

Overview of Configuring Your aACE Server

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This guide provides an index of links to the steps for configuring your server. It is intended for system administrators.

Setting up a server for running your aACE system includes the following steps. (Click a task heading to view details about completing that task.)

1. [Preparing the Server](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/preparing-the-server-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/preparing-the-server-fms19) — Outlines specifications, configuration details, and required software files that need to be on hand for the server installation.
(Note: We recommend *completing this step one week prior to proceeding* with Step 2. At the least, confirm that you have *all* the necessary materials specified in Step 1 well before beginning the actual process. This will give you ample time to retrieve anything you may be missing without stopping the installation in mid-process.)
2. [Installing & Configuring FileMaker Server](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/installing-configuring-filemaker-server-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/installing-configuring-filemaker-server-fms19) — Walks through steps for the installation of FileMaker Server and for configuring the FileMaker Server settings using the Admin Console.
3. [Installing FileMaker Pro](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/installing-filemaker-pro-on-your-aace-server-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/installing-filemaker-pro-on-your-aace-server-fms19) — Walks through steps for the installation of FileMaker Client.
4. [Installing aACE](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/installing-configuring-aace-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/installing-configuring-aace-fms19) — Walks through uploading the files for your aACE system and configuring the necessary automation schedules.
5. [Configuring Backups & Anti-Virus Software](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/configuring-backups-anti-virus-software-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/configuring-backups-anti-virus-software-fms19) — Describes the needed file paths for both local and external backup locations, presents details for setting up the backup schedule, and explains critical warnings about not relying on 3rd-party tools.
6. [Configuring an SSL Certificate](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/configuring-an-ssl-certificate-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/configuring-an-ssl-certificate-fms19) — Walks through creating a certificate signing request needed to associate your SSL certificate with your server's fully-qualified domain name. Then explains how to import the certificate files from your preferred certificate authority into FileMaker Server.
7. [Configuring the Server's Desktop](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/configuring-the-servers-desktop-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/configuring-the-servers-desktop-fms19) — Explains how to organize your desktop and related tools to get the most benefit from aACE Support.
8. [Preparing the aACE Launcher](https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/confirming-network-configuration-for-an-aace-launcher-fms19) (https://aace6.knowledgeowl.com/help/confirming-network-configuration-for-an-aace-launcher-fms19) — Reviews the network requirements necessary for remote access to your aACE system, then walks through configuring an aACE launcher file for your users.

After completing these steps, we recommend that you conduct a final review of each step of the server setup and confirm that all aspects of your aACE server are configured precisely as specified in these help guides. Mistakes in the server setup can interfere with your organization's productivity. This final review can help ensure that your team will be able to start leveraging your investment in aACE with ease.
