

Acces version 3.3 for Macintosh

Technical Summary

Requirements

Acces should run on any Macintosh with System 7.5.1 or higher. While this means just about every Macintosh sold since 1995, we recommend *at least* the following:

- System 8.1 or higher
- 166 mhz PowerPC chip
- 32 MB of RAM or more, depending on OS

Acces will run in “classic mode” on an OS X Macintosh. There is presently no OS X native version.

Hard drive space

Acces needs at least 20 MB of free space on your hard drive. The actual requirement varies with the number of database modules that you have licensed. Typically, the *Acces* program needs 4–5 MB and each module needs 5–8 MB.

Licensing

Acces is site-licensed with no annual maintenance fee. Briefly, under the license, *Acces* may be installed and run on any computer at school or at teachers’ homes. Also, teachers may reprint an unlimited number of documents (or items from the database), provided they are distributed only to students at the school.

A sample site license agreement is available for download at www.educaide.com.

Installation

Acces is installed from a CDROM by a typical Macintosh Setup program. Once installed, the CDROM is not needed again, so it can be passed along to other teachers or put away for safekeeping.

No part of the *Acces* program resides in the Macintosh system folder except for user preferences, and its location does not get hardwired into any files. Therefore, after *Acces* is installed, the program folder can be easily moved or renamed.

Note: The *Acces* CDROM is the same for all schools, although their licenses may differ. What distinguishes each installation is a “key code.” Teachers enter the code when running the Setup program, and it unlocks only the licensed modules.

Networking

Acces does *not* run off a network server. You must launch the program off a local hard drive. Still, printing can be done through a network, and *Acces* can be *installed from* a server (by dragging the folder or placing the contents of the CDROM there).

Miscellaneous

There are no known compatibility issues with any virus-checking or security programs, such as FoolProof or At-Ease. However, the latter may require special settings. Specifically, *Acces* must be allowed to launch two other programs, VTEXMS and VTEXWD, which reside in the main *Acces* folder.