

 **mColor Quick Start Guide****Things you need to know:**

- If you purchased “Expert Guided Install”; please call Xitron at 734-913-1099 to schedule a WebEx appointment.
- Make sure you are running under a windows user that is a member of the local “administrators” group. mColor requires administrative access to load and operate correctly.
- The “mColor Client” program can be loaded onto as many systems as you like, but the number of “mColor Client” programs that can be open, at any given time, is limited by the “license” that was purchased. The “standard” license provides the ability for two “client” programs to be open at the same time.
- Do **NOT** connect the “M Series printer” or “dongles” to the computer before installing the “mColor” software. If the printer is already connected, please disconnect the USB cable before loading the “mColor” software.
- If the “mColor” software is loaded as a “trial” version the output will be printed with a watermark of boxes.
- Please review the section titled “Server Installation” in the “mColor documentation.pdf”, to prepare your particular operating system for the installation of the “mColor” software.
- Default Passwords. User Name: Administrator Password: \_\_\_\_\_ (leave blank)
- Need Help?  
If you purchased “End User Direct Support”; please contact Xitron (734-913-1099, [xitronhelp@xitron.com](mailto:xitronhelp@xitron.com)).  
If you did not purchase the “mColor support options”; please contact your Dealer to inquire about support options.

**Minimum Recommended System Requirements:**

mColor Client: Used to design “workflows”, adjust colors, and to submit jobs or control jobs in the “workflow”.

- “Windows PC” running Windows XP Pro, Windows 2003 Server, Windows Vista Business, Windows 7 Pro; or a “Macintosh” systems running OSX 10.7, OSX 10.8. PC and MAC versions of the “mColor Client” are provided.
- 2Ghz Dual Core Processor or higher
- 2 GB RAM or higher
- DVD ROM drive
- 100/1000 Network Interface Card

mColor Server: Used to process the job (via the Harlequin-based, Navigator RIP) and send it to the printer.

- “Windows PC” running Windows XP Pro, Windows 2003 Server, Windows Vista Business, Windows 7 Pro.
- 3Ghz Dual/Quad Core Processor or higher. Core i5 recommended.
- 4 GB RAM or higher
- 160 GB Hard Drive or larger
- DVD ROM drive
- 100/1000 Network Interface Card
- 3 Available USB 2.0 ports (for dongles and printer interface)
- For best performance; it is recommended that the printer be connected to a dedicated “server”.

**Loading mColor on a Single Computer or “Stand-Alone” System**

1. Place the mColor DVD in your DVD drive. If the “Welcome to mColor” installation screen doesn’t automatically open; browse the DVD, locate and run the file “AutoRun.exe”.
2. Use the “Full Install” choice to load the “mColor” software onto the computer. The “Full Install” loads the “mColor Client” and “mColor Server” software onto the computer.  
NOTE: The “Full Install” process can also be started by running the file “mColorInstaller.exe”.
  - a. If you are loading the software as a “trial” version; when prompted, please be sure to select “Demonstration” from the “Setup Type” window.
  - b. If you purchased the software; when prompted, please be sure to select “Production” from the “Setup Type” window. The next window will prompt you for the “ColorPro” and “M Series Printer” passwords. These passwords can be found on the “code sheets” that came with the “mColor” software (box that contained DVD and dongles).
3. Connect the M Series printer to the PC via USB. The system should automatically recognize the printer and install the “USBCOMM Device Driver”. Note: The printer must be connected via USB and powered on.
4. Skip this step if loading as a “trial” (demonstration) version.  
If a “license” was purchased. Connect both “dongles” to open USB ports on the computer. The system should automatically recognize each dongle and install the appropriate device drivers.
5. Once the software installation is complete; please reboot the computer.
6. Open/run the “mColor Server” program. The “Navigator” program will also open at this time.  
If you are prompted with “firewall security” messages, please select “Allow access”.
7. Open/run the “mColor Client” program. You will be prompted with a “Log In” screen. Enter the “User Name” Administrator and leave the “Password” box blank. The “Server” box should be automatically populated. If not press “Find Servers”. Then press OK to Log In.

