AceReader Pro

Deluxe
Macintosh Version

Quick Start Guide

System Requirements:
- Intel Processor
- Macintosh OS X 10.5.8 or greater operating system.
- 64 MB RAM or more
- 20 MB free disk space
- CD-ROM Drive (only needed if installing from CD)

Installation Instructions:
1. Insert CD
2. Drag the "AceReader Pro Deluxe" folder to your hard drive.

About the Logon Screen:

How Do I Add a New User?

There are two ways to add users:

(1) Adding users from the logon screen:
From the Logon screen, simply type your name in the New User field, and then click OK. You will then be prompted twice for a password. You will need that password to logon from this point on.

Note: You can keep the password blank if you want. If you keep the password blank, you will not need to enter a password when logging on.

Note: The ability to add users from the logon screen can be disabled by the Administrator/Teacher ("Admin" user).

(2) Adding users via user administration:
You can logon as the "Admin" user and add users via the "Add Users..." User Management functions. Refer below for more information on how to perform administration.

How Do I Logon Subsequently?
Simply type or select your User Name. Enter your password (if you have one). Then press the Start button.

What Is the Admin User?
The Admin user is a special user. When you logon as the Admin, the program behaves the same as all other users except you also have Administrative abilities. If you are the only person using the program, you may want to simply logon as "Admin". The first time you log in as Admin, you have the option to set a password just as you would with any other user. The administrator can perform tasks such as viewing user test results, creating custom tests, incorporating your own game text. Detailed information related to the Admin User can be found in the Online Help.

How to perform Administration:

- Logon as Admin.
- If the Wizard Screen is showing, then select the Admin Tab. If the Wizard Screen is not showing, then click on the Start Wizard button and then select the Admin Tab.
- From the Admin Tab, you can perform all of the administration function shown on the list.

What to do if a user forgets their password:

- Logon as Admin.
- If the Wizard Screen is showing, then select the Admin Tab. If the Wizard Screen is not showing, then click on the Start Wizard button and then select the Admin Tab.
- Under the "USER MANAGEMENT section, double click on the "Remove User Password" list item.
- Click on the user who has forgotten their password, and Iclick "Remove Password for Selected User".
- When the program asks if you are sure you want to remove the password, choose "Yes".
- Click "Done".
- When the user logons next time, they will be prompted twice for a new password.

What to do if the "Admin" forgets their password:

- Open the AceReader Pro Deluxe folder.
- Run "Admin Tools" by double-clicking on its icon.
- Select "Yes" when prompted to proceed.
- When you logon as Admin the next time, you will be prompted twice for a new password.

Program Usage Overview:

AceReader Pro is designed for students to improve reading skills at all grade levels, as well as adults. The amount of improvement varies from person to person; however, with diligent use this program allows most people to double and even triple their reading speeds while maintaining or improving their comprehension. The amount of time it takes you to reach your reading goals will vary, but you can usually expect measurable improvement within a few days.

The simplest way to use the program is to use the "Course Mode" on Tab1. The course will lead you through the training process.

To use the Menu Tab, refer below for instructions on how we recommend that you use the program.

We recommend that you take a Self-Paced Reading Comprehension Test once a day (i.e. at the beginning of your training session). Your Base Reading Speed (BRS) is reset to the speed you read the story if certain criteria was met (i.e. comprehension level was 75% or better, test was not repeated...). Your BRS teaches the program how fast to pace you during some of the Drills. Your reading speed and comprehension are also logged which allows you to monitor your progress over time. After you take a Self-Paced Reading Comprehension Test, you will want to spend the rest of your time (i.e. 15 to 25 minutes) with the Drills and Games. That's it!

Tip: Plan to spend 15 to 25 minutes per training session with the program. Training every day is best, but you can still achieve positive results training less (i.e. every other day).

Tip: The Tests and Drills are in order from simplest to hardest. It is reasonable for you, regardless of your age, to simply start at the beginning of each list and work your way down.

Tip: The program will remember the last Test/Drill you took. When choosing a Test/Drill to perform, you will notice that the last Test/Drill that you performed will be highlighted. You will typically want to select the next item in the list (i.e. the entry after the highlighted item).

Tip: When performing the Drills, do not focus on comprehension. Instead, you want to follow the words with your eyes. The drills are mainly eye exercises. The speed will sometimes be very fast, so again, don't worry about comprehension, but rather just try to follow the words with your eyes. Note: Comprehension will come over time without concentrating on it.

Tip: When selecting drills, we recommend that you perform one "Warm-up" drill, then one or two of the other drills (i.e. "Push to Double Speed"). Warm-up drills can be done in any order. The other drill sets (i.e. "Push to Double Speed") should be performed in the order shown. You only need to perform a few drills each day. After you have performed the drills, spend the rest of your time with the games.

Tip: You can refer to the Help (within the software) for reference and more documentation.

Remember… Success comes from Positive Attitude, Patience and Practice. You can do it!