

MARS Pre – Requisites

The following **must** be installed on your PC. If any of the following requirements are not in place, some or all of MARS' functionalities will not work as designed.

Operating System - Main

Please ensure **ONE** of the following is in place

32bit or 64bit version of:

- Windows NT4 with SP 6a and all the latest updates applied
- Windows 2000 with the very latest service pack and all the latest updates applied
- Windows XP with the very latest service pack and all the latest updates applied
- Windows 2003 with the very latest service pack and all the latest updates applied
- Windows Vista with the very latest service pack and all the latest updates applied
- Windows Server 2008 with the very latest service pack and all the latest updates applied
- Windows Server 2008R2 & all the latest updates applied
- Windows 7 with the very latest service pack and all the latest updates applied

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Operating System - Additional

Please ensure **ALL** of the following are in place

- Latest .NET Framework

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User Account Control (Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 and Windows Vista)

- Ensure that UAC is switched off.
- After installation, modify the properties of **all .exe files** in the program folder (typically Program Files\ChristianSteven\MARS) to always run elevated.

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MS Access* - Main

Please ensure that **ONE** of the following is in place

- MS Access 97 with Service Release 2 or above applied
- MS Access 2000 with Service Release 3 or above applied
- MS Access XP with Service Release 2 or above applied
- MS Access 2003 with Service Release 2 or above applied
- MS Access 2007 with all Service Release applied
- MS Access 2010 with all Service Release applied

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*Please see the last section of this document for important information about MS Access

MS Access - Additional	
Please ensure that ALL of the following are in place	
<input type="checkbox"/> All available Service Packs for your version	Where can I get them?
<p><input type="checkbox"/> If you are using Workgroup Security:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You must join the workgroup that defines the user accounts used to access the database. * Your user account must have Open/Run and Open Exclusive permissions for the database object. * Your user account must have Administer permissions for all the tables, queries, macros, tables and any other objects in the database, or it must be the owner of all tables in the database. * Your user account must have Administer permissions for all objects in the database. * Request that other users close the database. <p>Where can I get them?</p>	

Microsoft Outlook
If you will use Outlook to send email from MARS, please ensure that ONE of the following is in place
<input type="checkbox"/> Outlook/Office 2000 with Service Release 3 or above applied. <input type="checkbox"/> Outlook/Office XP with Service Release 2 or above applied. <input type="checkbox"/> Outlook/Office 2003 with Service Release 2 or above applied <input type="checkbox"/> Any version of Outlook/Office released after January 2006 (Office 2007, Office 2010 etc)
Please ensure ALL the following are in place (where applicable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run your Outlook or Office installer again and make sure that “Collaboration Data Objects” option is selected and installed on your PC. CDO must be installed on your PC for Outlook integration to work. • If you are using Outlook 2000 or Office 2000, SP3 or above must also be installed. Where can I get it? • If you are using any other versions of Outlook or Office, ensure you have installed the latest service packs and updates. Where can I get them?

Microsoft Office
If you will use extended Output functions e.g. Excel Bursting, Document Properties, etc please ensure that ONE of the following is in place
<input type="checkbox"/> Outlook/Office 2000 with Service Release 3 or above applied. <input type="checkbox"/> Outlook/Office XP with Service Release 2 or above applied. <input type="checkbox"/> Outlook/Office 2003 with Service Release 2 or above applied <input type="checkbox"/> Any version of Outlook/Office released after January 2006 (Office 2007, Office 2010 etc)
Please ensure that you have applied the latest Service Pack.

Microsoft Exchange
If you use Exchange to process email, please ensure that ONE of the following is in place
<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange 5.5 with SP 4 or above and all the latest updates applied. Where can I get them? <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange 2000 with SP3 or above and all the latest updates applied. Where can I get them? <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange 2003 with SP2 or above and all the latest updates applied. Where can I get them? <input type="checkbox"/> Any version of Exchange released after Jan 2006 (Exchange 2007, Exchange 2010, etc)
Note:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integration with Exchange 5.5 is NOT possible if SP4 is not installed.• Integration with other versions of Exchange may work even if the latest service packs are not installed, but some functionality may error or be unavailable. For best results, please ensure you have applied the latest service pack and all updates.

SMTP Server
If you use SMTP to process email, please ensure that ALL of the following are in place
<input type="checkbox"/> You must know your mailbox security credentials. Contact your email administrator . <input type="checkbox"/> Your server must allow relaying. Contact your email administrator .

Windows (NT) Service Scheduler
MARS installs an application scheduler by default. If you wish to use the Windows (NT) Service scheduler you can do so by going to Options – Scheduling. You must ensure ALL of the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Windows Service user has full security rights to the mailbox to be used (if you will be emailing reports).• The above user has full security rights to network files and folders (if you are reading reports across the network and if you are exporting to network folders).• The above user has full security rights to any FTP location you may be exporting to.• The above user has “Log on as service” rights on the local PC.• The above user has “Act as part of the operating system” rights on the local PC.• The above user is a local administrator (or a member of the local administrators group) of the PC. <p>Contact your system administrator.</p>

Important things you should know about MS Access and MARS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MARS has been developed to save you the time and energy in creating your own custom report distribution application. Buying MARS is the equivalent of hiring a competent developer to develop a report distribution application for you using your own licensed MS Access components.• MARS does not come with Microsoft components (dlls) included. It will interface with these components if they exist on your PC. The components are required by MARS in order to read your Access Reports, queries & macros, run them and export them. You must obtain the components yourself by buying and installing a copy of Microsoft Office from your regular software supplier, or from Microsoft.• Make sure you visit the Microsoft Office website and update your installation of Office with ALL the service packs and updates that have been released for your version of Office.