

RELEASE NOTES

Acces 4.3 update – May 11th, 2010

New features

- “Visual” passage editor. Now changing the text of a reading passage is similar to changing the text of a problem. There’s no need to learn any typesetting commands. In the pop-up passage editor, you’ll see a familiar toolbar with text styles, font options, paragraph alignment, etc. Nearly everything works the same as the problem editor, including the buttons for inserting a table or figure.
- Create a new reading passage. This is a little different than converting a PDF file to a passage. The new option lets you create a file for the “visual” editor, one which contains normal, flowing text. The advantage is that you can apply *Acces*’ formatting options, such as paragraph numbers and “my notes about what I’m reading”. (A converted PDF file is treated like a graphic and is intended for visual pieces, not flowing text.)
- Additional option in the Tools menu. There’s a shortcut for editing a figure or reading passage if you know the filename. You can copy and paste the name from the advanced, TeX-based editor, or simply type it. Please note that a path is not allowed. *Acces* will look for the file only in the assets database or user-created content folder.
- Additional options in the Help menu. There’s a shortcut for the *Acces4* Support Center, which offers web-based help. If you haven’t visited it already, should check out the guides, or step-by-step tutorials, and the free webinars, which are an excellent way to get training. Also through the Help menu, you can ask *Acces* to check for updates. (If there is an update, you should get it through the HISD download site, not the Support Center.)

Changes and bug fixes

- Problems per page (test/worksheet options) now works properly when there’s a switch between one and two vertical columns.
- Insert menu has been redesigned. The options for inserting a passage or problem and creating a new one are distinguished more clearly.
- Number of columns and other formatting options now work properly for reading passages. Note, however, that the passages must be flowing text, not converted PDF files or other whole-page graphics.

Installation and Compatibility

The *Acces* version 4.3 update goes on top of any installation from CD 2.7 or higher. There is no need to uninstall. Any documents you created with an older version of *Acces* will open just fine. Also, it has all files needed to run the program. You can use it for updating or for first-time installations.

Thank you for using *Acces*!

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