## Loading mColor on a Network System (multiple computers connected to a server)

1. Place the mColor DVD into the DVD drive of the computer that has been designated as the "server". If the "Welcome to mColor" screen doesn't automatically open; browse the DVD, locate and run the file "AutoRun.exe".
2. Use the "Full Install" choice to load the "mColor" software onto the system that will be designated as the "server". The "Full Install" loads the "mColor Client" and "mColor Server" software onto the computer.  
NOTE: The "Full Install" process can also be started by running the file "mColorInstaller.exe".
  - a. If you are loading the software as a "trial" version; when prompted, please be sure to select "Demonstration" from the "Setup Type" window.
  - b. If you purchased the software; when prompted, please be sure to select "Production" from the "Setup Type" window. The next window will prompt you for the "ColorPro" and "M Series Printer" passwords. These passwords can be found on the "code sheets" that came with the "mColor" software (box that contained DVD and dongles).
3. Connect the M Series printer to the "server" via USB. The system should automatically recognize the printer and install the "USBCOMM Device Driver". **Note:** The printer must be connected via USB and powered on.
4. Skip this step if loading as a "trial" (demonstration) version.  
If a "license" was purchased. Connect both "dongles" to open USB ports on the "server". The system should automatically recognize each dongle and install the appropriate device drivers.
5. Once the software installation is complete; please reboot the "server".
6. Place the mColor DVD into the DVD drive of the computer that has been designated as the "client". If the "Welcome to mColor" screen doesn't automatically open; browse the DVD, locate and run the file "AutoRun.exe".
7. Use the "Client Only" choice to load the "mColor Client" software onto the system(s) that will be designated as the "client". NOTE: The "Client Only" install can also be started by running the file "mColorClientInstaller.exe". If the "client" is a Macintosh system the "MAC client installer" is located on the DVD in the compressed file labeled "mColor Mac Client.zip".
8. Once the software installation is complete; please reboot the "client" computer.
9. From the "server", open/run the "mColor Server" program. The "Navigator" program will also open at this time. If you are prompted with "firewall security" messages, please select "Allow access".
10. From the "client", open/run the "mColor Client" program. You will be prompted with a "Log In" screen. Enter the "User Name" Administrator and leave the "Password" box blank. The "Server" box should be automatically populated. If not press "Find Servers". Then press OK to Log In.

### Additional Tips:

- The "mColor Server" software was designed to communicate with the M Series Printer via USB. This software can NOT communicate with a printer that is connected using any other method.
- The mColor software is specifically designed to print directly to the "M Series" printer via USB, without the use of a "windows printer driver". Therefore printer and port selections, within the mColor software, are automatic.
- The software does NOT load a "windows printer driver" into the "Printers & Faxes" (Devices and Printers) folder.
- It is NOT necessary to load the "M Series Driver" that came with the printer, unless you plan to print from a software program other than mColor. If the "M Series Driver" is already loaded, there is no need to remove it from the system.
- The "mColor Server" program must be open/running, before the "mColor Client" is opened.
- If you close the "mColor Server" program, the "Navigator" program will automatically close.
- If you attempt to close the "Navigator" program, without closing "mColor Server" program, the "Navigator" program will automatically restart.
- Wait at least one minute before attempting to re-open the "mColor Server" program. This is necessary to give the "Navigator" program enough time to shut-down (close).
- If the status of your job shows as "scheduled", and it will not print, please refer to the section titled "RIP Configuration" in "mColor documentation.pdf". Check to be sure the Output Controller is set to "Delete Always" and "Disable Output" is unchecked.
- During the "Full Install", the "mColor Client" and "mColor Server" are both installed, to provide the ability to open/monitor jobs directly from the server. You should leave the "mColor Client" closed on the "server", unless needed, to avoid tying- up one of your "client licenses".
- The "Sample Files" directory, on the DVD, contains a number of PDF files that may be useful during the initial mColor learning/training process.

Please refer to "mColor documentation.pdf", located in the "Documentation" directory on the DVD, for instructions on how to use the "mColor" software.