



Creating a Shortcut to Automatically Start SURVEY / DREDGEPACK®

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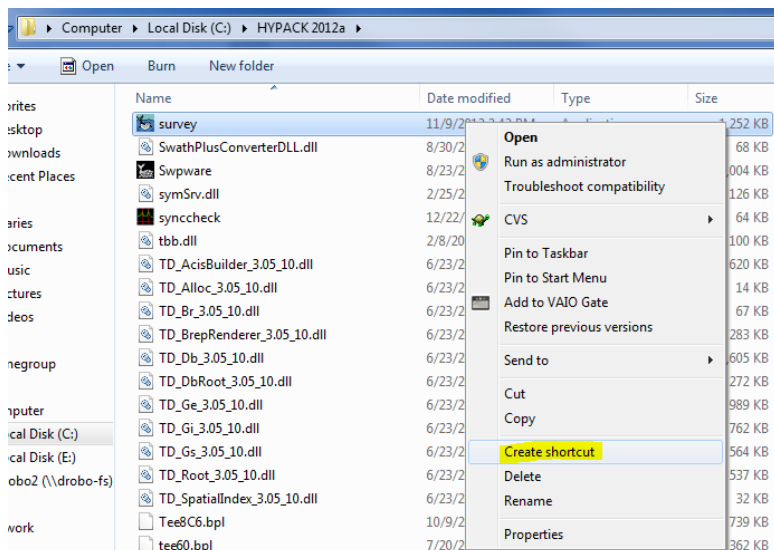
Sometimes it is advantageous to have a shortcut that automatically starts the SURVEY / DREDGEPACK® program in the real time tracking mode and to skip past the preparation portion of the software. I tend to do this on dredges where the operator only wants to dredge. That's where they make their money so why waste time? Also this limits the chance that something will get changed that shouldn't.

CREATING THE SHORTCUT

It is pretty easy to create a shortcut to the program.

1. **Navigate to the SURVEY.exe program using Windows® Explorer.**
2. **Right-click on the program to open the menu and select CREATE SHORTCUT** from the menu. This will, as it states, create a shortcut that can be placed on the desktop or in the STARTUP Group.

FIGURE 1. Creating the Windows® Shortcut to SURVEY



PLACING THE SHORTCUT

To place it on the desktop is relatively easy. To put it in the STARTUP Group is a little more complicated.

1. **In the START Menu, and go down the list of programs to STARTUP.**
2. **Right-click on the STARTUP folder and select OPEN.** Once you have done this a window will open and allow you to paste the shortcut there. The next time you start the computer it will start the SURVEY program.

For DREDGEPACK® I usually leave the shortcut on the desktop and let the operator start the program. There is a problem on some computers with putting the shortcut in the STARTUP Group because the program starts before Windows® is ready.

To create a DREDGEPACK® shortcut there is an extra step required:

1. **Right-click on the shortcut and select PROPERTIES** at the bottom. The display in Figure 2 will appear.
2. **In the TARGET line, add a /d** so that the program knows you want DREDGEPACK® instead of SURVEY.
3. **On the General tab you can optionally change the label of the shortcut** so that the operator knows they are starting DREDGEPACK®.

FIGURE 2. *Changing the Target to Start DREDGEPACK®*

