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Computer	Operating System Revision	CDROM mount command (assumes /cdrom exists)	CDROM umount command
HP RISC PA2.0,	HP-UX 11.00,	mount /dev/dsk/c0tnd0 /cdrom (if patched)	cd <other_dir></other_dir>
HP Itanium 2	HP 11.23 or later	mount -o cdcase -F cdfs/dev/dsk/c0tnd0 /cdrom ( <i>if not patched</i> )	umount /cdrom
		where: <b>n</b> = SCSI controller number for CDROM	
IBM RS6000	AIX 5.2 or later	mount -rv cdrfs /dev/cd0 /cdrom	cd <other_dir> umount /cdrom</other_dir>
<b>Silicon Graphics</b>	IRIX64 6.5	CD will be automounted by system	cd <other_dir></other_dir>
	or later	or	eject CDROM
		mount -rt iso9660 /dev/scsi/scndul0 /cdrom	or
		where:	cd <other_dir></other_dir>
		n = SCSI controller number u = CD-ROM unit #	umount /cdrom
		Note:	
		The CDROM will usually automount to /cdrom or /CDROM	
Sun	Solaris 9	CD will be automounted by system	cd <other_dir></other_dir>
	or later		eject cdrom
Intel/AMD	Linux 2.4.20	mount /mnt/cdrom RedHat	cd <other_dir></other_dir>
	or later		umount /mnt/ cdrom

Table 1 Versions of Marc Running under Unix

## **Chapter 1: Read me first: Installation Prerequisites**

Before installing the software	Decide where you want the product to be installed before loading in the Marc and/or Mentat software from the CD-ROM. You will be prompted for a parent directory to install the software, which will be referred to as <parent>. During the installation, a directory called marc2008z, and/or mentat2008r1, install, and flexlm will be created in the directory you specify. Marc requires approximately 500 Mbytes of permanent disk storage capacity. Mentat requires approximately 800 Mbytes of permanent disk storage capacity. The mentat2008r1/examples directory contains approximately 250 Mbytes of data. If you are installing both Marc and Mentat, install Marc first, and then install Mentat.</parent>
Personal data	During installation, you will be prompted to supply your name, address, telephone number, etc. You will also be asked to enter the MSC license agreement number which is listed on the accompanying packing slip. This information will be sent to the MSC.Software Corporation office supplying you the installation passwords and is intended to keep your data as known to the MSC.Software Corporation up to date.
Password protection	<ul> <li>The Marc and Mentat version you have received is protected against illegal usage by means of Macrovision's FLEXIm licensing software. You <i>cannot</i> run the program directly after you have installed the product from the CD-ROM until you obtain passwords from MSC.Software Corporation. Passwords will be supplied to you from the nearest MSC.Software Corporation office after you have performed the first two steps of the installation procedure. These steps are as follows: <ol> <li>Run the installation script, install the software from the CD-ROM, and generate a machine specific identifier for the purpose of creating passwords.</li> <li>Send the machine specific identifier to the nearest MSC.Software Corporation office.</li> <li>Upon return of the passwords, enter these by editing the license.dat file.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Multiple machines/NFS Fileserver	If you are installing Marc and/or Mentat on an NFS Fileserver, the install script needs to create directories in which to install Marc and/or Mentat; the default NFS export options do not allow this level of access by root. Two approaches are possible – do not install as root, or if <i>you must install as root, modify your NFS export options to include ~root=list</i> (where <i>list</i> can include hostnames and netgroups).

Should I be "root"?	Normally, there is no need to be logged in as root. However, you will be queried as to whether you want to create an optional link by which Marc and/or Mentat will be known system-wide under the name marc2008 or mentat2008. This link will, by default, be placed in the directory /usr/local/bin to which you must have write permission. Logging in as root is one way of ensuring that you can create this link. Make sure that you have write permission to the installation directory before you start the installation script. Note that on most systems you will have to be root to mount the CD-ROM. For NFS fileserver networks, read the previous paragraph.
FORTRAN compiler	A FORTRAN compiler is necessary if user subroutines are to be used. For other cases, no compiler is needed. The compiler needs to be compatible with the one used in the Marc build, see the <i>Marc and Mentat Release Guide</i> for a list of supported compilers.

# Chapter 2: Quick Installation Procedure

Step 1: Start the install script	<cdrom_dir>./install.exe Welcome to the Marc installation script for</cdrom_dir>	
	Unix systems Enter a valid pathname to the directory to inst the software ( <current directory="">)</current>	<ul><li>you want to install the Marc product(s).</li><li>The default selection will be your current directory. You must have write permission to this directory.</li></ul>
Step 2: Extract the files from the CD-ROM	<ul> <li>Main Menu</li> <li>1) Install/Test Marc</li> <li>2) Install Mentat</li> <li>d) Install Documentations</li> <li>o) Options</li> <li>?) Help information</li> <li>q) Exit from the installation script Selection: 1</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Select option 1 to install Marc. This will take you to the Marc submenu.</li> <li>Select option 2 to install Mentat.</li> <li>Option d will only appear in the documentation CD.</li> <li>Note: <ul> <li>Remember to install Marc before you install Mentat.</li> <li>Documentation should be installed after Marc and Mentat are installed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Select the platform	Marc 2008 r1 Menu         H1) Install for HP-UX 11.00 PA2.0         LP64       (~500 MI         H2) Install for HP-UX 11.00 PA2.0         ILP64       (~500 MI         H3) Install for HP-UX 11.23 Itanium 2         LP64       (~500 MI         H4) Install for HP-UX 11.23 Itanium 2         ILP64       (~500 MI         H1) Install for HP-UX 11.23 Itanium 2         ILP64       (~500 MI         H1) Install for HP-UX 11.23 Itanium 2         ILP64       (~500 MI         I1) Install for IBM AIX 5.2         LP64       (~500 MI         I2) Install for IBM AIX 5.2         ILP64       (~500 MI	<ul> <li>shown in brackets after the Selection prompt. Just press Return/Enter to use the default value. The default for each platform is the LP64 version. You can select the ILP64 version to install by typing in the proper number, e.g. H2.</li> <li>You will also be prompted whether you want to create a system wide link to the marc2008r1 script Note:</li> </ul>

L1) Install for LINUX 2.6 IA32 RedHat AS 4	(~450 MB)	
L2) Install for LINUX 2.6 RHEL 4 LP64	(~450 MB)	
L3) Install for LINUX 2.4 IA64 RHEL 3 - LP64	(~450 MB)	
L4) Install for LINUX 2.4 IA64 RHEL 3 - ILP64	(~450 MB)	
L5) Install for LINUX 2.6 EM64T/ RHEL 3 - LP64	AMD (~450 MB)	
L6) Install for LINUX 2.6 EM64T/ RHEL 3 - ILP64	AMD (~450 MB)	
G1) Install for SGI IRIX64 R12K ( LP64	5.5 (~500 MB)	
G2) Install for SGI IRIX64 R12K ( ILP64	5.5 (~500 MB)	
G3) Install for SGI Altix Itanium P LP64	ropack 3 (~500 MB)	
G4) Install for SGI Altix Itanium P ILP64	ropack 3 (~500 MB)	
S1) Install for Sun Solaris 10 Ultra LP64	III (~500 MB)	
S2) Install for Sun Solaris 10 Ultra ILP64	III (~500 MB)	
t) Test and maintain the installation	1	
?) Help information		
r) Return to previous menu		
r) Return to the previous menu OR		Choose the Return to previous menu option to return to the main menu.
Mentat 2008 r1 Installation		Select the platform that you will be
Mentat Menu		running Mentat on. The script will determine a default value, and it is
h1) Install for HP-UX 11.00 PA2.0	(~850 MB)	shown in brackets after the <i>Selection</i> prompt. Press Return/Enter to use the
h3) Install for HP-UX 11.22 Itanium 2	(~850 MB)	default value.
i1) Install for IBM AIX 5.2	(~800 MB)	
 11) Install for LINUX 2.4 IA32 RHEL 3	(~750 MB)	

	12) Install for LINUX 2.4 EM64T/AMD RHEL 3 (~750 MB)	You will be prompted to supply the pathname to the directory where Marc is installed. If the script determines that
	13) Install for LINUX 2.4 IA64 RHEL 3 (~750 MB)	Marc is already installed to the default location of <parent>/marc2008r1,</parent>
	15) Install for LINUX 2.4 EM64T/AMD RHEL 3 (~750 MB)	then a default value for the path is displayed. Press Return/Enter to use the
	g1) Install for SGI IRIX64 R12K 6.5 (~750 MB)	default value. If you do not have Marc at this site, you can ignore the prompt.
	g3) Install for SGI Altix Itanium Propack 3 (~750 MB)	You will also be prompted whether you want to create a system wide link in
	s1) Install for Sun Solaris 9 Ultra III (~750 MB)	/usr/local/bin to the <i>mentat</i> script. You must be root to perform this.
	?) Help information	Note: Other platforms may appear on your
	r) Return to previous menu	menu list that are not shown here.
	r) Return to the previous menu	Choose the Return to previous menu option to return to the main menu.
Step 3: Options	o) Go to options menu in main menu	
Step 4:	s) Install Security	
Security	sd) Install Security documentation	
	u) Update Product scripts	
	d) Delete (un-install) a product	
	ci) Change the installation directory	
	cd) Change the CDROM path	
	1) Change the product listing file	
	sc) Determining system configuration	
Step 5:	s) Security submenu	Generate system identifier. From the
Generate system	1) Generate system identifier file	options menu, select option <b>s</b> , and then option <b>1</b> . You will be prompted for your
identifier		name, address, etc. You will also be
		prompted to supply your MSC license
		agreement number and your amendment number which is in the accompanying letter.

Step 6: Send the system identifier to MSC.Software	<ul> <li>2) Show system identifier</li> <li>3) Print the system identifier</li> <li>4) Send the system identifier</li> <li>r) Return to previous menu</li> <li>q) Exit from the installation script</li> </ul>	The system identifier is stored in the subdirectory install under the <parent> directory, in a file called sid001.dat. Send the contents of this file to the nearest MSC.Software Corporation office to receive passwords. You may exit the script now by choosing the option <b>q</b>.</parent>	
Step 7: Enter the password	<pre>cd <parent>/flexlm mkdir licenses cd licenses vi license.dat chmod 644 license.dat</parent></pre>	When you receive the passwords from the MSC.Software salesperson, they should be entered by means of creating the file license.dat file in the flexlm/licenses subdirectory using an editor. If the file was E-mailed to you, then save the contents in license.dat See Macrovision's <i>FLEXIm End User</i> <i>Manual</i> for more information on the license file format.	
	For Marc Network run see Step 9.		
Step 8: Checking Marc	<ol> <li>Install/Test the Marc program         <ol> <li>Install/Test the Marc program</li> <li>Test and maintain the installation</li> </ol> </li> <li>Marc Tools Menu         <ol> <li>Test Marc installation</li> </ol> </li> <li>Test the Marc installation         <ol> <li>Run a Marc job without user subroutine</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	If you installed both Marc and Mentat, you can check the Marc installation by following the instructions under (Checking Marc from Mentat). Start the install.exe script again, and select option 1, "Install the Marc program", and then select t) "Test and maintain the installation". This brings up a new menu. Select option 1, "Test Marc installation". A new "Test" menu appears. You must choose either Serial or Parallel depending on the license you have. Run one of the standard Marc demonstration examples as proof of a successful installation by choosing option 1.1. If all goes well, one of the final messages on screen should read: Marc Exit number 3004	

1.2) Trial Marc job with user subroutine	If you have a FORTRAN compiler on your system, choose a second demonstration example, option 1.2. Here again, Marc should give a Marc Exit number 3004.	
	Troubleshooting:	
	<ol> <li>If you get an error message of f77 not found when running a job with a user subroutine and there is a Fortran compiler, its path needs to be appended to your path in the .cshrc file. A typical example would be the Sun platform where the f77 compiler may reside in the /opt/SUNWspro/bin directory. This path must be added if you get the f77 error message.</li> </ol>	
	2. For the IBM-SP machines, if you get	
	get ERROR: Hostfile or pool must be used to request nodes, create a hostfile in the marc2008r1/tools directory with the available nodes in it as:	
	node 1 node 2 : etc.	
	and set the path to point to this file in <i>MP_HOSTFILE</i> variable in the include file in the tools directory.	
<ul><li>r) Return to previous menu</li><li>q) Exit from the installation script</li></ul>	Repeatedly choose the Return/Exit option to leave the installation script.	
	Choose option <b>q</b> to leave the installation script.	

Step: 9 Checking Mentat (Checking Marc from Mentat)	cd <parent>/mentat2008r1 ./bin/mentat Run a Demo problem by selecting the menu buttons: HELP RUN A DEMO PROBLEM</parent>	Next, change your current directory to be the <parent> directory in which you installed MSC.Mentat, and then cd to <i>mentat2008r1</i>. Enter the command ./bin/mentat to start Mentat. From the HELP menu, select RUN A DEMO PROBLEM, and then select the COUPLED CONTACT</parent>
	COUPLED CONTACT	demo. It will run for 50 increments.
Step 10: For Marc Parallel Network version only		Please follow the <i>Marc 2008 Parallel</i> <i>Network Version for UNIX Installation</i> <i>Instructions</i> (Part 1 General Information: and Part 2 Installation Notes:) on installing and running jobs with the network version.
Step 11: Installing the documentation		Use option <b>d</b> on the documentation CD to install the documentations.

## **Chapter 3: Installation Procedure Information**

Multiple machines/NFS Servers	If you are installing Marc and/or Mentat on an NFS Fileserver, the install script needs to create directories in which to install Marc and/or Mentat; the default NFS export options do not allow this level of access by root. Two approaches are possible – do not install as root, or if you must install as root, modify your NFS export options to include $\sim root=list$ (where <i>list</i> can include hostnames and netgroups).		
Step 1: Start the install script from the CD-ROM	Start the installation by running the <i>install.exe</i> script located on the CD-ROM from a "C" or Bourne shell. You should not have your current directory be the CD-ROM device, since temporary files will need to be created.		
	If you are installing Marc and Mentat, install Marc first (using Main Menu option 1).		
	Decide where the Marc and/or Mentat program is to be located in the system. This location is called the <parent> directory. For example, if you specify the installation path as /usr/software/marc, the <parent> directory is /usr/software/marc. It is recommended that you create this directory before you start the installation script. The directories marc2008r1, and/or mentat2008r1, install, and flex1m will be created when the program is installed.</parent></parent>		
	The <i>install.exe</i> script will accept the following options:		
	-a Turns on automatic installation – installs both Marc and Mentat from th CD-ROM. The <b>-i</b> option (described below) is required.		
	-c <path> Specifies the path to the CD-ROM device. This may also be the path to a NFS mounted CD-ROM. Normally the script will determine the path to the CD-ROM device from the path specified to invoke <i>install.exe</i> on the command line.</path>		
	-i <path> Specifies the installation path (<parent> directory). This option is required when specifying the automatic installation option -a.</parent></path>		
	-1 <file> Specifies a file for product listing</file>		
	-v Turns on verbose mode.		
	The "automatic" installation will install both Marc and Mentat. To perform an "automatic" installation, run the installation script as follows:		
	/cdrom/install.exe -a -i <path></path>		
	Note that when the "automatic" installation is complete, you will have to run the installation script interactively to generate the system identifier using option <b>1</b> (see Step 3: Generate system identifier).		

