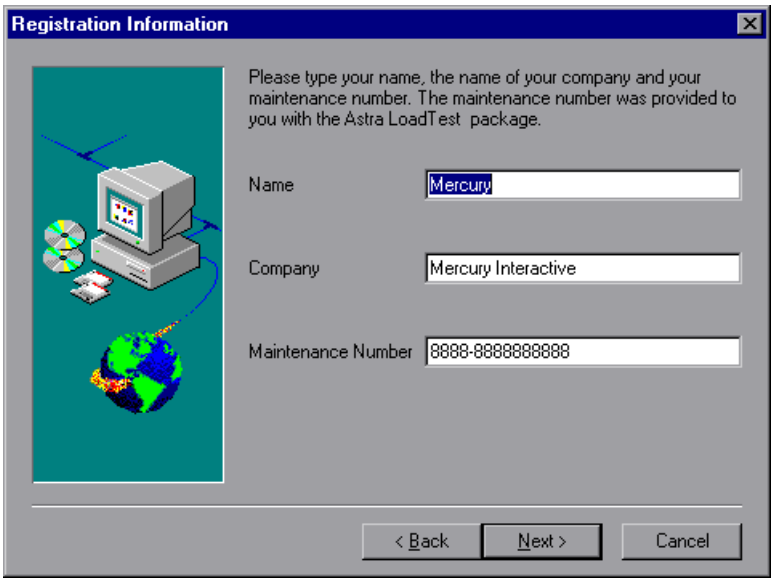
Click **Next** to proceed.

7 In the **Astra LoadTest 5.4 License** dialog box, type your license number, provided to you with the Astra LoadTest package.



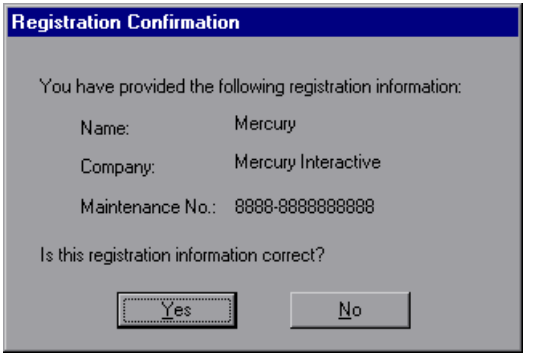
Click **Next** to proceed.

8 In the **Registration Information** dialog box, type your name, the name of your company, and the maintenance number you received with your Astra LoadTest package.



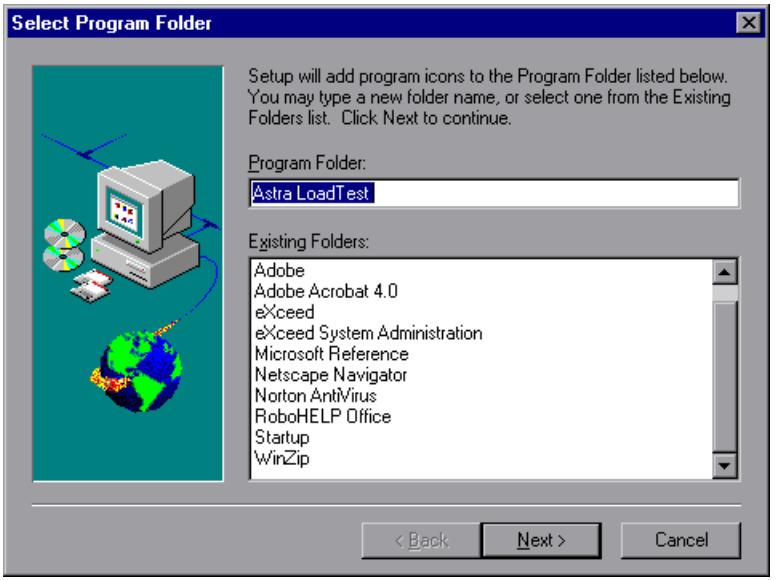
Click **Next** to proceed.

9 The **Registration Confirmation** dialog box asks you if the registration information you provided is correct.



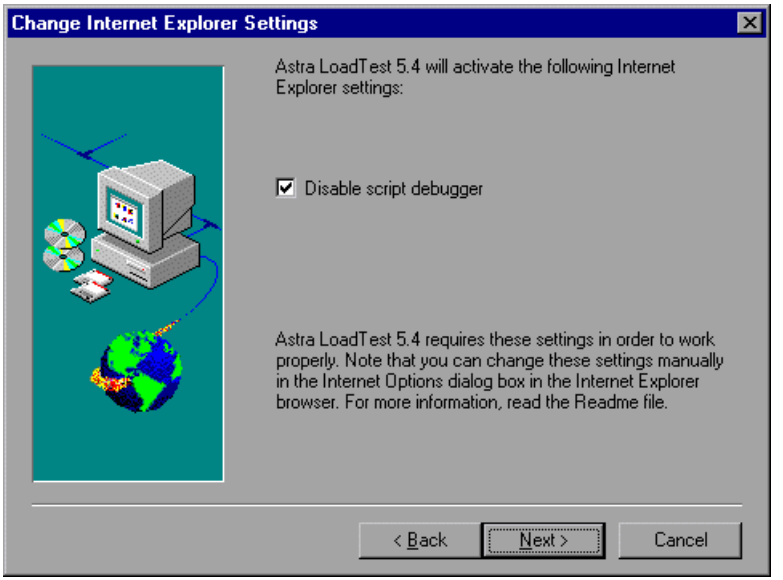
Click **Yes** to confirm the registration information.

