

WMS: Did You Know?

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Reconnect to your Network Data – how do I do this?

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WMS Network Startup:

If your business has 2 or more computers linked to WMS7 and its data, you should be aware of the process for each daily startup.

- **The computer that is the source of the data for WMS7 (likely the POS computer) must be turned on first.**
- **You do not need to have WMS7 running only that this primary computer is POWERED ON.**
- If you try to start any other PC without the POS PC powered on:
 - The other networked PCs will default to the local copy of WMSDATA on that secondary PC.
 - It will likely start up with the default demo data, often “Shelley’s Wine” that is located in C:\Program Files\WMS7. The Startup screen will display this name, not your business name.
- **To correctly link to the POS computer’s data file, here’s what you do:**
 - Power on the Front PC (your POS computer with the data).
 - Once the Windows startup process is complete on the **POS Computer**, open WMS7 on the **secondary PC**.
 - On the **secondary PC** once the Main Switchboard is open, click on the tab labeled, **Data**, above the **Main Switchboard**.
 - Press the link, **Browse to another Wmsdata.accdb source**.
 - A browse window will appear, and within that window, is a vertical scroll bar.
 - Scroll down to find the name of the front PC’s shared data source on your network,
 - The name of the network link could be anything, but often is something like [\\Z:\Front WMS Data](#). Usually the network name is an obvious reference to the front PC where the data for WMS7 is stored. This could be in either of the 2 default locations:
 - C:\Program Files\WMS7 or
 - C:\Program Files(x86)\WMS7
 - Select the folder once with the mouse button.
 - Press **OK** to complete the browse operation.
 - After a moment, you will be returned to the Main Switchboard with the new path displayed in the Ribbon/Data tab.

