**Optica3 Installation Notes**

Thank you for your purchase of Optica Software's products. When you unpacked your zip file, you should have unpacked the following folders:

**Optica, OpticaTools, Optica Documentation**

**Step (1)** To install the package, place these three folders directly into your Autoload directory: /Autoload/Optica, /Autoload/OpticaTools, Autoload/Optica Documentation

Check $Path in your Mathematica notebook to find the location of the Mathematica Autoload directories on your system.

On Windows systems, the usual directory locations are:

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Mathematica\Autoload

C:\ProgramData\Mathematica\Autoload (for Windows 7, please set Windows to view hidden system folders)

For Macintosh OS X, the usual location is: /Library/Mathematica/Autoload

**Macintosh HD:Library:Mathematica:Autoload**

On Linux the directory is /usr/share/Mathematica/Autoload

Please remove older versions of Optica out of all Mathematica Autoload paths before installing a new version. You may leave Rayica or LensLab installed. However you must quit the Mathematica kernel if you run LensLab or Rayica and then switch to Optica and vice versa.

**Step (2)** After installing all folders, start up Mathematica and rebuild the help browser. On the Mathematica menu bar select: “Help” -> “Optica Documentation” -> “Rebuild Help Browser”.

**Step (3)** To load Optica3, select “Help” -> “Start Optica3” from the Mathematica menu. You may also start the software manually by typing: Needs[“Optica`Optica`”]; and RealTimeControls[] (for the GUI)

**Step (4)** To receive your product password you must first register yourself on our website at www.opticasoftware.com/store/registration.php. Complete the password request form www.opticasoftware.com/requestpassword.php. Please include your product name, $Version, $MachineID (the MathID) and $LicenseID. You can find these values at the Mathematica prompt. These values are also displayed in your Mathematica notebook if you type DEMO in the password field.

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