	Check the contents against the list supplied in Appendix C: Marc/Mentat Files and Subdirectories of this document. If any subdirectory is missing, please contact MSC.Software Corporation customer support for further details. Note: See Table 1 at the beginning of this document for the name of the CD-ROM device for your machine if you can't determine what it is named, or see your systems administration guide.		
Step 2: Extract the files and set paths	<ul> <li>Extract the files from the CD-ROM and set the path names in the Marc and/or Mentat background files to correspond to the location where you have installed the version.</li> <li>From the main menu list of the install.exe script, choose option 1 to install Marc or option 2 to install Mentat, and then select the platform from the Marc2008 r1 submenu. Note that a default platform selection is displayed if the script determines that Marc or Mentat has not yet been installed.</li> <li>In Marc, the installation script extracts the files and proceeds to set the path names in the</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li><i>run_marc</i> scripts to correspond to the current location of the Marc version.</li> <li>In Mentat, the installation script extracts the files and proceeds to set the path names in the Mentat background files to correspond to the current location of the Mentat version.</li> <li>You will be asked a question concerning the Marc program which can be started from within Mentat. You are required to give the pathname to the directory where Marc is installed on your system. If you do not have Marc installed at your site, ignore the prompt.</li> <li>Note: Do not attempt to install a 64bit version of the product on a 32bit</li> </ul>		
ranlib	operating system. Some Marc Unix versions will ask if you want to <i>ranlib</i> the Marc binary libraries supplied with the version. This will create a fresh table of contents for the libraries. It is advisable to do this.		
link	Note:         Not all Unix versions need the ranlib; the question will not appear on them.           You will also be asked whether Marc and/or Mentat should be made accessible system wide under the link-name marc2008r1 and/or mentat2008r1. If so, a symbolic link		
	<pre>(marc2008r1 and/or mentat2008r1) will, by default, be created in the directory /usr/local/bin. Note: If you decide to create the link, you</pre>		

Step 3: Generate system identifier	Using the installation script install.exe, choose option s) Install security from main menu list. A submenu will appear. Choose option 1 from this submenu to generate the system identifier.         Note:       When you generate the system identifier, you will be asked to enter your name, address, etc. See Appendix A: Sample Installation of Marc and Mentat for a sample session.		
Step 4: Send to MSC.Software Corporation	The system identifier is stored in the subdirectory install under the <parent> directory, in a file called sid001.dat. The file can be printed using option <b>3</b> in install.exe. Send the printout by means of telefax to the nearest MSC.Software Corporation office. If you have access to the E-mail facility, you can E-mail the system identifiers directly using option <b>4</b> in install.exe.</parent>		
Step 5: Password	Change your current directory to the subdirectory flexlm/licenses under the <parent> directory. If you receive your passwords via E-mail, then save the license data in a file named license.dat in this directory. The permissions for license.dat should be 644, since all users will need read access. If you receive your passwords via telefax, then enter them by means of creating the license.dat file using an editor and typing in the information. The password will consist of at least three lines: "SERVER" line which specifies the system hostname "DAEMON" line which specifies the vendor specific daemon name and path "FEATURE" line(s) which specifies the product and options. This line contains the password and the expiration dates. The <i>run_marc</i> and <i>mentat</i> script uses the environment variable MSC_LICENSE_FILE to locate the license.dat file. It should be either the full pathname to the license file or using the specification port@host, such as 1500@moon.earth.com. See <i>Chapter 8: Managing FLEXIm with Marc and Mentat</i> or <i>Macrovision's FLEXIm End User Manual</i> for more information on entering your license password. <b>Note:</b> The FLEXIm license manager needs to be started on the license server before running the program. The <i>run_marc</i> and <i>mentat</i> scripts no longer attempt to start the license manager.</parent>		

Step 6: Checking Marc	If you installed both Marc and Mentat, you can check the Marc installation by following the instructions under "Checking Marc from Mentat".			
	Run one of the standard Marc demonstration examples as proof of a successful installation. Using the installation script install.exe, choose 1) Install Marc from the Main Menu, and then, choose t) Test and maintain the installation, and the Marc Tools menu appears. Choose option 1 from this menu, a new menu appears, and you must choose, depending on the license you have, either Serial or Parallel. A list of problems appears and you can choose which problem you want run. If all goes well, one of the final messages on screen should read Marc Exit number 3004. If you have a FORTRAN compiler on your system, choose a demonstration example with a user subroutine. Again, Marc should give a Marc Exit number 3004.			
	<b>Note:</b> Should any of these examples not run, please use the checklist in Appendix B: Troubleshooting to verify whether the installation was executed correctly. Refer to Chapter 4: Running Marc of this document for the syntax of <i>run_marc</i> . Contact MSC.Software Corporation customer support if you are still unable to run the examples.			
Checking Mentat	Run Mentat. Repeatedly choose the exit option to leave the installation script: 0)Return to the previous menu 0)Exit from the installation script type mentat if a soft link was created			
	<b>Note:</b> Should Mentat fail to start, please use the checklist in Appendix B: Troubleshooting to verify whether the installation was executed correctly. Contact MSC.Software Corporation customer support if you are still unable to run the program.			
Checking Marc from Mentat	If you have both Marc and Mentat installed, you can check the Marc installation from within Mentat. To do this, click the HELP button on the bottom-right corner of the Mentat window. Use the RUN A DEMO PROBLEM button to run an installation check on Marc.			
Step 7:	Choose the <i>exit</i> option to leave the installation script:			
Exit	r) Exit from the trial submenu			
	q) Exit from the installation script			
Step 8:	Use option <b>d</b> of the documentation CD to install the documentations.			
Installing the documentation				

## **Chapter 4: Running Marc**

This section describes the Marc usage on Unix based machines. The Marc programs are mainly controlled by a shell script called *run\_marc* which is stored in the marc2008r1 subdirectory tools. If you have used the option to creating a link during the installation, this link is also known system wide as marc2008r1. It is designed to handle practically all possible options.

The shell script will submit a job and must be executed in the directory where all relevant input and output files concerning the job are available. To use the shell script, each Marc job should have a unique name qualifier and all Marc output files connected to that job will use this same qualifier.

Marc input files should always be named *job\_name.dat*, whereby the prefix *job\_name* is the name qualifier which you are free to choose. The suffix *.dat* is obligatory.

To actually submit a Marc job, the following command should be used. The single input line is split over multiple lines for clarity:

run_marc	-jid	job_name (required as minimum)
	-rid	restart_name
	-pid	post_name
	-sid	substructure_name
	-prog	program_name
	-user	user_subroutine_name
	-save	save_user_executable
	-back	run_in_background
	-ver	verification_flag
	-vf	viewfactor_name
	-def	defaults_name
	-nprocd	number_of_processors
	-nprocds	number_of_domains
	-nthread	number_of_threads
	-dir	directory where job I/O takes place
	-sdir	directory where the scratch files are located
	-host	hostfile (for running over the network)
	-comp	compatible machines on a network
	-ci	copy input files to remote machines in a network
	-cr	copy post files back from remote machines in a network
	-ml	Memory limit in Mbytes.

Table 2 describes the meaning of these input options and Table 3 gives examples.

Table 2	run_marc Input Options	
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Keyword	Options	Description	
-jid (-j)	job_name	Job and input file name identification.	
-prog (-pr)	progname	Run saved executable <i>progname.marc</i> from a previous job (usually <i>user_name</i> ; see below).	
-user (-u)	user_name	User subroutine <i>user_name.f</i> will be used to generate a new executable program called <i>user_name.marc</i> .	
-save (-sa)	no	Do not save the new executable program user_name.marc.	
	yes	Save the executable program <i>user_name.marc</i> for a next time.	
-rid -(r)	restart_name	Identification of previous job that created RESTART file.	
-pid (-pi)	post_name	Identification of previous job that created postfile containing temperature data.	
-sid (-si)	substructure	Substructure jobs only: name of the substructuring file <i>substructure.t31</i> .	
-back (-b)	yes	Alternative for -queue: run the program in the background.	
	no	Run the program in the foreground.	
-ver (-v)	yes	Ask for confirmation before starting the job.	
	no	Will start the job immediately.	
-nprocd (-np)	2,3,4,etc	Number of processors (generally same as the number of domains).	
-nprocds (-nps)	2,3,4,etc	Number of domains for parallel processing using a Single Input file.	
-nthread	2,4,etc	Number of threads for parallel matrix solver.	
-dir	directory_name	Directory where the job i/o should take place. Defaults to current directory.	
-sdir	directory_name	Directory where the scratch files are placed. Default is to -dir.	
-host (-ho)	hostfile	Specify the name of the host file for running over a network (default is execution on one machine only in which case this option is not needed).	
-comp (-co)	yes	When machines are compatible in a run over the network.	
	no	When machines are not compatible in a run over the network.	
		This option is only needed when user subroutines are used.	
-ci	yes no	Automatically copy input files to remote machines in a network run.	
-cr	yes no	Automatically copy post files back from remote machines in a network run.	
*Default options	are shown in <b>bold</b> .		

Keyword	Options	Description	
-vf	vf_filename	Refers to the viewfactor file for a heat transfer radiation analysis. (Monte Carlo method)	
-def	defaults_file	Used to define an auxiliary input file containing default values.	
-autorst	<b>0</b> or 1	If 0 when remeshing is required, the analysis program goes into a wait state until meshing is complete.	
		If 1 when remeshing is required, the analysis program stops, the mesher begins, and the analysis program automatically restarts.	
		Using the default procedure (0) uses more memory, but less I/O.	
		Using the restart procedure (1), invokes the RESTART LAST option.	
-ml	available memorn on the machine	Provide an upper bound to the amount of memory available.	
-sdir	directory_name	Directory where the scratch files are created during the run.	
		Defaults to the current directory.	
*Default options are shown in <b>bold</b> .			

Table 2	run marc In	put Options (	(continued)

Examples of running Marc jobs	Description:
run_marc -jid e2x1	Runs the job $e^{2x1}$ in the background, the input file $e^{2x1}$ .dat resides in the current working directory.
run_marc -jid e2x14 -user u2x14 -save yes	Runs the job $e2x14$ in the background, using the user subroutine $u2x14$ .f and the input file $e2x14$ .dat. An executable program named $u2x14$ .marc will be saved after completion of the job.
run_marc -jid e2x14a -prog u2x14	Runs the job $e2x14a$ using the executable produced by job $e2x14$ .
run_marc -jid e3x2a -ver no -back no	Runs the job <i>e3x2a</i> in the foreground. The job will run immediately without verifying interactively.
run_marc -jid e3x2b -rid e3x2a	Performs a restart job using the results of the previous job $e3x2a$ .
run_marc -jid e2x1 -nprocd 2	Runs a two processor job on a single parallel machine.

#### Table 3 Examples of Running Marc Jobs

<pre>run_marc -jid e2x1 -nprocd 2 -host</pre>	Runs a two-processor job over a network.
hostfile	The hosts are specified in the file hostfile
	(refer to the Marc Parallel Network for Unix
	Installation and Operations Guide for runs on a
	network of machines.

Table 3 Examples of Running Marc Jobs (continued)

## **Chapter 5: Running Mentat**

This section describes the Mentat usage on Unix based machines. Mentat is started by a shell script called *mentat* which is stored in the mentat2008r1/bin directory. If you used the option to create a link during the installation, this link is known system wide as *mentat2008r1*.

You do not need to start the shell script from a specific directory.

Mentat creates the default files in your current working directory; that is, where you are located at the time of starting Mentat.

The shell-script *mentat* contains a number of arguments which are passed on to Mentat. Table 4 gives the meaning of these input options. You are free to alter these commands to suit your preference.

Keyword	Option	Description
-ar	area_ratio	This is similar to -sz, except it is a percentage of the default window size.
-bp	\$(DIR)/bin/	Directory path name where the external Mentat programs and shell scripts are located.
-compile	binary_menu_filename	This is used to compile ASCII menu files into a Binary menu file.
-db	True/False	Double buffering: a screen refresh is first assembled in a separate memory section and then displayed. This option results in a smooth appearance. The default is <i>True</i> or <i>On</i> .
-fn	8x15	Default font type.
-gr		This uses the gray scale color map.
-ha	True/False	This option enables the middle mouse button help windows to run the Adobe Acrobat reader using the PDF help files. True turns on using the PDF help, false turns it off. The default is <i>True</i> or <i>On</i> .
-help		Print a list of all of the options.
-hp	\$(DIR)/help/	Directory path name where the help files are located.
-ic	bitplane_threshold [3 - 8]	This install color map switch is only relevant if you are running Mentat on an X Window screen that does not support many colors. This number allows you to set a lower bound on the number of colors Mentat will use. On cheaper screens, setting this number too high may produce distracting side effects.
-lf	filename	Specify the Mentat logfile name.
-mb	24/16/8	Maximum graphic depth allowed. The default is 24.
-mf	main.ms	The name of the startup menu file.
-ml	<pre>\$(DIR)/material/</pre>	Directory path name where the material files are located.
-mp	\$(DIR)/menus/	Directory path name where the menu files are located.

Table 4 Mentat Input Options

Keyword	Option	Description	
-nh		Not provided by default. For OpenGL and X Window	
		versions of Mentat. The use of this switch reduces run time	
		memory requirements at the expense of graphic speed.	
-ogl		Use the OpenGL graphics interface, if available.	
-path	directory_name	Provides a directory in which Mentat searches when	
		opening an existing input file. Multiple directories can be	
		specified as follows: <i>-path directory_1 -path directory_2</i>	
		etc.	
-pr	filename	Any additional set-up commands you wish to add. Store	
		these in a procedure file containing the Mentat commands.	
-ra		This reads all of the ASCII Menu files.	
-rf	filename	Record the Mentat commands in the procedure file	
		filename.	
-55	True/False	Graphic refresh to use snapshots. The default is <i>True</i> .	
- s z	width height	Change the size (width and height in pixels) of the window.	
-ti	title	Append <i>title</i> to the name of the window.	
-xfdb	True/False	Fast X server double buffering. The default is <i>True</i> .	
-xr	horizontal_ratio	This is similar to -sz, except it is a percentage of the	
		default window size in the horizontal direction.	
-yr	vertical_ratio	This is similar to -sz, except it is a percentage of the	
		default window size in the vertical direction.	

Table 4 Mentat Input Options (continued)

## **Chapter 6: Making Changes to the Marc Programs**

#### Modifying the MPI Setting: mpich or hardware

For most platforms, the default MPI is either MPICH or HP MPI. For some platforms, Intel MPI or hardware MPI is also available as an option. You can use the maintain script in the marc tools directory to modify the MPI setting.

Refer to the Marc and Mentat 2008 r1 Release Guide for the exception.

If you choose to modify the MPI setting, you may do so by means of the install.exe script:

```
cd <parent>/install
install.exe
```

Choose option 1 from the main menu to get to the Marc menu, and then choose t) Test and maintain the installation to get to the Marc tools menu. Here, choose option 2 to get into the maintenance submenu. Choose the option 2.1 to modify the MPI setting.

The options of modifying the MPI setting are given.

## **Chapter 7: Mentat Interfaces**

#### **Mentat External Programs**

Mentat supports a number of CAD interfaces: IGES, Patran, Ideas, VDA, etc. These interfaces are accessed using external programs called from within Mentat. The interface programs are stored in the *mentat2008r1* subdirectory *bin*. These programs read the data files in their native format and translate the contents into a Mentat model file. This file is subsequently read by Mentat. The external programs are called from within Mentat by means of the FILE submenu.

#### Jobs

The subdirectory bin contains shell script files to start a Marc FEM job using the following shell scripts:

submit1, submit2, submit3,

These shell scripts are called by means of the buttons in the JOBS menu.

You can alter these files to suit your environment; for example, set up one of the *submit* scripts so that it starts a Marc job on a different machine on your network.

### **Plotter Interface**

Because of the many variations in plotting environments, we have created plotting interfaces in the form of shell scripts that operate from within Mentat. Currently, Mentat recognizes the following plotting formats:

- PostScript
- Xdump (translated in either PostScript or HPGL format)

This section describes a template shell script for each of the formats mentioned above. They are located in the ./bin directory and are named as follows:

psgray1, psgray2, psgray3 pscolor1, pscolor2, pscolor3 xdump1, xdump2, xdump3

## PostScript

The PostScript function is activated by pressing either the Gray or Color Print button from the UTILS menu on the POSTSCRIPT panel. The program captures the graphics portion of the screen into a file and sends this file to a PostScript printer using the *psgray* or *pscolor* shell scripts located in the ./bin directory. In the example listed below, the file is sent to a computer called 'mars' on the network. The lpr command with the supt argument sends the file to a PostScript printer known to the spooler as supt. After the file is sent, it is removed from disk automatically.

```
#!/bin/csh
rsh mars lpr -Psupt < $1
rm -f $1</pre>
```

The argument \$1 is the filename handed to the shell by Mentat. If there is more than one printer online, the *psgray* and *pscolor* shell scripts can be used to address these other printers.

