

Question

Which directories in my old customized database do I save before installing a new version of the software?

Answer

It depends on what you customized. Use the table below to determine which files and directories you need to back up. Save the directories and files in a directory outside of your *Build* or *APDesign* directory before installing a new version of the software. You will then have the choice of using the old customized database, or the database available in the new version.

| Build Directories/Files | APDesign Directories/Files | Details |
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| BSD directory | STDS directory | Save this directory if you have created custom blocks in your symbol library, or custom title blocks. |
| BDB directory | APDB directory | Save this directory if you have created new doors, walls, windows, etc. |
| I.Border.dat file C.Border.dat file M.Border.dat file | I.Border.dat file C.Border.dat file M.Border.dat file | Save these files if you have created custom title blocks. |
| Custom templates (*.dwt files) or prototype drawings | Custom templates (*.dwt files) or prototype drawings | These are usually stored in the root directory. |

After you have saved your directories, you can uninstall the older version and install the new version of the software.

If you want to use your old database for a certain drawing, or you want to view a drawing that was created with the old database, you will need to set the database path to point to the old database. To do this, select **Settings > Drawing Settings**, then set your search paths to the directories you saved.