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Extracting Your Access Configuration

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Garry Robinson shows you how to extract important information about your Access installation (and the version of Access that your application is running under).

In this article you'll find out how you can log information about the Access software configurations running on your users' computers. Why do you care? I can think of at least two reasons:

- By retrieving this information, you'll be able to make sure that everyone is running your Access application in the same way and track down installation and version-related problems.
- You can ensure that your users have installed the latest service packs for both Access and Jet.

As I'll demonstrate in this article, knowing this information can let you solve some very thorny problems. After reading this article, you'll be able to determine:

- The location of your Access database.
- The version of the Access executable running on your computer.
- The version of the Jet engine DLL.
- The Sandbox mode for your Access version.

As my list indicates, the details that I'm going to concentrate on will allow you to determine the "up-to-datedness" of your Access software: the Jet version, Access version, Access executable version, Access executable path, and Sandbox mode. These are all values that are useful to look into if your

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