## Xdump

The xwd command, widely available on many platforms, dumps an image of an X window into a specially formatted dump file. This file can then be read by various other X utilities for redisplay, printing, editing, formatting, and archiving. Its complementary xpr command takes the window dump file as input and formats its output for a particular device, such as a PostScript printer or a HP PaintJet (color mode). Below is an example of a shell script that uses xwd, and, in conjunction with xpr, sends the information to printer pjetx1. See the man pages on your system for more details.

```
#!/bin/csh
xwd | xpr -device pjetxl -scale 2 | /etc/aprint -Abatphone2 -L25
```

## Edit

The *edit\_window* shell script is used to control the editor associated with the EDIT commands. It is possible to change the type of editor, for example, from *vi* to *emacs* or change the type of windowing environment.

## **System Shell**

The *system\_window* shell script is used to control the type of window opened with the system\_shell command. It is possible to change the type of window.

## Parallel Render

The *marc\_render* shell script can be modified such that the photorealistic rendering is performed across multiple CPUs. The parameter *nbands* is used to specify the number of CPUs.

## **MPEG Playback**

The mpeg\_window shell script is used to control the program opened with the play\_mpeg command.

## **Chapter 8: Managing FLEXIm with Marc and Mentat**

### **FLEXIm License File**

FLEXIm is the network based licensing product from Macrovision Software used in MSC products.

The license file, license.dat, should be placed in the cparent>/flexlm/licenses directory
once you receive your licenses from your nearest MSC.Software Corporation office. Everyone
should have read permission to the file. The license file has the following format:

Line	Description
SERVER	This line specifies the license server. It has the format:
	SERVER hostname hostid port
DAEMON	This line specifies the name of the vendor daemon (MSC), and the path. It has the format:
	DAEMON MSC <parent>/flexIm/<platform>/msc</platform></parent>
FEATURE	This line lists the feature or license names. This line <u>cannot</u> be modified from what is sent to you. For your Marc license, it has the format:
	FEATURE MARC MSC 2010.1231 (for single processor version)
	FEATURE MARC_Parallel MSC 2010.1231 (for parallel version)
	For your Mentat license, it has the format:
	FEATURE MENTAT MSC 2010.1231
	Each single-processor job is required to have a license name MARC for execution to proceed. To run a multiprocessor job, a corresponding number of multiple licenses with the feature name MARC_Parallel plus a license name MARC is required. For example, to run a job using four processors in parallel, one MARC license and four MARC_Parallel licenses are needed.
USE_SERVER	When used together with the SERVER line, this line is used on the licensed "client system" (as opposed to the license server), to specify that it should obtain a license from the specified license server. It has no options.
CAMPUS	This line specifies that a pool of license tokens are used. When the MasterKey licensing system is used, the FEATURE line will have a specification for VENDOR_STRING containing GROUP: CAMPUS and BLV:nn, where nn is the number of tokens that is required in order to obtain a license. All MSC.Software products may obtain a license from a MasterKey license provided that a corresponding FEATURE line exists.

## **FLEXIm License Manager**

The run\_marc and mentat script will start the FLEXIm license manager daemon lmgrd using the rc.lmgrd script located in the flexlm/<platform> directory. Once lmgrd is running, it reads the license file license.dat which is located in the flexlm/licenses directory. The license file contains the MSC.Software license (and other MSC.Software product licenses, if necessary). In addition, lmgrd also starts the MSC.Software vendor daemon msc. The path to msc is specified in the license file on the DAEMON line. These processes must be running on the license server for the MSC.Software security system to obtain a license.

Marc and Mentat contact these daemons at regular intervals. If no contact is made after a specified time period, Marc or Mentat terminates execution.

For the 2008r1 version, the FLEXIm License Manager must be at version 10.8.6 or higher.

When the security programs are installed, they will be upgraded to version 10.8.6. You should stop the FLEXIm License Manager before installing the product so that the programs can be updated. If your license server is a remote machine, then you need to update the FLEXIm programs on the server before attempting to run the product. If you do not have a CD-ROM for that platform, the programs may be downloaded from:

ftp://ftp.mscsoftware.com/pub/msc-products/system\_util/flexlm/v10.8.6

There is a *readme* file which will tell you which zip file to download, and an *install* file which will provide instructions for installing the programs.

## **Environment Variables**

The environment variable *MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE* is used to specify the full path to the license.dat file, and is a colon separated list of file pathnames. An example setting of MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE is:

MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE=\$DIR/../flexlm/licenses/license.dat:/usr/local/flexlm/licen ses/license.dat:1515@mars.earth.com

The variable must be set in your environment, or optionally could be inserted in the run\_marc or mentat script. The default setting is DIR/../flexlm/licenses/license.dat, where DIR is the path to the Marc or Mentat directory. Note that the FLEXIm license manager must be running before Marc or Mentat executes. This has changed from previous versions where it would startup the license manager automatically if it wasn't already running.

**Note:** You may want to combine all of your FLEXIm licenses into one file and change the FLEXDIR setting appropriately. For instance, if you have already installed other MSC products and the MSC daemon has been activated.

#### **Security Directory**

The security directory defaults to <parent>/flexlm. It must be <u>writable</u> by all Marc and Mentat users if they will be allowed to start the license manager when needed, since lmgrd writes the logfile (flexlm/flexlm.log) to that directory. If you do not wish to have the security directory writable by others, then you must have the license manager started at boot time.

You may also want to monitor the size of the logfile, since all FLEXIm activity is recorded to that file.

**Note:** The flexlm.log file contains important status information regarding the license manager daemon. Always check this file when you get a security error.

#### **Combining the Marc License with Other MSC Products**

You can combine the Marc license with other MSC product licenses. To do this, add the Marc license to the license file for MSC.Nastran, MSC.Patran, or other MSC.Software products. You will need to restart the license server before using Marc.

#### **Client/Server Licensing**

The default installation assumes that the system in which Marc is installed, functions as the license server. The term license server only refers to the fact that lmgrd and msc are running on that system, and maintains the state of available licenses. Even if you have purchased a nodelocked license, the nodelocked system functions as the license server for that license. A nodelocked license can be distinguished from a floating license since it will have a HOSTID=xxx in the feature line.

If you have purchased a floating license, the system that is to be the license server must be determined before generating the system identification file (sid001.dat). You <u>must</u> generate the system identification file from the license server, since the *lmhostid* value of the server is needed to generate your passwords. The license file that is returned to you should be placed in the flexlm directory. The client systems can use the same license file, or they can use a brief license file with just the SERVER and USE\_SERVER lines.

If you are using a license server and lmgrd will always be running, then you may wish to remove or rename the rc.lmgrd script started by the run\_marc and mentat script so that it does not attempt to start the license manager on the client.

### **MasterKey Licensing**

The MasterKey licensing option allows you to use a pool of licenses for all of the MSC.Software products. A MasterKey license is issued with a pool of "tokens". Each MSC.Software product will attempt to retrieve a specified number of these tokens in order to be granted a license. If not enough tokens are available, then it will be queued. Programs that are queued will be granted a license in the order in which they request a license. For example, if there are 100 tokens and a request is made for 60 tokens, that program will be granted a license. If another program makes a request for 60 tokens, it will be placed in the license queue. If yet another program makes a request for 40 tokens, it will be queued

behind the request for 60 tokens. When the program that was using the 60 tokens exits and releases its tokens, the queued request for 60 tokens will then be granted a license. Then the queued request for 40 tokens will be granted a license.

The amount of minutes a program will wait for a license after it has been queued may be specified with the environment variable MSC\_AUTHQUE. The default value is 5 minutes. It may be set as follows in a Bourne shell:

MSC\_AUTHQUE=20 export MSC\_AUTHQUE

In a C shell, it may be set as:

setenv MSC\_AUTHQUE 20

### **Product Layout**

When you install Marc and/or Mentat, you will get the following installation hierarchy:

<Parent>

—— install	contains the install.exe script and other installation scripts
—— flexlm	contains the FLEXIm programs
	contains the Marc program files (if installed)
mentat2008r1	contains the MSC.MSC Mentat program files (if installed)

In the run\_marc script, the environment variables involved with the FLEXIm security are set as follows:

```
DIR=<parent>/marc2008r1
FLEXDIR=$DIR/../flexlm/licenses
```

In the mentat script, the environment variables involved with the FLEXIm security are set as follows:

```
DIR=<parent>/mentat2008r1
FLEXDIR=$DIR/../flexlm/licenses
```

## Appendix A:Sample Installation of Marc and Mentat

In this appendix, a sample installation, assuming a single license installation for Linux 64-bit, is demonstrated.

Step 1: Start the installation script on the CD-ROM	<cdrom_dir>/ install.exe</cdrom_dir>	In most cases, the name of <cdrom_dir> w or /CDROM. The device name for your CD-F different, so check your system administrati example, on a Sun the name may be /cdrom</cdrom_dir>	ROM may be on guide. For
Step 2: Extract the files		Welcome to the Marc installation script for Unix systems	
from the CD-ROM		Enter a valid pathname to the directory to install the software ( <current directory="">).</current>	
	Enter the path	/opt/marc	
		Marc Installation script for Unix s MSC.Software Corporation Main menu	ystems
		1 ) Install/Test Marc	
		2 ) Install Mentat	
		o) Options	
		? ) Help information	
		q ) Exit from the installation script	
	Select option 1	Selection: 1	
Marc Installation		MSC.Software Corporation Marc 2008 r1 Menu	
		H1)Install for HP-UX 11.00 PA2.0 LP64	(~400 MB)
		H2)Install for HP-UX 11.00 PA2.0 ILP64	(~400 MB)
		H3)Install for HP-UX 11.23 Itanium 2 LP64 (~400 ME	
		H4)Install for HP-UX 11.23 Itanium 2 ILP64(~400 MB)	
		I1) Install for IBM AIX 5.2 LP64	(~450 MB)
		I2) Install for IBM AIX 5.2 ILP64	(~450 MB)
		L1 Install for Linux 2.6 IA32 Redhat AS 4	(~450 MB)
		L2) Install for Linux 2.6 Opteron RHEL 4 LP64	(~450 MB)
		L3 Install for Linux 2.4.x (IA64 RHEL 3 LP64)	(~450 MB)

	L4) Install for Linux 2.4 IA64 RHEL 3 - ILP64	(~500 MB)	
	L5) Install for Linux 2.6 EMT64/AMD RHEL 4 - LP64	(~450 MB)	
	L6) Install for Linux 2.6 EMT64/AMD RHEL 4 - ILP64	(~450 MB)	
	G3)Install for SGI Altix Itanium LP64	(~500 MB)	
	G4)Install for SGI Altix Itanium ILP64	(~500 MB)	
	S1) Install for Sun Solaris 10 Ultra III LP64	4 (~500 MB)	
	S2) Install for Sun Solaris 10 Ultra III ILP64(~300 MB)		
	t) Test and maintain the installation		
	?) Help information		
	r) Return to previous menu		
Select option G2	Selection [L2]: L2		
	You have selected Linux 2.6 Opteron RHE	L 4 LP64.	
	Is this correct? $[Y/n] y$		
Make your choice. You must be root to	Installing Marc Marc 2008 r1 for Linux Op RHEL 4 LP64	oteron	
create the link	Installing the script files to /opt/marc/install Installing the security files in /opt/marc/flexlm/irix Installing from /cdrom/products/al26amd4.k08		
	include script adjusted run_marc script adjusted	KUO	
	Do you want to create links to the marc's st [y/N] ? <b>n</b>	tartup scripts	
	Hit return to continue		

Mentat Installation		MSC.Software Corporation Mentat 2008 r1 Menu		
		h1) Install for HP-UX 11.00 PA2.0	(~850 MB)	
		h2) Install for HP-UX 11.22		
		Itanium 2	(~850 MB)	
		i1) Install for IBM AIX 5.2	(~800 MB)	
		11) Install for Linux 2.4 IA32 RHEL 3	(~750 MB)	
		12) Install for Linux 2.4 EM64T/AMD RHEL 3	(~750 MB)	
		14) Install for Linux 2.4 IA64 RHEL 3	(~750 MB)	
		13) Install for Linux 2.4 (EM64T/AMD RHEL 3	(~750 MB)	
		g3) Install for SGI IRIX64 R12K 6.5	(~750 MB)	
		s1) Install for Sun Solaris 9 Ultra III	(~750 MB)	
		?) Help information		
		r) Return to previous menu		
	Select option g1	Selection [12]: <b>12</b>		
		You have selected Linux 2.4 EM64T/AMD	RHEL 3	
		Is this correct? [Y/n]: <b>y</b>		
		Installing Mentat 2008 r1 for Linux 2.4 EM64T/AMD RHEL 3		
		Installing the script files to /opt/marc/instal	1	
		Do you want to replace /opt/marc/flexlm/ir [y/N] <b>n</b>	ix ?	
		/opt/marc/flexlm/irix is not empty No new flexlm files are installed		
		Installing from /cdrom/products/gl240amd.	k08	
	Enter the path to the	Enter the pathname to the directory containing the solver:		
	marc2008r1	[/opt/marc/marc2008r1]		
	directory. You can use the default selection by just pressing the enter key.	Hit return to continue		
		mentat script adjusted mrun script adjusted submit1 script adjusted submit2 script adjusted submit3 script adjusted kill1 script adjusted kill2 script adjusted		
		kill3 script adjusted		
	Make your choice	Do you want to create links to the mentat's startup scripts $[y/N]$ ? <b>n</b>		
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		Hit return to continue		
Step 3:	Return to main menu	r) Return to previous menu		
Step 4:	Go to options menu	o) Options		
Options				
Step 5:		s) Install Security		
Security		sd) Install Security documentation		
		u) Update Product scripts		
		r) Remove (un-install) a product		
		ci) Change the installation directory		
		cd) Change the CDROM path		
		<i>l</i> ) Change the product listing file		
		sc) Determining system configuration		
		Selection: S		
Step 6:	Select option 1	Security submenu		
Generate a		1) Generate system identifier file		
system identifier		2) Show the system identifier		
		3) Print the system identifier		
		4) Send the system identifier		
		5) Reset the license manager (lmreread)		
		6) Start the license manager daemon		
		7) Stop the license manager daemon		
		?) Help		
		r) Return to previous menu		
		Selection: 1		
Enter your data				
		Please enter the following information:		
		Your company name () : <b>PieMontVue Inc.</b>		
		Your department () :		
		Your company address () : 101 Grant St.		
		City and postal code (): Woodsland, Ca 97001		
		Country () : USA		
		Your name () : Pat Smith		
		Your email address () : psmith@pie.com		

	If you are installing both Marc and Mentat, enter both of your license codes.	Your telephone number () : <b>498 8779221</b> Your telefax number () : <b>498 8770101</b> Current system data : Computer type () : <b>Dell</b> Computer model () : <b>Precision</b> MSC license agreement number (optional) () : Amendment number (optional) () : Any changes (y/n) [n] ? <b>n</b> **** Data written in file "/opt/marc/install/sid001.dat" Send this file to Marc
Step 7:	Select option 3 to	Selection: 4
Send the system identifier to the nearest MSC.Software Corporation office	print, or 4 for E-mail	
Step 8:	vi license.dat	When you receive your passwords from MSC.Software,
Enter		edit or create the <parent>/flexlm/licenses/license.dat file and</parent>
passwords	chmod 644 license.dat	add the license data sent to you. It will consist of at least three lines: a SERVER line, a DAEMON line, and a FEATURE line. See Macrovision's <i>FLEXIm End User</i> <i>Manual</i> for more information.
	Select option q to exit the installation script	Selection: <b>q</b>
Step 9:	Follow the directions	
umount and mount the CDs	in Table 1.	
Step 10:		Welcome to the Marc installation script for Unix
Install documentations		systems Enter a valid pathname to the directory to install the
accumentations		software ( <current directory="">).</current>
	Enter the path	/opt/marc

	Marc Installation script for Unix systems MSC.Software Corporation Main menu
	d) Install Documentations
	o) Options
	? ) Help information
	q ) Exit from the installation script
Select option d	Selection: d
	Installing documetation at
	/opt/marc/mentat2008r1/doc
	Hit return to continue.

