

Gauges for Client Selection

Intended for Decision Makers, Architects and Desktop Admins

Background

The **looksoftware smartclient** has been designated as the client software of choice for use with the Financial Portrait Software System, an accounting and financial reporting suite published by Tegratecs Development Corp. The **smartclient** can be installed as a desktop application or used within a browser window with an ActiveX plug-in.

The **smartclient** runs on most any type of Windows desktop and is published by **looksoftware Pty Ltd** of Australia. The first version of the brand appeared in 1996 as a client-server offering for use with AS/400. In the years following, it has been a consistent market leader in delivering quality user experiences with Windows clients and the IBM i server line. We have seen technical leadership and platform harmony from **looksoftware** firsthand for over 10 years.

Choosing which Client Type to Install

- On this CD, there are two flavors of the **smartclient**, one runs on the PC desktop (Windows client) and the second, via Internet Explorer (the Web client). Both are located under the “admin\1 - install” folder and require administrator rights to install. Both offer speedy performance.
- For existing Financial Portrait clients, we recommend the Windows client.
- If a user has administration rights to his/her PC, then the web client is easiest to install. In fact, it can be downloaded, installed and run by clicking on a link on our website page, <https://www.financialportrait.com/fpsnldeployment/WelcomeToWebClientDeploymentSecured.aspx>
 - This is a reasonable way to evaluate and preview Financial Portrait v4 on your PC using our IBM i server. In some situations, the web client is applicable for remote users that need only occasional access to the IBM i sever.
- If the user does not have administration rights to the PC, it is recommended that the administrator follow the directions we have prepared (on CD). Considerations are included for working within a controlled desktop environment.



Overview

- The enclosed **smartclient with Financial Portrait Client CD** contains everything your company needs to efficiently administer, install, run, update and cleanly remove the 8.0 version of the **looksoftware smartclient**
- **smartclient** offers a pleasing and speedy graphical user interface, navigation improvements, a quicker learning curve for new users and extensions that enable software developers to integrate desktop software and web services
- We have focused on making it easy for users to transition to the **smartclient** GUI from a textual interface (most V3 installations)
- **smartclient** is configured with a Financial Portrait “repository”, a collection of rules and guidelines for how to present the GUI and perform desktop and web services integration when using Financial Portrait
- The Financial Portrait version of the **smartclient** contains a menu option for running the base (standard) repository, which in most cases, looks pretty nice with your custom (or other packaged) IBM i software right out of the box
- In order for remote users to connect to your company’s IBM i server using **smartclient** via the internet (without requiring a VPN), we have provided setup and configuration examples in the Financial Portrait Installation Guide. Included are setup steps for using SSL (secure sockets layer) without any additional software licenses to purchase.
- For our client’s convenience, we have built in an automated update options that retrieve client-side FP version-specific enhancements. This significantly reduces the time required (for PC administrators and/or PC users) to keep the **smartclient** with FPS current and up to date. We also have worked hard to satisfy the interests of PC administrators. In a controlled desktop situation, installation requires an administrator, who also chooses whether to authorize subsequent receipt of updates.
- Instructions included on CD for *complete* removal of **smartclient**

Licensing Overview

- The **smartclient** software on this CD can be used with a temporary or permanent license
- License codes can be based on the client (MS Windows PC) or server (IBM i O/S)
- When you first install a **smartclient** version on any given PC, you can automatically obtain a PC-based 30 day license of the **smartclient** standard version (on that PC)
- License extensions, developer version licenses and server-based licenses can be granted by **looksoftware** or obtained through Tegratecs Development Corp.
- If using server licensing (known as host based licensing), the license is checked and allocated when connecting to the IBM i server. Licenses are allocated (or counted as in use) based on active users not sessions (a user running many sessions on a single PC counts as one license). A PC that connects to the Tegratecs Development Corp. iSeries using host-based licensing uses an I.C. Inc. **smartclient** license. Thus, **smartclient** can be installed on more PCs than there are licenses available to run, just not all of the PCs can be active.

Technical Configuration Facets by Type of Client

- Windows Client (**smartclient .exe**)
 - Installs using InstallShield Wizard
 - Directions on CD under folder: admin\1 - install\Windows client (b group)
 - Administrative rights are required on the PC when doing the initial install
 - Creates folder in Program Files
 - Removes via Add/Remove Programs under Control Panel. Instructions on CD under *Removal* for complete cleaning of PC.
 - Executes from Start menu or desktop shortcut
 - Requires connection to IBM i in order to perform FPS business application tasks
 - Can be used by users outside of the company's internal LAN if channel is setup
 - Has feature to retrieve updates of the Financial Portrait repository via the internet if authorized by administrator of PC. Updates are digitally signed.
 - Fastest and thus the most applicable for tasks involving a lot of data entry

- Web Client (**smartclient** as an ActiveX component in browser)
 - Recommended when evaluating Financial Portrait
 - Directions on CD under folder: admin\1 - install\Web client - (a group)
 - Administrative rights are required on the PC when doing the initial install
 - Invoked using IE browser
 - Also recommended for remote users with admin rights requiring occasional access to IBM i applications. Or remote users who can have installation performed on their PC by a company admin in advance.
 - Downloads from Windows 200x IIS and several other types of web servers
 - Configurations on this CD can also be downloaded from one of our IIS web servers
 - Downloads and installs **newlook** ActiveX control into Windows/Downloaded Program Files
 - Installs using standard Windows .CAB files method
 - All .CAB files from Tegratecs Development Corp. are digitally signed
 - Creates folder in Program Files
 - Executes in IE browser
 - Requires connection to an IBM i server to perform FPS business application tasks
 - Can be used by users outside of the company's internal LAN if channel is setup
 - Automatically checks for Financial Portrait repository updates and installs them if found

- Via **lookserver**
 - requires no client footprint, download/install on PC or access to administrative rights
 - runs via browser utilizing both a Windows server and an IBM midrange server
 - **thinclient** and **mobileclient**

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