

CARLI Voyager Client Update Checker

Instructions for Installation with the “Windows Installation Wizard” for new I-Share Libraries

For more information about the Voyager Client Update Checker, please see the FAQ at <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/execute/secure/vcuc-faq>

If you have any questions about the Voyager Client Update Checker, please contact the CARLI Office at support@carli.illinois.edu .

Note: The Voyager Client Update Checker must be installed on a PC while logged on with full “Administrator” privileges.

1. Download the Update Checker program file (exe) from <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/execute#ClientUpdateChecker> to your PC.
2. Double-click on the .exe file to run it.
3. The Wizard will automatically open and step you through the installation process:
 - a) Choose your institution from the list.
 - b) Choose the folder where Voyager client programs will be installed on your computer.
 - c) Choose which of the Voyager clients should be installed and updated on the PC.
 - Note: You do not have to install all of the clients on each machine. Only install those that are useful to the operator of that machine. There are no security restrictions for the Callslip and Reporter programs; they are accessible to anyone with an operator ID. Therefore, you will want to think carefully about which machines require these modules.
 - d) Choose whether or not you want the Voyager Client Update Checker to perform a version check automatically every day or whether you want to run it manually.
4. While the program is installing, please be patient. The Update Checker will install itself and the latest Voyager clients. There may be periods during the installation when there are no visual pop up boxes or progress bars, but you will notice that your PC is still working.
5. Once installation has finished, you will receive a pop-up message, “You have been automatically upgraded to the latest Voyager client software: Voyager 7.2.5”. Upon completion of the installation of the Voyager Client Update Checker program, the Update Checker program itself will have been installed on the PC, and the latest version of the Voyager clients will have been automatically downloaded and installed on the PC in the directory you specified during setup.
6. The Voyager.ini file created during setup will be configured for the production server, but new I-Share libraries do not yet have a database there. To reconfigure the Voyager.ini file for the training server or the new libraries test server, open the Voyager.ini file with Notepad and change the Server= line, as appropriate, to
Server=trainvoy.carli.illinois.edu or Server= voyager-test.carli.illinois.edu

***Note: If the Voyager Client Update Checker is installed via the Windows command-line method (not covered here), the installed Voyager.ini file will similarly be configured for the production server and must be edited as above in order to access the training server or test server.

CARLI's Voyager Client Update Checker FAQ for new I-Share Libraries

Excerpts from <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/execute/secure/vcuc-faq>

CARLI's automatic Voyager Client Update Checker is locally developed software that, when installed on a workstation, helps ensure that the Voyager clients installed on the workstation are compatible with the CARLI I-Share production server. It will automatically upgrade the Voyager client software to new releases or new patch levels without user intervention. The Voyager Client Update Checker is available to any I-Share library; however, it may be of particular interest to those libraries with many workstations running Voyager staff clients. When you install the Update Checker on a PC it will immediately download and install the current version of the Voyager clients on the PC in the directory that you specify during setup.

What are some advantages of using the Voyager Client Update Checker?

The Voyager Client Update Checker allows a library to install the Update Checker program once on a PC. The Update Checker will then ensure that the Voyager Client software will always be the correct and up-to-date version compatible with the CARLI I-Share production servers.

If you get new PCs that have never had Voyager clients installed on them, you can use the Voyager Client Update Checker to quickly install the latest version of the clients.

Use of the Voyager Client Update Checker also gives staff easy access to CARLI I-Share-provided configuration files. These files currently include library-specific voyager.ini files for each library, a reports.mdb file created by CARLI to include all of the current shared SQL contributed by member library staff, a set of tag tables updated by the I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team, and the consortial callslip.ini file. These files are automatically downloaded onto the PC when the Update Checker upgrades the Voyager Clients.

How does the Voyager Client Update Checker work?

The Voyager Client Update Checker is a small program that is installed on each individual PC. Each day (or when manually run) the program sends out an inquiry to the CARLI server to see if the version of Voyager being used by the server is equivalent to the version of Voyager being used on the PC. (Note: the program does not do an internal scan of the PC's Voyager clients, but rather relies on an internal version "number" configured during the installation of the Update Checker.) If the version number from the server is greater than the version number of the Update Checker program, the current version of the Voyager clients are automatically downloaded from the server and installed on the PC.

How do I install the Voyager Client Update Checker?

The Voyager Client Update Checker and installation instructions are available on the I-Share Downloads page at <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/execute#ClientUpdateChecker>. The Voyager Client Update Checker can be installed on a workstation in one of two ways: via a Windows Installation Wizard or via a Windows command-line prompt. Instructions for new I-Share Libraries for installation with the Windows Installation Wizard are included on the reverse side of this sheet.