# **Appendix B:Troubleshooting**

Cannot read CD-ROM	• The device name listed in Table 1 may be incorrect for your system. Please consult your system manager.
	• The CD-ROM device may not be mounted. Please consult your system manager.
Cannot create	• You have no write permission in the parent directory. Change with <i>chmod</i> .
Security failed	Marc or Mentat was unable to obtain a license from the FLEXIm licensing software. In this case, Marc or Mentat will exit. The possible causes for this are:
	• The FLEXIm license manager is missing or cannot be executed due to permission problems. Check the log file flexlm.log in the flexlm directory. Try testing the FLEXIm license server with the command flexlm/lmstat. If this fails, consult the <i>FLEXIm End User Manual</i> .
	• You are attempting to run on a machine that according to the Marc password(s) you are not allowed to use.
	• Your license period has expired. Check the date on your machine.
	• For counted licenses, currently running too many Marc jobs. Try later. If the limit has not been exceeded, try restarting the license manager, lmgrd and the vendor daemon MSC. Make sure no other Marc jobs are running.
	• If you have just modified the license.dat file, the lmgrd and MSC daemons may not have been restarted. Run the <i>lmreread</i> utility as follows:
	lmreread -c "parent"/flexlm/licenses/license.dat
	• If you get the FLEXIm error:
	Invalid (inconsistent) license key (-8,130:2) No such file or directory
	it may be implying that the hostid value specified on the SERVER line are inconsistent with the passwords. Check the values and restart the license manager.
	• If you get the FLEXIm error:
	Cannot connect to license server (-15,12:146)
	and you are using a floating license, the license manager (lmgrd) may not be running on the license server, or the USE_SERVER line in your client side license.dat file is incorrect. Also make sure that the TCP/IP port numbers used on the SERVER line are the same on both the client and the server.
	• If you get the FLEXIm error:
	No such feature exists (-5,147)
	and your license is limited to certain systems, you may be trying to run on a system that is not licensed for use. Check that the <i>lmhostid</i> of the system you are trying to use and that on your marc2008r1 ( <i>FEATURE MARC</i> ) license is the same.

Link failed in	• Your user subroutine causes compiler errors.	
Marc	• You have no FORTRAN compiler.	
	Fortran libraries not available.	
	• Check the variable <b>syslibs</b> in the file <i>include</i> in the marc2008r1 subdirectory tools. It references special system libraries in /usr/lib which may not exist on your system.	
Testing Marc Installation fail	• If you are using install.exe to test Marc installation and the Test and maintain installation does not respond, remove exec tcsh from your .cshrc and restart installation testing.	
Mentat cannot open the display	• Make sure Mentat has X server access to your display device. The command: xhost + allows Mentat to run on a remote screen. This command must be issued while logged onto the computer that owns the remote screen.	
	• If you are using a terminal other than the default screen belonging to the machine, you may have to set the X-window output device:	
	C-shell: setenv DISPLAY your_terminal_name:0.0	
	Bourne shell: DISPLAY=your_terminal_name:0.0 export DISPLAY	
Mentat runs OK, then aborts	• This may happen when the model you are working on becomes very large. Mentat requires a considerable amount of memory to store the model. We advise that a minimum of 128 MB core memory is available in your machine.	
	• You can save memory by switching UNDO off in the SPEED menu.	

# **Appendix C:Marc/Mentat Files and Subdirectories**

The Marc version you have received contains a full set of subdirectories listed below. You can save disk space by removing the subsets that you do not need.

Basic set:	Contents: required as minimum	
bin	executable Marc programs	
tools	shell scripts to run and maintain the Marc programs	
/flexlm	FLEXIm security files	
AF_flowmat	material data for database	
doc	Installation Guide, Release Guide and Volumes A-E	
	installed from the documentation CD-ROM	
	installed in this directory Mentat is not installed	
Extended set:	Contents: only for use with user subroutines	
common	insert files containing Marc common blocks	
lib	binary libraries with the compiled Marc routines	
user	templates for all available Marc user subroutines	
Examples:	Contents: example files	
demo	input files and user subroutines for the Marc Volume E: Demonstration Problems	
demo_ddm	input files and user subroutines for the single parallel machine as well as the network parallel version of Marc	
demo_table	input files and user subroutines for the Marc Volume E: Demonstration Problems based upon Table driven input format.	
benchmark	small set of demonstration examples for performance measurement	
test_ddm	one, two, and four processor test examples for installation testing of the single parallel machine as well as the network parallel version	
Utilities:	Contents:	
pldump	source routines for the post-file conversion program pldump	
pldump2000	source routines for the post-file conversion program pldump2000	
hpmpi, intelmpi	MPI libraries for network parallel version	
*Note that the last	set is available on SOURCE code license tapes only.	

Table 5Contents of the Marc Distribution CD-ROM

The Mentat version you have received contains a full set of subdirectories listed below. You can save disk space by removing the subsets that you do not need.

Basic set:	Contents: required as minimum
bin	shell scripts and programs for Mentat
help	Mentat online help files
materials	Mentat material files
menus	Mentat menu files
doc	Installation Guide, Release Guide and Marc Volumes A-E
	installed from the documentation CD-ROM
Extended set:	Contents: example Mentat procedure files
examples	sample Mentat procedure files

Table 6 Contents of the Mentat directory unloaded from CD-ROM

Table 7 Contents of the FlexIm/<platform> directory unloaded from CD-ROM

Program	Description	
lmcksum	performs a checksum of the license file	
lmdiag	diagnose a problem with checking out a license	
lmdown	shutdowns the license daemons	
lmgrd	the main license manager daemon for FlexIm	
lmhostid	prints the hostid of a system	
lmremove	allows you to remove a single user's license	
lmreread	causes the license manager to reread the license file	
lmstat	helps you monitor the status of all network licensing activities	
lmswitchr	switches the FLEXadmin log file for the specified feature	
lmutil	The executable to which the FLEXIm utilities are linked	
lmver	Lists the FLEXIm version of a library or executable	
msc	The vendor daemon used to pass Marc specific licensing information to lmgrd	
rc.lmgrd	The script that starts lmgrd	
See the FLEXIm End User Manual for more information.		

Marc Parallel Network for Unix Installation and Operations Guide

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### Introduction

The current document is divided into three parts:

Part I	Provides the general description about the hardware and software
	requirements and definitions.

- Part II Provides a step-by-step approach to installation of the network version.
- Part III Provides miscellaneous information about executing a parallel job over a network and use of user subroutines.

The list of supported capabilities in parallel can be found in Section 7 of the Release Guide.

## Part 1 General Information

### Hardware and Software Requirements:

For Linux IA64 and EM64T platforms the default MPI is HP MPI from Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. Intel MPI from Intel Corporation is also supported and can be used by switching to it using the maintain script under the marc tools directory.

To use the Intel MPI (iMPI), please observe the following.

a. Create a .mpd.conf file in your home directory that contains the following line.

secretword=<your mpd password>

where <your mpd password> can be any arbitrary string.

Change mode of the .mpd.conf to 600, i.e. do a

chmod 600 \$HOME/.mpd.conf

b. Setup a mpd.hosts file in your home directory consists of the names of nodes in your cluster (it can have only 1 node, i.e. 1 line):

clusternode1 clusternode2 clusternode3

The rest is taken care of by the run\_marc script.

However, if your cluster requires password to perform ssh or rsh between nodes, you may need to enter your password every time you are running a parallel job. You can disable the password requirement in the use of ssh or rsh. Please consult your system administrator.

**Note:** There is a conflict between the libdl.so.2 in the /lib/lib\_shared directory of the Linux IA64 release which was built in RHEL 3 with the /lib/libdl.so.2 in RHEL 4 platforms. Simply rename the lib\_shared directory when running on IA64 RHEL 4 systems.

Although no specific hardware requirements exist for Marc to run in network mode, it is preferable to have fast network connections between the machines. It is recommended that the network should have a speed of at least 100 MBit per second. If only two machines are to be used, a hub or a cross-over cable can be used to connect them. If more than two machines are to be used, a switch is preferable. TCP/IP is used for communications.

For a list of supported Unix platforms, see the Release Guide, Section 7.

## **Compatibility:**

Although it is possible to connect different Unix machines, it is recommended to only use compatible machines in an analysis. Two machines are compatible if they can both use the same Marc executable.

Some examples of compatible machines are:

1. Several machines with exactly the same processor type and O/S.

- 2. One SGI R8000/Irix 6.5 and one SGI R10000/Irix 6.5 machine.
- 3. One HP J-Class/HPUX-11.0 and one HP C-Class/HPUX-11.0.

**Note:** The HP Alpha Tru64 machines cannot be connected to other Unix machines in this release.

### Definitions

- 1. Root machine: The machine on which the Marc job is started.
- 2. Remote machine: Any machine other than the root machine which is part of a distributed Marc run on the network.
- Shared installation: Marc is installed in an NFS shared directory on one machine only. Other machines can access the Marc executable since the directory is shared.
- 4. Distributed installation: Marc is installed on all machines. Each machine accesses its own Marc executable.
- 5. Distributed execution:

Marc is run on multiple machines which are connected with a network. Each machine loads the Marc executable either from a shared or a local directory and then executes the executable.

6. Shared I/O:

Marc reads and writes data in an NFS shared directory. Each Marc executable running on the network reads/writes to the same directory.

7. Distributed I/O:

Marc reads and writes data in a directory located on each machine. The user must make the input available in each directory and collect the results files after the analysis.

8. NFS – Network File System.

#### **Network Configuration**

Marc only needs to be installed on the root machine where the installation directory is shared via NFS (shared installation). Marc can also be installed on the remote machines which then use their own executable (distributed installation). A distributed installation must be done if incompatible machines are used. The root machine is the one on which the Marc job is started, typically from within Mentat. The remote machines can be located anywhere as long as they are connected to the network. The working directory on each machine can be a shared directory on any machine on the network (shared I/O) or it can be a local directory on the hard disk of each machine in the analysis (distributed I/O). The User Notes describes how to specify what working directory to use.



Figure 1 Network Configuration

### Part 2 Installation Notes

This part describes the specific steps needed to install and set up a network version of Marc. For general information on Marc installation, see Marc and Mentat for Unix Installation and Operations Guide.

Install Marc on the root machine and, if needed, on the remote machines. Marc only needs to be installed on the root machine. However, if Marc is to be used on the remote machines as well, it can also be installed there. There is nothing special that needs to be done related to the installation itself for the network version.

In order to run parallel jobs on machines connected over the network, it has to be set up properly. If any of the remote hosts does not have Marc installed, the installation directory on the root machine needs to be shared using NFS or some other mechanism so that the Marc executable is available from the remote machines. Users need to be able to connect between the machines using rlogin without having to provide a password.

Assume the following, there are two machines with hostnames host1 and host2 that are to be used in a parallel job over the network. Marc has been installed on host1 and the job is to be started from this machine. A hypothetical naming convention is used for shared directories where a directory name on any machine starts with */nfs/hostname*, where *hostname* is the name of the machine on which the directory is located.

First, test the installation for single processor execution. Change directory to the test\_ddm subdirectory of the Marc installation directory on host1. Then do

```
cd exmpl2/exmpl2_1
marc2008r1 -j cyl2 -b no -v no
```

and Marc should exit in about three minutes if it is a successful run.

Then test the Marc installation for multi-processor execution. Do

```
cd ../exmpl2_2
```

and edit the file hostfile in this directory by replacing workdir with

```
/nfs/host1/marcinstall/test_ddm/examp2/exmpl2_2
```

and installdir with

/nfs/host1/marcinstall.

The host names and directory names should, of course, be replaced with the names on the current system. Finally, type:

marc2008r1 -j cyl2 -b no -v no -nproc 2 -host hostfile

and Marc should exit in about two minutes if it is a successful, parallel run on host1 and host2 using one processor on each.

## Part 3 User Notes

This section assumes that the network version of Marc has been successfully installed on at least one of two machines that are to be used in a distributed analysis and that the appropriate Marc licenses are in order. Assume that host1 is the host name of the machine on which Mentat is running and from which the job is to be started (the root machine). The host name of the other machine (the remote machine) is host2.

## How to run a network job

First, make sure that the two machines are properly connected. From host1, access host2 with

rlogin host2

If a password needs to be provided to do the remote login, this has to be taken care of. If the rlogin is not possible without providing a password, a network run will not be possible. See Troubleshooting in this case.

In order to perform an analysis over a network, a specific file called *host file* needs to be created by the user. This file defines which machines are to be used, how many processes are to run on each, what working directory should be used, and where the Marc executable can be found on each machine. The host file can be selected and edited in Mentat and the Marc job started as usual from within Mentat (see the example below). If Marc is run from the command line, it is done as for a serial run using an additional command line option. For example:

marc2008r1 -v no -b no -jid test -nproc 2 -host hostfile1

will run the two-processor job test.dat using the specification in the file hostfile1. No specific name or extension is used for the host file except that the name *jobid.host* (in this example test.host) must be avoided since it is used internally by Marc.

## Specification of the host file

The host file has the following general format:

```
host1 n1
host2 n2 workdir2 installdir2
host3 n3 workdir3 installdir3
```

Each line must start at column 1 (no initial blanks). Blank lines and lines beginning with a # (number symbol) are ignored.

The first entry is the host name of a machine to be used in the analysis. The root machine must be listed first and each machine must only occur once.

The second entry specifies the number of processes to run on the machine specified in the first entry. The sum of the number of processes given in the host file must equal the number of domains used. In a five-domain job, it is required that n1+n2+n3=5.

The third entry specifies the working directory to use on this host. This is where the I/O for this host takes place. The Marc input files for this machine must be in this directory and the results files for this machine are created in this directory.

The fourth entry specifies where the Marc installation directory that this host should use is located. This entry can be omitted if the name of the Marc installation directory is the same on all machines (which could be a shared directory on host1 with the same name from host2 and host3).

The directories in the third and fourth entries will be used from the respective host. To check the correctness of the host file specification, log in to the respective machine and list the directories as specified in the host file. For the host file given above, do:

```
rlogin host2
ls workdir2
ls installdir2
```

The second line should show the working directory to use on host2 and the third line the installation directory which will be used by host2.

The different domains of the Marc job are associated with the different machines as follows. Suppose a five-domain job test is run using a host file defined as

```
host1 2
host2 1 workdir2 installdir2
host3 2 workdir3 installdir3
```

with appropriate definitions of the third and fourth entries, see below. There will be six Marc input files associated with this job: test.dat, ltest.dat, ..., 5test.dat. Domains 1 and 2 will be associated with host1, domain3 with host2 and domains 4 and 5 with host3.

## Shared I/O

Suppose a job is to be run on host1 and host2. A shared directory on host1 is to be used for I/O and from host2 its name is /nfs/host1/marc/workdir (assuming a hypothetical naming convention for shared directories which starts with /nfs/hostname). The installation directory is assumed to have the same name on both machines. The host file for a two-processor job would simply be

```
host1 1
host2 1 /nfs/host1/marc/workdir
```

To verify the workdir given, do rlogin host2 ; ls /nfs/host1/marc/workdir. The directory seen should be the same one as the working directory on host1.

## **Distributed I/O**

If the user wants to have the I/O to be local on host2, specify the host file as

```
host1 1
host2 1 /usr/people/marcuser
```

The I/O on host2 will now take place in the directory /usr/people/marcuser on the hard disk of host2. For this case, the Marc input files are transferred to /usr/people/marcuser on host2 before the job is started, and the results files are transferred back after the analysis for postprocessing. This transfer of files is done by Marc automatically.

It is also possible to use only two entries in the host file. This requires that both the working directory and the installation directory have the same names on all machines.

## Example

The definitions for a network run with Mentat is demonstrated with a simple example. We assume the simplest case where both the working directory and installation directories are shared.

Enter the menu HELP-> RUN A DEMO PROBLEM and select the example CONTACT WITH DDM. Select and confirm your three domains as shown below.





Activate the DDM and enter the NETWORK SETTINGS menu.





Select the file hostfile with the HOST FILE button. Edit it by clicking the EDIT button. The hostfile places two domains on host1 and one domain on host2 with the contents:

hostl 2 host2 1 workdir installdir

Replace workdir and installdir with the full paths to the working and Marc installation directories, respectively.

Run Marc from within Mentat using the SUBMIT button. The following should appear on your screen.