10 In the **Select Program Folder** dialog box, specify a program folder for the Astra LoadTest icons, or accept the default folder, Astra LoadTest.



Click **Next** to proceed.

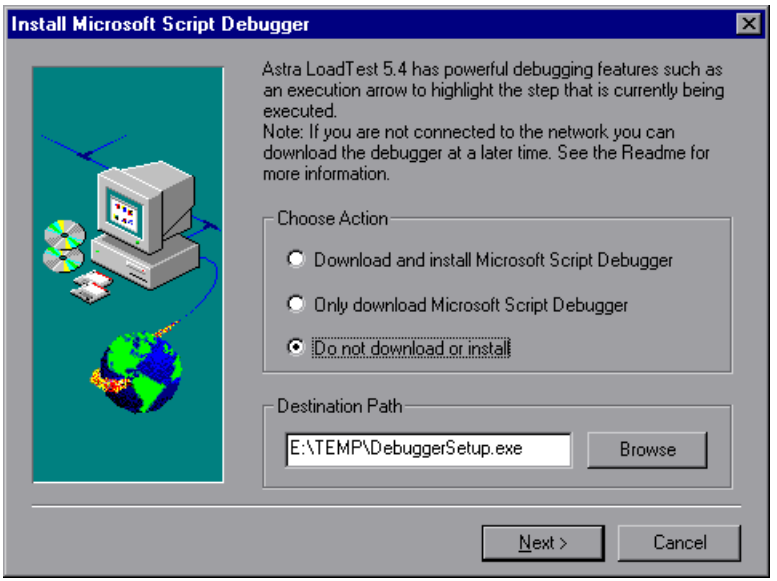
11 The **Change Internet Explorer Settings** dialog box enables you to change the Microsoft Internet Explorer settings.



Click **Next** to proceed.

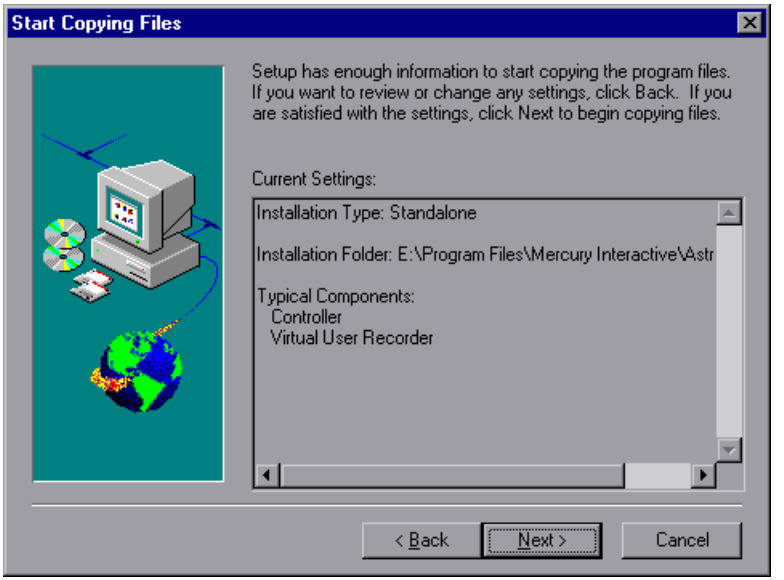
In some cases, you must change your settings manually in your Internet Explorer Browser. In such a case, you will be prompted with another dialog box. Click **OK** to continue to the next dialog box.

12 If Microsoft Script Debugger is not installed on your machine, the **Install Microsoft Script Debugger** dialog box opens. Select the second or third available option**.**



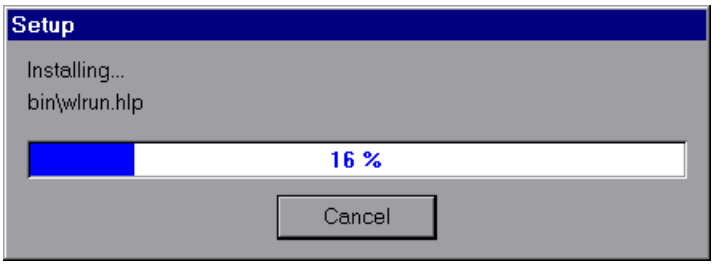
Click **Next** to proceed.

