

Server Move Guide

Customer Name:

Support	techn	ician:
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Date of upgrade:

Pre server move stage:

•	Arrive on-site to meet and greet with the customerYes	No
•	15-minute meeting to brief the customer on the server move and what we will require	No
•	Agree with the customer a 'down time' for the system where the users will have to log out of the system and expect to see you to reconnect the clients to the system at a time that is good for themYes	No
•	Ask the customer if they use a timeware [®] Fire Panel (If they do make sure that this is fully operational before beginning with the server move	No
•	Liaise with IT and take notes of our timeware [®] Windows AD account (if applicable). As well as get remote access onto both the current and the new server	No
•	Once on the current server check the following:Yes	No
•	Check all timeware® hardware connections/ check what terminals are running	No
•	Check all timeware® services/ see how configured with 'log on as' users etc	No
•	Check for any bespoke reports/ exports (Take a copy of the folder)	No
•	Check if they use the web portals - ESS/TWC (Take note of the credentials)	No
•	Check current email settings (Take note of settings)	No
•	Check what scripts are currently in use (Take a copy if necessary)	No
•	Check automated events that run – Backup, automated emails etc	No
•	Check for backups of system	No
•	Check installation path of software	No
•	Check the configuration of the Fire Roll Call and make notes of reports used, printers used, and who is emailed. (If Applicable)Yes	No
•	Create a folder on the server named 'timeware [®] Engineer' or 'timeware [®] installation files'. You can use to place all installation files and backups. This will keep everything organised and you will	
	know where everything is held	No

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Current timeware® server stage:

•	Stop the timeware® services	No
•	Run a manual calculation to poll all devices (Skip Calculation)	No
•	Take a backup of the system and place in a location where it will not be overridden (In the folder you created where all files are stored for the installation)	No
•	Stop the SQL instance if it has its own	No
•	If using the ESS or TWC, open IIS and stop the web application suite from running Yes	No

New timeware[®] server stage:

•	Install the SQL version currently in use on the current server, then create a timeware® instance. Set	
	system Administrator password to the usual (39*****) then check you can log into the instanceYes	s No
•	Restore the database from the current server onto SQLYes	s No
•	Install the new version of timeware® (timeware® will check for the required .NET framework and	
	required Microsoft Visual C++ files to run the applicationYes	; No
•	Install timeware® onto the new server (The timeware® version must be the exact same as what	
	the current server/clients are)	; No
•	Install the new timeware® services using the CMD batch file (services.bat) where the timeware®	
	application has been installed/ installation path	; No
•	Ensure the services are configured and set to 'Automatic (Delayed Start)	; No
•	Open the services as applications and log in to ensure no errors occur	; No
•	Start up the NMD3 servicesYes	s No
•	Install the web application suite to the default location (The web application suite must be	
	the exact same as the timeware® version you have just installed)	; No
•	Open IIS and set up the connection strings to be back identical to the settings used in the	
	previous version. This will be SQL Server Name backslash an instance name (where applicable),	
	username and password	; No
•	Once you have configured the four connection strings in IIS, start up the website and browse to	
	the web address to ensure 'normal working state'Yes	; No
•	Go into Terminal Configuration and input the Terminal Enquiry Agent IP address, Subnet Mask	
	and Gateway for all terminals, then update settings	; No
•	Input Fire Roll Call IP Address, Subnet Mask and Gateway for Fire Alarm Monitors, then	
	update settings.	
•	Test Fire Roll Call and Enquiries from the terminalYes	; No

Client Stage:

•	If the database has been moved, you will also need to copy the SQL connection file from the	
	new server and replace this in the client PC's TData folder before then making sure that the	
	software can connect to the databaseYes	No
•	Repeat this for every client PC	No



Post server move stage:

•	(Old Server) Once the timeware® system is working correctly uninstall the timeware® instance if it's	
	on its own or ask IT to advise if this is shared with other databasesYes	No
•	(Old Server) Uninstall the timeware® servicesYes	No
•	(Old Server) Uninstall timeware® Professional	No
•	(Old Server) Uninstall the timeware® web application suite (where applicable)	No
•	Open various screens in timeware® to ensure a 'normal working state' and no errors	No
•	Check all timeware® hardware connections	No
•	Ask users to try and log in to the timeware® application (usernames are case sensitive)	No
•	Ask users to go into the system and try what they would normally do on a day to day basis to	No
_	Check to make sure emails are being received from the system	No
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•	Create new terminal groups (Set fire monitors to use own group and create new terminal groups	
	and separate if a multi-site installation)Yes	No
•	Ensure swipes are coming into the system, ask a couple of employees to 'test swipe' Yes	No
•	If using a fire alarm monitor, ensure this is tested before leaving site (You will have informed	
	the customer that you are about to test our part of the Fire Roll Call system though our hardware	
	and that any fire marshals/ managers will expect to see an email and also a printout of the Roll Call	
	to the configured printers)	No
•	Check the timeware® Audit Trial for any system errorsYes	No
	Implement all required scripts and events (Personnel, Absence Management, GDPR, automated	
	emails etc)	No
•	If there is a Fire Panel, make sure the Fire marshals and anyone who receives the Fire Roll Call	
	emails is notified before testing the Fire Panel to make sure that it is all operational	No