#### Step 3

RUN JOB	
USER SUBROUT	INE FEL
3 Domains for	r DDM USE DDM
SINGLE MACH	
INPUT FILE	NEW-STYLE TABLES
TITLE	SAUE MODEL
SUBMIT (1)	ADVANCED JOB SUBMISSION
SOBULL (1)	HDOHNCED JOB SUBMISSION
UPDATE	MONITOR KILL

Check your results.

Step 4



Marc created a post file associated with each domain as well as a root post file associated with the job id. For the previous model, lmodel1\_job1.t19, lmodel1\_job1.t19, and lmodel1\_job1.t19 is the root file.

If the model is very large, it can be convenient to view only a portion of the model by selecting any one of the processor post files, such as <code>3model1\_job1.t19</code>. This file contains only data associated with domain 3 as selected in the domain decomposition menu under Step 4. As described in Step 3, this file was created by host2.

## Shared vs. Distributed I/O

For jobs with very large post or restart files, it is usually more efficient to use distributed I/O. With distributed I/O, the input files and the post files are located on the host's local disks. Marc by default automatically transfers the input files and the post files to and from the remote host if needed. It is possible to suppress this transferring with two buttons in the Network settings in the JOBS menu in Mentat.

To run a job using distributed I/O, specify a local directory in the host file:

```
host1 2
host2 1 /usr/people/marcuser
```

## Jobs with User Subroutine

User subroutines are fully supported in the network version.

The Fortran file with the subroutine is located in the working directory on the root machine. Marc automatically creates the executable and makes it available on all remote hosts. There is no need to modify the host file if it is correct for a job without a user subroutine.

If the working directory is shared for all remote hosts and only compatible machines are used in the analysis, the user subroutine is compiled on the root machine and the executable is available in the shared working directory.

If a remote host is using a local working directory, the executable will be automatically copied over to the remote machine using remote copy (rcp). Marc automatically knows if a directory is shared or local.

If incompatible machines are used, the compilation is done on each machine separately. If a shared working directory is used, the host name is appended to the name of the executable. For local directories, the new executable is placed in the local working directory. This is all done automatically by Marc. To make sure that incompatible machines are treated as such, use the INCOMPATIBLE button in the Mentat NETWORK SETTINGS menu, or if started from the command line, use the command line option "-comp no".

## **Notes for Incompatible Machines**

This version only supports connection of homogeneous networks; that is, machines of the same type. The communication software we use, MPICH, allows heterogeneous networks to be used. You could connect for instance two HPs, three IBMs, two SGIs, and a Sun to run a job. Obviously, the install directories must be local to the different machines in this case.

**Restrictions:** 

- 1. Hardware vendor provided solver must NOT be used when using different machines on the network.
- 2. Please note that HP Alpha machines cannot be connected to other Unix machines at this time.

## Solver

Solver type 6 (hardware provided sparse) is available on HP, SGI, and Sun. No specific input is needed for its use in a parallel analysis. Marc makes use of the parallel features of these solvers. However, the use of a hardware solver is, in general, not recommended in a network run. The equation solution is performed on the root machine by starting multiple processes. This is done in order to utilize the parallel performance of the solver (which is using multithreading). This is efficient on a single parallel machine, but if the root machine of a network run does not have the number of processors available, it will not be efficient.

Solver types 0 (direct profile), 2 (sparse iterative), 4 (sparse direct), and 8 (multifrontal sparse) are supported in parallel.

Out-of-core solution is only supported in parallel for Solver 8.

## Troubleshooting

#### Check that:

- 1. The network connection between the hosts is working by using the command ping host.
- 2. A remote login using the command rlogin can be done between the hosts without providing a password. If not, contact your system administrator or check the man pages for rlogin and look for .rhosts.
- 3. The host names used in the hostfile are correct. It should be the same as the output from the command hostname on the respective host.
- 4. The working and installation directories on the host file are correct. Log onto the remote host, change directory to these directories to verify the host file content. The installation directory given should, among others, contain the executable in the bin directory.
- 5. The input files for each host are available in the respective working directory. An error message is printed out from Marc if they are not.

#### Error messages:

6. The error message "semget failed..." at job start-up means that the communication environment is not clean. This can be checked with the Unix command ipcs. If entries belonging to specific users except root show up, they may need to be removed. Run the script tools/mpiclean located in the Marc installation directory.

**Note:** This will kill all parallel jobs currently running under the current user. Only entries belonging to the current user are deleted.

#### Other:

1. On some machines, sometimes there are files called p4\_shared\_arena\_xxxx, with xxxx being some number, left in /var/tmp. These can eventually fill up that disk and should be removed.

Marc and Mentat for Microsoft Windows Installation and Operations Guide

## **Preface**

This document describes the installation and usage of the Marc and Mentat programs on Microsoft Windows platforms configured as shown in Table 8. The instructions given here require a basic knowledge of the machine on which you are loading the Marc products, no attempt is made to teach the use of Microsoft Windows commands.

This document contains a quick installation section intended for experienced Marc users, a section containing details about the installation procedure, a section concerning the usage of the Marc and Mentat programs and a section about the license management utility.

Appendices include hints about troubleshooting.

If you encounter a problem during the installation, please contact the customer support staff at the nearest MSC.Software office.

Operating System	Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 2 or higher, which includes Windows Vista
CPU	Intel Pentium III or higher CPU
Graphics Card	SVGA or better running in at least 16 bit (64k) color mode
Hard Drive	Minimum: 500 MB Marc 850 MB Mentat
DVD Drive	Required for media based installation. Not required for electronic download installation.
Ethernet Card	An ethernet card is required. Also, Microsoft TCP/IP Service must be installed.
Mouse	Three button mouse is recommended
Memory	Minimum 512 MB
	Recommended 2 GB
FORTRAN Compiler	Intel Fortran Version 9.1 and Microsoft Visual Studio 2005.

 Table 8
 Requirements of Marc & Mentat Running on Microsoft Windows

# **Chapter 1: Read me first: Installation Prerequisites**

Before running setup	Decide where you want the version to be installed before running the <i>Setup</i> program on the DVD. When running <i>Setup</i> , you will be prompted to supply a directory pathname to install the MSC.Software products. In the remainder of this document, the directory that you specify will be referred to as <i>parent</i> . The directories marc2008r1, and mentat2008r1, will be created in the directory that you specify. You must have the TCP/IP networking facility installed on Microsoft Windows. To check the TCP/IP network installation:
	1. Open the Control Panel.
	2. Select the Network icon.
	3. Right click on the local area connection that is active and select properties.
	4. Check to see that the TCP/IP protocol is installed.
	Marc also requires an ethernet card, even if the workstation is not connected to a network. Marc uses the ethernet card to create a system ID for FLEXIm licensing.
Password protection	The Marc version you have received is protected against illegal usage by means of Macrovision's FLEXIm licensing software. You <i>cannot</i> run the program directly after you have installed from the DVD until you obtain these passwords. Passwords will be supplied to you from the nearest MSC.Software Corporation office after you have performed the first two steps of the installation procedure. These steps are as follows:
	<ul> <li>Run the setup program, and generate a machine specific identifier for the purpose of creating passwords.</li> </ul>
	- Send the machine specific identifier to the nearest MSC.Software office.
	<ul> <li>Upon return of the password file, place this file in the MSC.Software\MSC.Licensing\10.8.6 directory.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Passwords normally need to be entered only once.</li> </ul>
Should I be Administrator ?	Normally, there is no need to be logged in as <i>Administrator</i> . However, you will need administrator privileges since the system registry will be updated. Also, check that you have read and write permissions to the installation directory.
	Note:
	Vista users that are not logged in as <i>Administrator</i> will need to right-click on the <i>setup.exe</i> program and select <i>Run as administrator</i> in order to obtain administrator privileges.

FORTRAN compiler	A FORTRAN compiler is necessary if user subroutines are to be used. For other cases, no compiler is needed.
	Note:
	After you install the FORTRAN compiler, make sure that all users have their "path" and "lib" environment variable include the path to the FORTRAN compiler. Otherwise, using user subroutines will not work properly.
	See Appendix C: Troubleshooting for important information regarding requirements for the Intel Fortran compiler.
Computer Name	Your machine <i>must</i> have a computername (hostname). If no computer-name is known, supply one by using the <b>Control Panel</b> \ <b>Network</b> applet to set the "Computer Name". You should also make sure the "Host Name" specified in the DNS tab of <b>Network</b> \ <b>Protocols</b> \ <b>TCP/IP Protocol</b> is the same as the "Computer Name".
Previous Versions	If you have previous versions of Marc and/or Mentat installed, you may want to adjust your PATH environment variable to remove the reference to the previous version.

# **Chapter 2: Quick Installation Procedure**

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Step 1: obtain your FLEXIm hostid	Browse to the DVD drive using Explorer and double-click <b>setup</b> , or from the Start->Run. menu open <b>d:\setup</b> . Select the MSC.Licensing server software option: ☐ Marc 2008 r1 ☑ MSC.Licensing	Start the Setup program. Substitute the drive letter for your DVD drive. Obtain your FLEXIm hostid by selecting the <i>MSC.Licensing</i> product. During installation, it will display your FLEXIm hostid and ask if you want to install the server. You should elect to install the server only after you receive your license file since it will request the location of the license file when installing.
Step 2: send to MSC.Software Corporation and enter the passwords	cd \msc.software mkdir msc.licensing\10.8.6 cd msc.licensing\10.8.6 notepad license.dat	Send the hostid information to your nearest MSC.Software office to obtain your passwords. The passwords you receive from the MSC.Software salesperson should be entered by means of creating a file named license.dat in the C:\MSC.Software\MSC.Licensing\10. 8.6 directory. You may, however, save it anywhere you like.
Step 3: install the licensing product	Install the MSC.Licensing product: Marc 2008 r1 MSC.Licensing	Install the <i>MSC.Licensing</i> system next. The Marc 2008 r1 release requires the use of FLEXIm version 10.8.6. The licensing server software will by default be installed in C:\MSC.Software\MSC.Licensing\10. 8.6 Upon completion of installing the server it will ask you to select your license file.
Step 4: install the Marc product	Select the Marc 2008 r1 product from the initial installation screen: Marc 2008 r1 MSC.Licensing	Select the <i>Marc 2008 r1</i> product to install. The <i>Welcome</i> banner will appear. Press the <u>Next</u> button to proceed.

set location	Choose Destination Location: Destination Folder: C:\MSC.Software\Marc\2008r1	The next screen will prompt you to set the location where you want the products installed. This path is the "parent" directory. It defaults to <b>C:\MSC.Software\Marc\2008r1</b> . The directories marc2008r1 and mentat2008r1 will be created in the directory that you specify.
setup type	You will then be presented with which product options to install. Complete Solver Modeler	Select the Complete option to install both Marc and Mentat. Select the Solver option to only install Marc, or select the Modeler option to only install Mentat.
program folder	Select Program Folder: Program Folder: MSC.Software	Select the folder that you wish to place the shortcut to the Mentat startup script. The default program folder name is <b>MSC.Software</b> .
64-bit memory version	<ul> <li>Marc Solver 32-bit</li> <li>Marc Solver 64-bit</li> <li>(Integer*4)</li> <li>Marc Solver 64-bit</li> <li>(Integer*8)</li> </ul>	This menu will only be displayed on Microsoft Windows 64-bit operating systems. Select the memory version of the 64-bit solver that you wish to install or the 32-bit version if required.
specify license file	License: C:\MSC.Software\MSC.Licensing\10.8.6\license.	When you perform the <i>Marc</i> installation, it will ask for the location of a valid Marc license file. Specify the location of your license file.
	☐ I would like to view the README file.	The last screen is the <i>Setup Complete</i> screen. It will present you with an option to view the readme.txt file. Click on the <b>Finish</b> button to leave Setup. Then click on the X button in the lower left hand corner of the main installation menu window or press the escape button.

Step 5:	Start the FLEXIm license manager.	Select Start-> Programs-> MSC.Software->
start the	You may also want to enable the	MSC.License 10.8.6-> FLEXIm Configuration Utility to configure FLEXIm.
License Manager	license manager to run as a service and to start the server at power-up by enabling these options in the Config Services section.	Select the <i>Config Services</i> tab and verify that the settings are correct; i.e. the "License File" is set correctly. Then start the license manager from the <i>Start/Stop/Reread</i> tab by pressing the <i>Start Server</i> button.
	For Network Version, skip Step 6.	
Step 6: checking	Run Mentat by either selecting the Mentat item in the program folder that you chose, or run it from the MS-DOS Command Prompt. First check that the variable MSC_LICENSE_FILE is set properly. Use an MS-DOS Command	Check the installation by running Mentat. You have three methods you can use to run Mentat. You may use either the Mentat icon which is created on the desktop, the link in the MSC.Software\MSC.Marc program group, or run it from an MS-DOS Command Prompt window.
	<pre>Pompt window and type: set msc_license_file If it is not correct, change it using the System applet in the Control Panel. Then run the program using: cd \msc.software\marc cd 2008r1\mentat2008r1 bin\mentat</pre>	You <u>must</u> first check that the environment variable MSC_LICENSE_FILE is set properly to the full pathname of your valid license file. If it is not, the product will fail due to licensing. To run from the command prompt, cd to the \parent\mentat2008r1 directory, and enter the command bin\mentat to start Mentat.
	Run a Demo problem by selecting the menu buttons: HELP RUN A DEMO PROBLEM COUPLED CONTACT	Check the Mentat program by running one of the standard Marc demonstration examples as proof of a successful installation. From the HELP menu, select RUN A DEMO PROBLEM, and then select the COUPLED CONTACT demo. It will run for 50 increments.
	To check that user subroutines are working by running one of the standard user subroutine demo problems: cd \msc.software\marc cd 2008r1\marc2008r1\demo run_marc -j e2x4 -u u2x4	If you have a FORTRAN compiler, run a user subroutine example using: run_marc -j e2x4 -user u2x4 Marc should give a Marc Exit number 3004.

Step 7:	If you will be using the Marc Parallel
for Network Version only	Network feature, you will need to setup MPICH2. This service is optionally installed on the system when you installed <i>Marc</i> , however you will need to install it on the
	remote machines. Follow the Marc Parallel Network for Microsoft Windows Installation and Operations Guide (Parts 1 and 2) for important information on installing and running jobs with the network version.

# **Chapter 3: Installation Procedure Information**

Step 1: obtain your FLEXIm	From the DVD drive, run the <i>Setup</i> program and select the <i>MSC.Licensing</i> product to obtain your FLEXIm hostid. When you are asked if you want to proceed with Server Installation you should select <b>No</b> at this time.
hostid	The system identifier may also be found <u>after</u> installing the Server Installation by using the Start menu and selecting Programs-> MSC.Software-> MSC.Licensing 10.8.6-> FLEXIm Configuration Utility. It is listed in the <i>Ethernet Address</i> item under the <i>System Settings</i> tab.
	The system identifier may also be found by running:
	lmutil -lmhostid
	in the directory $c: \mbox{msc.software}\mbox{msc.licensing}\10.8.6$ .
Step 2:	Send the FLEXIm identifier to your nearest MSC.Software office.
send to MSC.Software	After receiving the passwords, enter them by means of creating the file <i>license.dat</i> in the subdirectory <i>c</i> :\msc.software\msc.licensing\10.8.6.
Corporation	The password will consist of at least 3 lines:
and enter your passwords	"SERVER" line which specifies the system hostname "DAEMON" line which specifies the vendor specific daemon name and path. The path for the MSC daemon must be changed to the location of where you installed the licensing of twom
	the licensing software. "FEATURE" line(s) which specifies the product and options. This line contains the password and the expiration dates.
	The <b>mentat</b> and the <b>run_marc</b> batch scripts use the global environment variable MSC_LICENSE_FILE to locate the <i>license.dat</i> file. It typically points to the <i>msc.software\msc.licensing\10.8.6\license.dat</i> file. If the file does not exist, then they will use the environment variable LM_LICENSE_FILE to obtain the full pathname for the license file. You may set the LM_LICENSE_FILE variable to point to another license file if you wish. See Macrovision's <i>FLEXIm End Users Guide</i> for more information on entering
	your license password.