13 In the **Start Copying Files** dialog box, you can view the **Current Settings** for the installation of Astra LoadTest.

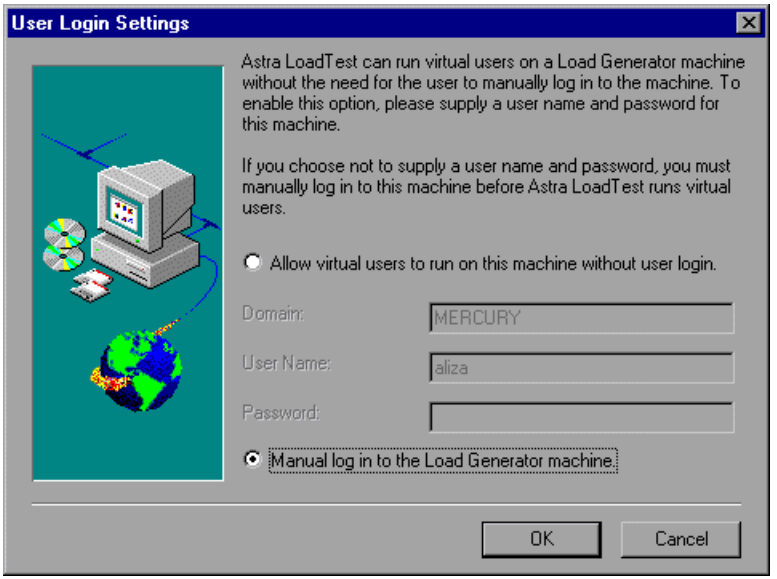


If you want to change the settings, click **Back**. To begin copying the files, click **Next**.

The installation process begins. To pause or quit the installation process, click **Cancel**.



14 The **User Login Settings** dialog box opens.



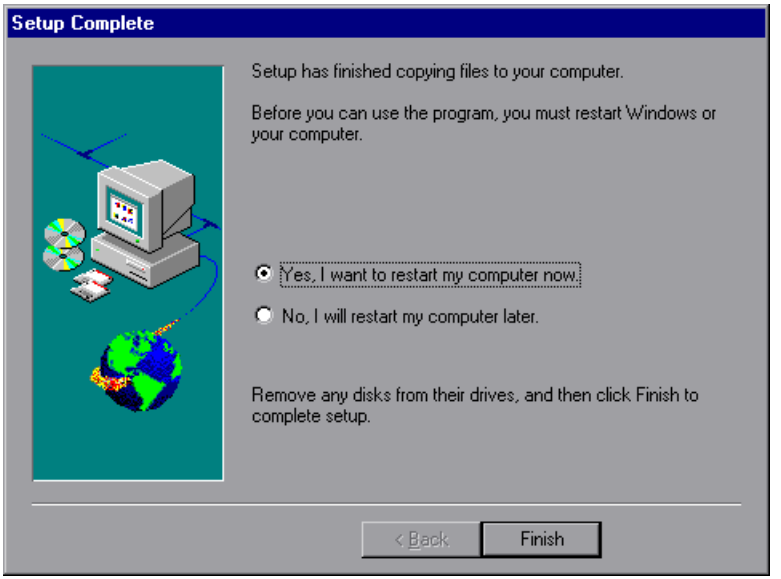
15 Select the user login settings you want:

Allow virtual users to run on this machine without user login. Astra LoadTest will automatically log the Vusers running on the load generator machine into the network. Enter the network domain where the user machine resides, a user name, and password. Note that you must have administrator privileges.

Manual log in to the Load Generator machine. The user must manually log in to the load generator for each session of running Vusers.

Click **OK**.

16 The **Setup Complete** dialog box prompts you to restart your computer. You can delay restarting your computer until later, however, you must restart your computer before you use Astra LoadTest.



Click **Finish** to complete the setup process.

Note: You should review the Readme file for last minute technical and troubleshooting information. To open your Readme file, choose **Start > Programs > Astra LoadTest > ReadMe**.

Uninstalling Astra LoadTest

Your Astra LoadTest installation includes an uninstall program which uninstalls Astra LoadTest software and files from your computer and removes Astra LoadTest shortcuts from your Start menu.

To uninstall Astra LoadTest:

1 Choose **Start > Programs > Astra LoadTest > Uninstall**.

2 A message asks you to confirm your decision to uninstall Astra LoadTest. Click **Yes** to uninstall Astra LoadTest. Otherwise, click **No** to keep Astra LoadTest installed on your computer.

The Uninstall Shield dialog box opens.

3 You may be prompted to remove shared files that are not being used by any program. If you are not sure what to do, click **No to All**.

The Uninstall program removes Astra LoadTest from your computer.

4 When the Uninstall program is completed, the OK button is enabled. Click **OK**.

Note: To uninstall Astra LoadTest immediately after you have installed the program, first reboot your computer.

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