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data, solver memory, etc.) and does not support DDM.		The Integer*8 version is the true 64-bit version and provides maximized memory capacity, however it requires more memory than the Integer*4 version for the same analysis. The Integer*4 version is limited to 8 GB per chunk of memory (element data, solver memory, etc.) and does not support DDM.	

specify license file	You will be prompted to specify the path to your license file. It will default to the current setting of MSC_LICENSE_FILE. If it is not set, then it will attempt to use the license file specified for <i>FLEXIm License Manager version 10.8.6</i> . If you do not already have your license file, you may leave it blank, however you <u>must set the MSC_LICENSE_FILE</u> variable before attempting to run any of the <i>Marc</i> products.
	MSC_LICENSE_FILE to the setting that you enter. Failing to set it to a valid license file will result in a licensing failure and you will have to edit the environment variable setting by using the System applet in the Control Panel.
file types	The installation will associate the file types <i>.mfd</i> , <i>.mud</i> , <i>t16</i> , <i>.t19</i> and <i>.proc</i> to Mentat if they are not already associated. If they are, as it would be in the case that you have a previous Mentat installation, you will be asked if you wish to overwrite them.
	If you answer YES, then they are set to the current version and the PATH environment variable is updated with the current version specified first.
	If you answer NO, then they are not modified and the PATH environment variable is updated with the current version specified last.
install Acrobat Reader	If you do not already have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed, you will be asked if you want to install Acrobat Reader 7.0 since this will provide you with access to the Marc and Mentat documentation.
complete the	Select the <b>F</b> inish button in Setup.
installation	You may want to check the contents against the list supplied in Appendix A of this document. Should any subdirectory be missing, please contact MSC.Software customer support for further details.
Step 5: starting the License Manager	You must start the <i>FLEXIm License Manager</i> before attempting to run Marc or Mentat. To start the license manager, use the Start menu and select Programs- >MSC.Software->MSC.Licensing 10.8.6->FLEXIm Configuration Utility.
	Select the <i>Config Services</i> tab and verify that the settings are correct; i.e. the "License File" is set to the proper license file. Then start the license manager from the <i>Start/Stop/Reread</i> tab by pressing the <i>Start Server</i> button.
	<b>Note:</b> If you already had the FLEXIm License Manager 10.8.6 installed, you should not need to perform these steps.
	You should specify the options "Use NT Services" and "Start Server at Power-Up" under the <i>Config Services</i> tab. This will enable the license manager to start automatically at boot time.

Step 6: checking	Verify that the setting for MSC_LICENSE_FILE is set properly by opening an MS-DOS Command Prompt window and typing:
	set msc_license_file
	The value will be displayed and it should be set to a valid license file.
	Correct the setting using the <i>System</i> applet in the <i>Control Panel</i> and selecting the <i>Advanced</i> tab and then the <i>Environment variables</i> button. It should be listed under the <i>System variables</i> section.
	Run Mentat by selecting the Mentat 2008 r1 icon on the desktop or by going to the Start menu on the taskbar and selecting the Programs-> MSC.Software->Marc 2008r1->Mentat 2008r1 menu item. You may also start Mentat by typing <i>mentat</i> in a MS-DOS Command Prompt window.
	To check that Marc is working properly, run one of the standard Marc demonstration examples as proof of a successful installation. Open an MS-DOS Command Prompt window and cd to the \parent\marc2008r1 subdirectory demo. Run the e2x1 demo using the command:
	run marc -j e2x1
	If all goes well, one of the final messages on the screen should read <b>Marc Exit number 3004</b> . If you have a FORTRAN compiler, choose a second demonstration example by running a user subroutine example using:
	run_marc -j e2x4 -user u2x4
	Again, Marc should give a Marc Exit number 3004.
	<b>Note:</b> Should any of these examples not run, please use the checklist in Appendix A to verify whether the installation was executed correctly. Refer to Chapter 4 of this document for the syntax of <b>run_marc</b> . Contact MSC.Software customer support if you are still unable to run the examples.
# **Chapter 4: Running Marc**

This section describes the Marc usage on Microsoft Windows based machines. The Marc programs are mainly controlled by a batch script program called **run\_marc.bat** which is stored in the *parent* subdirectory marc2008rl\tools.

The batch script will submit a job and must be executed in the directory where all relevant input and output files concerning the job are available. To use the batch script, each Marc job should have a unique name qualifier and all Marc output files connected to that job will use this same qualifier.

Marc input files should always be named *job\_name.dat*, whereby the prefix *job\_name* is the name qualifier which you are free to choose. The suffix *.dat* is obligatory.

To actually submit a Marc job from an MS-DOS Command Prompt window, the following command should be used. The single input line is split over multiple lines for clarity:

run_marc	-jid	job_name (required as minimum)
	-rid	restart_name
	-pid	post_name
	-sid	substructure_name
	-prog	program_name
	-user	user_subroutine_name
	-save	save_user_executable
	-back	alternative for -queue
	-vf	viewfactor_name
	-def	defaults_name
	-nprocd	number_of_processors
	-nprocds	number_of_domains
	-dir	directory where job i/o takes place
	-host	host_file
	-ci	copy input files to remote machines in a network
	-cr	copy post files back from remote machines in a network
	-ml	memory limit in Mbytes
	-pc	computer_name
	-sdir	scratch file directory.

Table 9 describes the meaning of these input options and Table 10 gives examples.

Keyword	Options	Description
-jid (-j)	job_name	Job and input file name identification. Requires
		job_name.dat for all programs.
-prog (-pr)	progname	Run saved executable progname.exe from a previous job.
-user (-u)	user_name	User subroutine user_name.f will be used to generate a new
		executable program called user_name.exe.
-save (-sa)	no	Do not save the new executable program user_name.exe.
	yes	Save the executable program user_name.exe for a next time.
-rid -(r)	restart_name	For marc or progname: identification of previous job that created RESTART file.
-pid (-p)	post_name	For marc or progname: identification of previous job that
		created postfile containing temperature data.
		For plot: identification of job that created post file.
-sid (-si)	substructure	Substructure jobs only: name of the substructuring file
		substructure.t31.
-back (-b)	yes	Alternative for -queue: run the program in the background.
	no	Run the program in the foreground.
-nprocd	3,4,etc.	Number of processors to be used for Domain Decomposition.
(-np)		
-nprocds	2,3,4,etc.	Number of domains for parallel processing using a Single
(-nps)		Input file.
-host (-ho)	hostfile	Specify the name of the host file for running over a network
		(default is execution on one machine only).
-ci	yes	Automatically copy input files to remote machines in a
	no	network run.
-cr	yes	Automatically copy post files back from remote machines in a
	no	network run.
-vf	vf_filename	Refers to the viewfactor file for a heat transfer radiation
		analysis.
-def	defaults_file	Used to define an auxiliary input file containing default values.
-ml	memory	Upper bound to the amount of memory to be usesd.
	available on	
	computer	
-dir	directory	Directory where the job i/o should take place. Defaults to current directory.
-pc	computer_ name	Remote computer name: defaults to local. Used for DCOM
		server support.
*Default options	are shown in <b>bold</b> .	

Table 9 run\_marc Input Options

Table 9	run_marc Input Options	(continued)
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-sdir	directory_ name	Directory where the scratch files are placed. Defaults to -dir job.
*Default options	are shown in <b>bold</b> .	

Table 10 Examples of Running Marc Jobs

Examples of running Marc jobs	Description:
<pre>run_marc -jid e2x1</pre>	Runs the job $e2x1$ , the input file $e2x1$ . dat resides in the current working directory.
run_marc -jid e2x14 -user u2x14 -save yes	Runs the job $e2x14$ , using the user subroutine u2x14. f and the input file $e2x14$ . dat. An executable program named $u2x14$ . dat will be saved after completion of the job.
<pre>run_marc -jid e2x14a -prog u2x14</pre>	Runs the job $e2x14a$ using the executable produced by job $e2x14$ .
run_marc -jid e3x2a	Runs the job <i>e3x2a</i> .
run_marc -jid e3x2b -rid e3x2a	Performs a restart job using the results of the previous job <i>e3x2a</i> .
<pre>run_marc -jid e2x1 -nprocd 2</pre>	Runs a two processor job on a single parallel machine.
<pre>run_marc -jid e2x1 -nprocd 2 -host hostfile</pre>	Runs a two-processor job over a network. The hosts are specified in the file hostfile (refer to the Marc Parallel Network for Microsoft Windows Installation and Operations Guide for runs on a network of machines.

## **Chapter 5: Running Mentat**

This section describes the Mentat usage on Microsoft Windows machines. The Mentat program is started by a batch script called **mentat.bat** which is stored in the *parent\mentat2008r1\bin* directory. It may also be started by using the Mentat 2008 r1 menu item in the START menu in the MSC.Software folder or by selecting the Mentat 2008 r1 icon that the *Setup* program created on your desktop.

You do not need to start the batch script from a specific directory.

The Mentat program creates the default files in your current working directory; i.e. where you are located at the time of starting the Mentat program (if run from the command line), or the "Start in" directory specified for the shortcut if started from the Mentat 2008 r1 icon.

The batch script **mentat.bat** contains a number of arguments which are passed on to the Mentat program. Table 11 gives the meaning of these input options. You are free to alter these commands to suit your preference.

Keyword	Option	Description
-ar	area_ratio	This is similar to -sz, except it is a percentage of the default window size.
-bp	\$(DIR)/bin/	Directory path name where the external Mentat programs and shell scripts are located.
-compile	binary_menu_filename	This is used to compile ASCII menu files into a Binary menu file.
-db	True/False	Double buffering: a screen refresh is first assembled in a separate memory section and then displayed. This option results in a smooth appearance. The default is <i>True</i> or <i>On</i> .
-fn	8x15	Default font type.
-gr		This uses the gray scale color map.
-ha	True/False	This option enables the middle mouse button help windows to run the Adobe Acrobat reader using the PDF help files. <i>True</i> turns on using the PDF help, <i>false</i> turns it off. The default is <i>True</i> or <i>On</i> .
-help		All of the options.
-hp	\$(DIR)/help/	Directory path name where the help files are located.
-lf	filename	Specify the Mentat logfile name.
-mf	main.ms	The name of the startup menu file.
-ml	<pre>\$(DIR)/material/</pre>	Directory path name where the material files are located.
-mp	\$(DIR)/menus/	Directory path name where the menu files are located.
-nh		Not provided by default. For OpenGL versions of Mentat. The use of this switch reduces run time memory requirements at the expense of graphic speed.

Table 11 Mentat Input Options

Keyword	Option	Description
-path	directory_name	Provides a directory in which Mentat searches when opening an existing input file. Multiple directories can be specified as follows: <i>-path directory_1 -path directory_2</i> etc.
-pr	filename	Any additional set-up commands you wish to add. Store these in a procedure file containing the Mentat commands.
-ra		This reads all of the ASCII Menu files.
-rf	filename	Record the Mentat commands in the procedure file <i>filename</i> .
-SS	True/False	Graphic refresh to use snapshots. The default is <i>True</i> .
-SZ	width height	Change the size (width and height in pixels) of the window.
-ti	title	Append <i>title</i> to the name of the window.
-xr	horizontal_ratio	This is similar to -sz, except it is a percentage of the default window size in the horizontal direction.
-yr	vertical_ratio	This is similar to -sz, except it is a percentage of the default window size in the vertical direction.

Table 11 Mentat Input Options (continued)

# **Chapter 6: Mentat Interfaces**

### **Mentat External Programs**

Mentat supports a number of CAD interfaces: IGES, Patran, Ideas, VDA. These interfaces are programmed in external programs which are called from within Mentat. The interface programs are stored in the *parent* subdirectory mentat2008r1\bin. These programs read the data files in their native format and translate the contents into a Mentat model file. This file is subsequently read by Mentat. The external programs are called from within Mentat by means of the FILE submenu.

### Jobs

The subdirectory bin contains batch script files to start a Marc job using the following batch scripts:

#### submit1.bat, submit2.bat, submit3.bat

These batch scripts are called by means of the buttons in the *job* menu. You may alter these files to suit your environment.

## **Plotter Interface**

Because of the many variations in plotting environments, we have created plotting interfaces in the form of batch scripts that operate from within Mentat. Currently, Mentat recognizes the following plotting formats:

- PostScript
- WinDump (translated into Windows bitmap (.BMP) format)

This section describes a template batch script for each of the formats mentioned above. They are located in the mentat2008r1\bin directory and are named as follows:

```
pscolor1.bat, pscolor2.bat, pscolor3.bat
psgray1.bat, psgray2.bat, psgray3.bat
xdump1.bat, xdump2.bat, xdump3.bat
```

## PostScript

The PostScript function is activated by pressing the Gray or Color Print button from the UTILS menu on the POSTSCRIPT panel. The program captures the graphics portion of the screen into a file and sends this file to a PostScript printer using the psgray or pscolor batch scripts located in the mentat2008 r1\bin directory. In the example listed below, the file is sent to the printer LPT1. This can be a printer attached locally, or located somewhere on the network. After the file is sent, it is removed from disk automatically.

```
print /D:LPT1: %1
del %1
```

The argument %1 is the filename handed to the batch script by Mentat. If there is more than one printer on-line, the **pscolor2.bat** and **pcolor3.bat** batch scripts may be used to address these other printers.

You can use the setup\_printer program to configure a network printer. Run setup\_printer for more details.

# Edit

The **edit\_window.bat** batch script is used to control the editor associated with the EDIT commands. It is possible to change the type of editor, for example, from notepad to emacs.

# System Shell

The **system\_window.bat** batch script is used to control the type of window opened with the system\_shell command.

# **AVI Playback**

The **avi\_window.bat** batch script is used to control the program opened with the play\_avi command.

# **MPEG Playback**

The **mpeg\_window.bat** batch script is used to control the program opened with the play\_mpeg command.

# Chapter 7: Managing FLEXIm

## **FLEXIm License File**

FLEXIm is the network based licensing product from Macrovision used in MSC products.

The license file, license.dat, should be placed in the c:\msc.software\msc.licensing\10.8.6 directory once you receive your licenses from your nearest MSC.Software office. Everyone should have read permission to the file. The license file has the following format:

Line	Description
SERVER	This line specifies the license server. It has the format:
	SERVER hostname hostid port
DAEMON	This line specifies the name of the vendor daemon (marcd), and the path. It has the format:
	DAEMON MSC c:\msc.software.msc.licensing\10.8.6\MSC
FEATURE	This line lists the feature, or license names. This line <u>cannot</u> be modified from what is sent to you. For your Marc license, it has the format:
	FEATURE MARC MSC 2010.1231 (for single processor version) FEATURE MARC_Parallel MSC 2010.1231 (for parallel version)
	For your Mentat license, it has the format:
	FEATURE MENTAT MSC 2010.1231
	Each single-processor job is required to have a license name MARC for execution to proceed. To run a multiprocessor job, a corresponding number of multiple licenses with the feature name MARC_Parallel plus a license name MARC is required. For example, to run a job using four processors in parallel, one MARC license and four MARC_Parallel licenses are needed.
USE_SERVER	When used together with the SERVER line, this line is used on the licensed "client system" (as opposed to the license server), to specify that it should obtain a license from the specified license server. It has no options.
CAMPUS	This line specifies that a pool of license tokens are used. When the MasterKey licensing system is used, the FEATURE line will have a specification for VENDOR_STRING containing GROUP : CAMPUS and BLV : nn, where nn is the number of tokens that is required in order to obtain a license. All MSC.Software products may obtain a license from a MasterKey license provided that a corresponding FEATURE line exists.

## **FLEXIm License Manager**

When you install Marc or Mentat, the FLEXIm License Manager is installed in the *msc.licensing*10.8.6 directory. Once **Imgrd.exe** is running, it will read the license file license.dat which is located in the *msc.licensing*10.8.6 directory. The license file contains the Marc and Mentat license (and other

MSC.Software product licenses, if necessary). In addition, **Imgrd.exe** will also start the MSC.Software vendor daemon **MSC.exe**. The path to **MSC.exe** is specified in the license file on the DAEMON line. These processes must be running on the license server for the MSC.Software security system to obtain a license. The only exception to this is for a "zero count" license. If the number of licenses for a feature (the number following the expiration date) is 0, then neither **Imgrd.exe** or **MSC.exe** are used. The license manager is only used to keep track of licenses that are checked in/out.

Marc contacts these daemons at regular intervals. If no contact is made after a specified time period, Marc terminates execution.

For the 2008 r1 version, the FLEXIm License Manager must be at version 10.8.6 or higher.

When you select the MSC.Licensing product, they will be upgraded to version 10.8.6. You should stop the FLEXIm License Manager before installing the product so that the programs can be updated (this is done automatically on Microsoft Windows). If your license server is a remote machine, then you need to update the FLEXIm programs on the server before attempting to run the product. If you do not have a CD-ROM for that platform, the programs may be downloaded from:

ftp://ftp.mscsoftware.com/pub/msc-products/system\_util/flexlm/v10.8.6

There is a *readme* file which will tell you which zip file to download, and an *install* file which will provide instructions for installing the programs.

## **Environment Variables**

The environment variable MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE is used to specify the *license.dat* file. This environment variable can be set using the System applet in the Control Panel, and is a semicolon separated list of file pathnames or hosts. The default setting will be c:\msc.software\msc.licensing\10.8.6\*license.dat*. When Marc executes, it checks the list of license files specified by this environment variable. You may have it point to a license server using the syntax port@host, as follows:

Variable: MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE Value: 10620@myserver

If you have other products that use FLEXIm and they are required to be available when Marc is running (such as a FORTRAN compiler license), then you should modify the MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE setting to point to the proper license file for that product.

You may instead want to combine the licenses into one file.

## **Security Directory**

The security directory must be <u>writable</u> by all Marc users since **lmgrd.exe** will write the logfile (*flexlm.log*) to that directory. If you do not wish to have the security directory writable by others, then you must update this location by starting the FLEXIm applet located in the Start menu. You may also want to monitor the size of the logfile, since all FLEXIm activity is recorded.

**Note:** The *flexlm.log* file contains important status information regarding the license manager daemon. Always check this file when you get a security error.

If you move the security directory to a different location, or more specifically if you move your license.dat file, then you *must* modify the MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE environment variable to specify the new path.

## **Combining the Marc License with Other MSC Products**

You can combine the Marc license with other MSC product licenses. To do this, add the Marc license to the license file for MSC.Nastran, MSC.Patran, or other MSC products. Then make sure that the MSC\_LICENSE\_FILE environment variable is set to the new location.

# **Client/Server Licensing**

The default installation assumes that the system in which Marc is installed will function as the *license* server. The term *license server* only refers to the fact that *lmgrd* and *MSC* will be running on that system, and will maintain the state of available licenses. Even if you have purchased a nodelocked license, the nodelocked system will function as the license server for that license. A nodelocked license can be distinguished from a floating license by the string HOSTID=xxx specified in the feature line.

If you have purchased a floating license, the system that is to be the license server must be determined before generating the system identification file (*sid001.dat*). You *must* generate the system identification file from the license server, since the lmhostid value of the server is needed to generate your passwords. The license file that is returned to you should be placed in the security directory. The client systems can use the same license file, or they can use a brief license file with just the SERVER and USE\_SERVER lines.

### **MasterKey Licensing**

The MasterKey licensing option allows you to use a pool of licenses for all of the MSC.Software products. A MasterKey license is issued with a pool of "tokens". Each MSC.Software product will attempt to retrieve a specified number of these tokens in order to be granted a license. If not enough tokens are available, then it will be queued. Programs that are queued will be granted a license in the order which they request a license. For example, if there are 100 tokens and a request is made for 60 tokens, that program will be granted a license. If another program makes a request for 60 tokens, it will be placed in the license queue. If yet another program makes a request for 40 tokens, it will be queued behind the requested 60 tokens. When the program that was using the 60 tokens exits and releases its tokens, the queued request for 60 tokens will then be granted a license. Then the queued request for 40 tokens will be granted a license.

The amount of minutes a program will wait for a license after it has been queued may be specified with the environment variable MSC\_AUTHQUE. The default value is 5 minutes. It may be set as follows in a command prompt:

set MSC\_AUTHQUE=20

# **Chapter 8: Configuring the Marc DCOM Server**

## Specifying the Logon User

The Marc DCOM Server allows you to run jobs on a remote Microsoft Windows machine without actually being logged into it. Unlike Marc Parallel, it will only run a single CPU job.

When you install Marc, the installation will initially setup the Marc DCOM Server. The server must be setup on both the client and the server machine. The user must specify a login user for the Marc DCOM Server using Dcomcnfg before attempting to run a job remotely.

To run Dcomenfg, open up a console window and type dcomenfg at the prompt, or select the Start->Run... menu and enter dcomenfg and press OK. It will appear as shown in Figure 2.

Distributed COM Configuration Properties	<u>?</u> ×
Applications Default Properties Default Security Default Protocols	
Applications         Default Properties         Default Security         Default Protocols           Applications:         Event Object Change         HTML Application         Image Document           Internet Explorer(Ver 1.0)         logagent         Logical Disk Manager Administrative Service         Logical Disk Manager Remote Client           Marc DCOM Server         Media Player         Microsoft Agent Server 2.0         Microsoft Agent Server 2.0           Microsoft Equation 3.0         Microsoft FrontPage         Microsoft FrontPage (1)         Microsoft FrontPage (2)	
Properties	
OK Cancel App	dy.

Figure 2 Dcomcnfg Displaying Marc DCOM Server

On Windows XP, a different interface appears. Select the *Component Services/Computers/My Computer/DCOM Config* option, and scroll down to the Marc DCOM Server item. Right click it and select *Properties*.

Select the *Properties* button for the Marc DCOM Server. A new window will appear showing the various properties. This is shown in Figure 3.

The only property that needs adjusting is the *Identity* property. Select the Identity tab. Dcomcnfg will then display the identity view as shown in Figure 4.

Marc DCOM Server P	roperties	<u>? ×</u>
General Location	Security   Identity   Endpoints	
General properties	of this DCOM application	
Application name	: Marc DCOM Server	
Application type:	local server	
Authentication Le	vel: Default	<b>.</b>
Local path:	C:\MARC\marc2001\bin\marcsvr.exe	
	OK Cancel	Apply

Figure 3 Dcomcnfg Displaying the Properties of the Marc DCOM Server

In the Identity view, select *This user*, and specify a user that has access rights to this machine. Select *Apply*, and then *OK* to close the window. Then select *OK* in the main view.

Marc DCOM Server Prope	ties			<u>? ×</u>
General   Location   Secur	ity Identity	Endpoints		
Which user account do yo	iu want to use	to run this applic	ation?	
C The interactive user				
The launching user				
R This user:				
User:			Browse	
Password:				
Confirm Password:				
O The System Account (	services only)			
	OK	Cancel	Ap	ply

Figure 4 Dcomcnfg Displaying the Identity Properties of the Marc DCOM Server

The data files must be located in a shared directory. This is required so that the two machines can access the files. If the file is not located in a shared directory, Marc will issue an error message specifying that the file is not located in a shared directory. To share a disk or a directory, select *My Computer* from the desktop and select the disk or browse to the directory. Then select the disk or the directory by using the right mouse button, and select *Sharing*. In the Sharing view, select the Share this folder button and enter a name for the share.

## **Testing the installation**

You should first test the Marc DCOM Server on the server machine, and then test it on a client machine. First, copy a Marc data file to a shared directory. The file must be in a shared directory even if the job is to be run locally using the Marc DCOM Server. The data file parent\marc2008rl\demo\e2xl.dat will suffice. Run the job from any command prompt window using the -*pc* option:

```
<parent>\marc2008r1\tools\run_marc -pc <servername> -j e2x1
```

If it succeeds, then perform the same test on a client machine. If a failure occurs, see the section on the following page on *Troubleshooting*. Again, make sure the data file resides in a shared directory. When running the job, you may also use the UNC name in the path. If it is not specified, Marc will determine the UNC path and send it to the server.

## **Mentat Support**

Running the job remotely may also be done within Mentat, however the menu is not display by default. You must first rebuild the menu file using:

```
cd <parent>\mentat2008r1
```

bin\mentat -compile menus\main.msb -df DCOM

In the JOBS-> RUN->ADVANCED JOB SUBMISSION menu, there is a button named DCOM as show in Figure 5. Select the DCOM button and in the adjacent text area specify the name of the remote machine. Note that when you submit the job, you will NOT be able to do a monitor\_job (MONITOR in the JOBS->RUN menu) because the standard output from Marc is not redirected to the log file. However, you will be able to do a post\_monitor (MONITOR in the RESULTS menu).

ADVANCED JOB SUBMISSIO	N
MEMORY ALLOCATI ( 10000	00 CHECK SIZE
OUT-OF-CORE ELEMENT	STORAGE
COUT-OF-CORE INCREMENT	TAL BACKUP
INPUT FILE	
V DEFAULT STYLE	EW-STYLE TABLES
EXTENDED PRECISION	
SCRATCH DIRECTORY	
BONNTON DIRECTONI	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
E DCOM	
TITLE PSA	VE MODEL
TITLE	
TITLE P SA	WRITE INPUT FIL
	WRITE INPUT FILI EDIT INPUT FILE
TITLE PS	WRITE INPUT FIL
	WRITE INPUT FILI EDIT INPUT FILE
SUBMIT 1	WRITE INPUT FIL EDIT INPUT FILE EXECUTE 1
SUBMIT 1 SUBMIT 2	WRITE INPUT FILE EDIT INPUT FILE EXECUTE 1 EXECUTE 2
SUBMIT 1 SUBMIT 2	WRITE INPUT FILE EDIT INPUT FILE EXECUTE 1 EXECUTE 2

Figure 5 JOB RUN Menu Displaying the DCOM Button

## Troubleshooting

In the case of an error, try some of the following suggestions:

- Check that your user ID is valid on both the server and the client machines.
- Check that the user ID has read and write access to the directory where the job is to be run.
- Check that the directory that the data file resides in is a shared directory. Note that for Windows 2003 Server, you must also specify the user permissions using the /GRANT option for the *net share* command or by clicking the Permissions button under the Sharing tab in Explorer.
- Run the *run\_marc* script using the *-it* option to print out debugging information. This will print out exactly what is being sent to the server:

```
<parent>\marc2008r1\tools\run marc -pc <servername> -j e2x1 -it 0
```

The pathnames displayed from the debug output should be displayed as a proper UNC name. If not, verify that the directory is shared.

• Start the Marc DCOM Server manually and connect to it. To do this, cd to the marc2008r1\bin directory and run the program marcsvr.exe. You may also supply the *-it* option to obtain what the server has received. Then open up another command prompt window and run the job. In the marcsvr.exe window, you should see the log file output from the job.

# **Appendix A: Marc Subdirectories**

The Marc version you have received contains a full set of subdirectories listed below. You can save disk space by removing the subsets that you do not need.

Basic set:	Contents: required as minimum		
bin	executable Marc programs		
tools	batch scripts to run and maintain the Marc programs		
AF_flowmat	material data for database		
doc	Installation Guide, Release Guide, and Marc Volumes A-E installed in this directory if Mentat is not installed		
Extended set:	Contents: only for use with user subroutines		
lib	binary libraries with the compiled Marc routines		
common	insert files containing Marc common blocks		
user	templates for all available Marc user subroutines		
Examples:	Contents: example files		
demo	input files and user subroutines for the Marc Volume E: Demonstration Problems		
demo_ddm	input files and user subroutines for the single parallel machine as well as the network parallel version of Marc		
demo_table	input files and user subroutines for Marc Volume E: Demonstration Problems based upon Table driven input format		
benchmark	small set of demonstration examples for performance measurement		
test_ddm	one, two, and four processor test examples for installation testing of the single parallel machine as well as the network parallel version		
Utilities:	Contents:		
pldump	source routines for the post-file conversion program pldump		
pldump2000	source routines for the post-file conversion program pldump2000		
intel_mpi, ms_mpi	MPI libraries for network parallel version		

Table 12 Contents of the Marc Distribution DVD

# **Appendix B: Mentat Files and Subdirectories**

The Mentat version you have received contains a full set of subdirectories listed below. You can save disk space by removing the subsets that you do not need.

Basic set:	Contents: required as minimum	
bin	batch scripts and programs for Mentat	
help	Mentat online help files	
materials	Mentat material files	
menus	Mentat menu files	
doc	Installation Guide, Release Guide, and Marc Volumes A-E	
Extended set:	Contents: example Mentat procedure files	
examples	sample Mentat procedure files	

Table 13 Contents of the Mentat Directory Unloaded from DVD

Table 14 Contents of the Security directory unloaded from DVD

Program	Description	
lmutil.exe	the FlexIm utility program	
lmgrd.exe	FLEXIm license manager	
MSC.exe	SC.exe the vendor daemon used to pass Marc specific licensing information to lmgrd	
See the FLEXIm End User Manual for more information		

# **Appendix C: Troubleshooting**

Access is denied	This type of problem is caused by not having write permissions to the file or directories to which you are installing.
	To correct this problem, open up an MS-DOS Command Prompt window, cd to the directory in which you are installing Marc, and run the <b>attrib</b> program to remove the read-only attributes (with the -R option).
	You may also use the File Manager's <b>Security</b> menu to change <i>Ownership</i> of files and directories, and to change <i>Permissions</i> on them.
Error during move process	This problem is caused by having an application or a file open during the installation process that the installation is trying to overwrite. Exit all applications and documents during installation and restart the installation.
Security failed or Marc exit 67	• The environment settings are not set properly. If you have not already logged out and logged back in again, do so now and try again. Check that the environment variable MSC_LICENSE_FILE is set to a valid license file. If you have not installed your passwords yet, then you must do so before security will succeed.
	• Check that the FLEXIm license manager has been started from the FLEXIm Configuration Utility applet in the Start menu under MSC.Software-> MSC.Licensing 10.8.6. This must be done AFTER you have saved your <b>license.dat</b> file in the <i>msc.software\msc.licensing\10.8.6</i> directory. Test that it is working by pressing the Status button in the Control menu.
	• You are attempting to run on a machine that according to the Marc password(s) you are not allowed to use.
	• Your license period has expired. Check the date on your machine.
	• Cannot access or read the file <b>license.dat</b> in the msc.software\msc.licensing\10.8.6 subdirectory.
	• Every Marc user should have read and write rights for the <i>parent</i> subdirectory 10.8.6.
License Manager will not start	• If the license manager won't start, check that the hostname on the SERVER line is correct. Also check that the DAEMON line contains the correct path to the license daemon <b>MSC.exe</b> .
	• If you had an older version of the FLEXIm license manager installed, the new installation may replace it. If the Use NT Services button was previously checked, you should uncheck this button, start the license manager, and then select the Use NT Services button.

Link failed	• Your user subroutine causes compiler errors.	
	• You have no Fortran compiler or Fortran libraries not available.	
	• Your PATH or LIB environment variables settings do not point to the proper location for your Fortran compiler.	
FORTRAN files are not being compiled	<ul> <li>The FORTRAN compiler is not in your search path, or the INCLUDE and LIB environment variables are not set. You can verify that your settings are correct with the set command. If you selected the default installation path, you should run the C:\Program Files\Intel\Compiler\Fortran\9.1\IA32\Bin\ifortvars.bat script (or substitute your installation directory). These items can be set from the System applet located in the Control Panel.</li> </ul>	
	• The Intel Fortran compiler requires that the Microsoft .NET 2005 framework is installed and the LIB environment variable setting includes the required dependency libraries. The setting must include the following:	
	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\LIB C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\PlatformSDK\Lib C:\Program Files\Intel\Compiler\Fortran\9.1\Ia32\Lib	
	The following paths must also be included in the PATH environment variable to locate the linker and required runtime libraries:	
	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\Bin	
User subroutines are not being called	• With FORTRAN, the argument list for subroutines must match exactly. If the argument does not match exactly, your subroutine will not replace the existing subroutine in the Marc Library. The linker will continue to use the subroutine that is defined in the Marc Library, and since your routine will not be linked in, it will never be called.	

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### Introduction

The current document is divided into three parts:

Part I	provides the general description about the hardware and software
	requirements and definitions.

- Part II provides a step-by-step approach to installation of the network version.
- Part III provides miscellaneous information about executing a parallel job over a network and use of user subroutines.

The list of supported capabilities in parallel can be found in Section 7 of the Release Guide.

# Part 1 General Information

### Hardware and Software Requirements:

For 32-bit Windows platforms the Intel MPI 3.1 is supported.

To use the MPICH2 please observe the following:

Go into the intel\_mpi\bin directory and type

wmpiregister.exe

Enter your account and password in the popup dialog box and press the "Register" button.

The message "Password encrypted into the Registry" will show in at the bottom of the dialog box.

If you change your account and password you will need to repeat this step.

Press the "OK" button to continue.

For 64-bit Windows platforms the supported MPI versions are the Intel MPI 3.1 (default) and the Microsoft MS/MPI using the Microsoft CCS utilities.

To switch from the default Intel/MPI to MS/MPI, perform the following tasks:

a. Go to the marc2008r1\bin directory and type

copy marc.exe\_msmpi marc.exe

b. Go to the marc2008r1\lib directory and type

copy mdsrc.lib\_msmpi mdsrc.lib

c. Go to the marc2008r1\tools directory and edit (using "write") the include.bat file.

change

to

set MPITYPE=intel-mpi rem set MPITYPE=ms-mpi rem set MPITYPE=intel-mpi set MPITYPE=ms-mpi

All the required components as listed in the include.bat file in the marc tools directory need to be installed. Microsoft CCS SP1 (676 build) or above is required to run DMP.

In particular, as shown in the include file, the following is needed to run parallel jobs.

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Compute Cluster Pack\bin\mpiexec.exe

The mpiexec.exe and msmpi.dll are included in the Microsoft Compute Cluster Pack or CCP, a separate CD from the operating system. If the files do not exist in your system, go to http://www.microsoft.com/hpc and get information on how to download or order CDs (there is a link on the left called "How to Buy.")

Please turn off the Windows firewall in your cluster and shared the marc directory with a general permission to all users.

The host file for using the MS/MPI has a slightly different format than that for the Intel/MPI. A "headnode" field is added where the "headnode" is the UNC name of the node where the Microsoft Job Scheduler is installed.

host1n1workdir1installdir1headnodehost2n2workdir2host3n3workdir3

For both "workdir" and "installdir", use the UNC directory names as echoed by typing "net share" on your system.

For example,

venus	2	$\label{eq:linear} $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$$
mars	2	\\mars\test2

The DMP job will be run using 2 processors on node venus in the shared directory test1 and 2 processors on node mars in the shared directory test2 and the Microsoft Job Scheduler is installed in the head node earth.

Note that the version of MS/MPI used to run the marc job requires that all processors within your cluster be allocated (done automatically by the run\_marc.bat script) even for running a job that requires less than the total number of processors in the system.

Although no specific hardware requirements exist to run a job in parallel, it is preferable that for distributed parallel processing to have fast network connections between the machines. It is recommended that the network should have a speed of at least 100 MBit per second. If only two machines are to be used, a hub or a cross-over cable can be used to connect them. If more than two machines are to be used, a switch is preferable. TCP/IP is used for communications. Refer to the include.bat file in the tools directory for requirements on O/S, compilers, etc. for more details regarding running on Microsoft Windows.

### Definitions

1. Root machine:

The machine on which the Marc job is started.

2. Remote machine:

Any machine other than the root machine which is part of a distributed Marc run on the network.

3. Shared installation:

Marc is installed in a UNC shared directory on one machine only. Other machines can access the Marc executable since the directory is shared.

4. Distributed installation:

Marc is installed on all machines. Each machine accesses its own Marc executable.

5. Distributed execution:

Marc is run on multiple machines which are connected with a network. Each machine loads the Marc executable either from a shared or a local directory and then executes the executable.

6. Shared I/O:

Marc reads and writes data in a UNC shared directory. Each Marc executable running on the network reads/writes to the same directory.

7. Distributed I/O:

Marc reads and writes data in a directory located on each machine. Transfer of data files and post files between the root machine and remote machines is done automatically by Marc.

8. UNC - Uniform Naming Convention.

### **Network Configuration**

Marc only needs to be installed on the root machine where the installation directory is UNC shared (shared installation). Marc can also be installed on the remote machines which then use their own executable (distributed installation). The root machine is the one on which the Marc job is started, typically from within Mentat. The remote machines can be located anywhere as long as they are connected to the network. The working directory on each machine can be a shared directory on any machine on the network (shared I/O) or it can be a local directory on the hard disk of each machine in the analysis (distributed I/O). The User Notes describes how to specify what working directory to use.



Figure 6 Network Configuration

### Part 2 Installation Notes

This part describes the specific steps needed to install and set up a network version of Marc. For general information on Marc installation, see Marc and Mentat for Microsoft Windows Installation and Operations Guide.

- Steps 1–6: Must be performed as Administrator.
- **Step 1:** Install Marc on the root machine.
- Step 2: Make sure that the installation directory on the root machine is properly shared, so that the remote machines can access it. Assuming that Marc is installed under c:\MSC, share this directory by associating a UNC sharename with it as follows. Use My Computer and locate the directory to be shared. Right click on the directory and choose Sharing, Choose Share As and give it a Share Name (this is the UNC name) and click OK.

Please note that Marc restricts the UNC name to have a maximum of 10 characters and the name of the shared directory to have a maximum of 30 characters. If necessary, a directory higher up in the path can be shared (for instance,  $c: \$  instead of  $c: \$ ). It is sufficient that either  $c: \$  or  $c: \$ ) or  $c: \$ ). It is sufficient that

**Step 3:** On the remote machines you can choose between a full Marc installation and an installation of the MPICH2 Process Manager service only. In the latter case, the remote machine will be using the Marc installation of the root machine via the UNC sharename.

The Process Manager service must be installed and running on all hosts involved a distributed job across the network. To install the Process Manager on a machine without a full Marc installation, copy the smpd.exe program from the mpich2\bin directory (on the root machine) to a local directory on the remote machine. Open a Command Prompt window on the remote machine, go into that directory and execute:

```
.\smpd -install
```

Step 4: Create a Marc file with the shared naming information. From the Command Prompt, change directory to the tools directory in the Marc installation directory (here assumed to be C:\MSC).

```
c:
cd \MSC\marc2008r1\tools
net share > marc.net
```

This file has to be recreated each time the shared name of the installation directory is changed. The file marc.net contains the connection between the path names on the root machine and the UNC names, and can be created only by the Administrator. If this file does not exist or contains outdated information, the remote machines will not be able to find the executable on the root machine.

Step 5: Test the Marc installation for single processor execution by typing from the root machine:

```
c:
cd \MSC\marc2008r1\test_ddm\exmpl2\exmpl2_1
run marc -j cyl2
```

and Marc should exit in about three minutes if it is a successful run.

**Step 6:** Test the Marc installation for multi-processor, distributed execution. Assume the host name of the root machine is host1 and one of the remote machine is host2. Type from host1:

```
c:
```

```
cd \MSC\marc2008r1\test_ddm\exmpl2\exmpl2_2
```

and edit the file hostfile in this directory by replacing workdir with

```
c:\MSC\marc2008r1\test_ddm\exmpl2\exmpl2_2
```

The host names and directory names should be replaced with the names on the current system. Finally, type:

```
run_marc -j cyl2 -nproc 2 -host hostfile
```

and Marc should exit in about two minutes if it is a successful parallel run on host1 and host2 using one processor on each. If the job stalls or hangs at start-up time, exit it by typing control-C in the window in which is was started. See Part 3 User Notes in this section.

## Part 3 User Notes

This section assumes that the network version of Marc, including MP-MPICH, has been successfully installed on two machines that are to be used in a distributed analysis and that the appropriate Marc licenses are in order. Assume that host1 is the host name of the machine on which Mentat is running and from which the job is to be started (the root machine). The host name of the other machine (the remote machine) is host2.

### How to run a network job

First make sure that the two machines are properly connected. From host1, access host2 with Network Neighborhood. If this is not possible, a network run will not be possible. See Part 3 User Notes in this case.

In order to perform an analysis over a network, a special file called a *host file* needs to be created by the user. This file defines which machines are to be used, how many processes are to run on each, what working directory should be used, and where the Marc executable can be found on each machine. The host file can be selected and edited in Mentat and the Marc job started as usual from within Mentat (see the example below). If Marc is run from the command line, it is done as for a normal run using an additional command line option. For example:

run\_marc -b no -jid test -nproc 2 -host hostfile1

will run the two-processor job test.dat using the specification in the file hostfile1. No specific name or extension is used for the host file except that the name *jobid.host* (in this example test.host) must be avoided since it is used internally by Marc.

### Specification of the host file

The host file has the following general format:

host1 n1 host2 n2 workdir2 host3 n3 workdir3

Each line must start at column 1 (no initial blanks). Blank lines and lines beginning with a # (number symbol) are ignored.

The first entry is the host name of a machine to be used in the analysis. The root machine must be listed first and each machine must only occur once.

The second entry specifies the number of processes to run on the machine specified in the first entry. The sum of the number of processes given in the host file must equal the number of domains used. In a five-domain job, it is required that n1+n2+n3=5.

The third entry specifies the working directory to use on this host. This is where the I/O for this host takes place. The Marc input files for this machine must be in this directory and the results files for this machine are created in this directory.

The different domains of the Marc job are associated with the different machines as follows. Suppose a five-domain job test is run using a host file defined as

```
host1 2
host2 1 workdir2
host3 2 workdir3
```

with appropriate definitions of the third entry, see below. There will be six Marc input files associated with this job: test.dat, ltest.dat, ..., 5test.dat. Domains 1 and 2 will be associated with host1, domain3 with host2 and domains 4 and 5 with host3.

# Shared I/O

Suppose a job is to be run on host1 and host2. A shared directory on host1 is to be used for I/O. The UNC sharename for this directory is assumed to be dir7. The host file for a two-processor job would simply be

host1 1 host2 1 \\host1\dir7

To verify the work directory given, enter Network Neighborhood from host2 and click through host1->dir7. The directory seen should be the same one as the working directory on host1.

It is also possible to use only two entries for each host in the host file (host name and number of processes). This requires that the working directory is shared and that the sharing information is up to date in the file tools\marc.net in the Marc installation directory.

# **Distributed I/O**

If the user wants to have the I/O to be local on host2, specify the host file as

```
host1 1
host2 1 D:\users\dir5
```

The I/O on host2 will now take place in the directory D:\users\dir5 on the hard disk of host2. For this case, the Marc input files are transferred to D:\users\dir5 on host2 before the job is started, and the results files are transferred back after the analysis for postprocessing. This transfer of files is done by Marc automatically.

## Example

The definitions for a network run with Mentat is demonstrated with a simple example. We assume the simplest case where both the working directory and installation directories are shared.

Enter the menu HELP->RUN A DEMO PROBLEM and select the example CONTACT WITH DDM. Select and confirm your three domains as shown below.

#### Step 1



Activate DDM and enter the NETWORK SETTINGS menu.

#### Step 2



Click on the HOST FILE button and select the file called hostfile and modify it to contain:

host1 2 host2 1 \\host1\...

Set the working directory according to the share names on the current system. The host file places two domains on host1 and one domain on host2.

Run Marc from within Mentat using the SUBMIT 1 button.



RUN JOB				
USER SUBROUT	USER SUBROUTINE FEL			
3 Domains fo	r DDM 🗖 USE 1	DDM		
*SINGLE MACHIN *NETWORK				
INPUT RILE	NEW-STYLE T	ABLES		
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TITLE	SAVE N	10DEL		
SUBMIT (1)	ADVANCED JOB	SUBMISSION P		
UPDATE	MONITOR	KILL		

Check your results.

#### Step 4



Marc creates a post file associated with each domain as well as a root post file associated with the job id. For the previous model, lmodel1\_job1.t19, lmodel1\_job1.t19, and lmodel1\_job1.t19 are the processor files, while model1\_job1.t19 is the root file.

To postprocess the entire model, select model1\_job1.t19 as the postprocess file. If the model is very large, it may be convenient to view only a portion of the model by selecting any one of the processor post files, such as 3model1\_job1.t19. This file contains only data associated with domain 3 as selected in the Domain Decomposition menu. As specified in the host file, this file was created by host2.

### Shared vs. Distributed I/O

For jobs with very large post or restart files, it is usually more efficient to use distributed I/O. With distributed I/O, the input files, and the post files are located on the host's local disks. Marc, by default, automatically transfers the input files and the post files to and from the remote host if needed. It is possible to suppress this transferring with two buttons in the Network settings in the JOBS menu in Mentat.

To run a job using distributed I/O, specify a local directory in the host file:

host1 2 host2 1 d:\workdir

### Jobs with User Subroutine

User subroutines can be used as usual. If local directories are used on remote hosts (distributed I/O), the new executable will be transferred automatically to the remote host if necessary.

### Solver

Solver type 6 (hardware provided sparse) is not available on the Microsoft Windows platform.

Solver types 0 (direct profile), 2 (sparse iterative), 4 (sparse direct), and 8 (multifrontal sparse) are supported in parallel.

Out-of-core solution is only supported in parallel for Solver 8.

## Troubleshooting

#### General

Make sure that:

1. The user ID that was registered using the wmpiregister.exe utility exists on the root machine and all remote machines (see Part 1 General Information). Also check that the password you entered is the same on all machines.

Note that if you change your login password, you must register it again using wmpiregister.exe.

- 2. The remote machines have permission to read from the Marc installation on the root machine via the UNC sharename. For shared I/O, the remote machines also must have permission to read from and write to the shared (working) directory on the root host.
- 3. Your Marc and Marc Parallel licenses are valid.
- 4. The host names are valid.
- The MPICH2 Process Manager service is installed and running on all hosts involved in the distributed job across the network. Select Start/Control Panel/Administrative Tools/Services and look for MPICH2 Process Manager, Argonne National Lab. Make sure that it has Status: Started.

The typical error message that appears if the Process Manager service is not running on or more hosts is:

abort: Unable to connect to 'hostname:8676' sock error: generic socket failure, error stack:

. . .

Please refer to Step 3 of the installation instructions (Part 2 Installation Notes) on how to install the Process Manager on machines without a full Marc installation.

#### Running a Parallel Job when not connected to the Network

If you disconnect your system from the network and want to run a parallel job on that system, you will have to install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter. Follow these steps:

#### Go to Control Panel, Add/Remove Hardware.

Select the hardware task you want to perform:

Add/Troubleshoot a device

#### **Choose a Hardware Device:**

Add a new device

#### Do you want Microsoft Windows to search for your new hardware?

No, I want to select the hardware from a list

#### Select the type of hardware you want to install:

Network adapters

#### Select Network Adapter:

Manufacturers: Microsoft Network Adapter: Microsoft Loopback Adapter

It will now install the loopback adapter. You will have to enable/disable the loopback adapter as you remove/connect your machine to the network.

#### Running a Parallel job on Windows XP System when not a member of a Domain

If you will be running a parallel job on a Windows XP system that is not a member of a domain, you will have to modify a registry entry.

Using regedt32, look for the following key:

If you find this key, change the REG DWORD value to 0. The name may also appear as ForceGuest.

If you do not have this registry entry, your system will function properly.

#### Running a Parallel Job on Windows XP SP2

After you install or upgrade to Windows XP SP2, the RPC protocol does not permit anonymous requests to the RPC Endpoint Mapper but requires client requests be authenticated. This will cause an "Access is Denied" error when you attempt to run a Marc Parallel job.

**Note:** These settings are important to enable Microsoft Windows to run a parallel job. If they are not set properly, the error message "Host is unreachable (5)" or "Access is Denied (5)" will be issued.

To work around this problem, do the following:

From a command prompt, run **gpedit.msc**.

Select Computer Configuration, expand Administrative Templates, expand System, click Remote Procedure Call, double click RPC Endpoint Mapper Client Authentication.

Change the value to **Enabled**.

You will also need to check the Data Execution Prevention settings.

Right click **My Computer** Go to **Properties** Select the **Advanced** tab Select the Performance **Settings** button Select the **Data Execution Prevention** tab Select the button for *Turn on DEP for essential Windows programs and services only* 

#### **Required Privileges**

Running a parallel job either locally or over a network requires certain user privileges. If the privileges are not sufficient, MPICH will print an error code of 1314.

You will need to check the following settings from the **Control Panel**:

Select Administrative Tools Select Local Security Policy

Check the following items under Local Policies->User Rights Assignment.

Windows XP "Adjust memory quotas for a process" "Replace a process level token"

You can add usernames to these if needed by right clicking them and going to Properties.

Note that if they log in through a domain controller, the setting on the domain controller will also need to provide access to these settings for each username.