

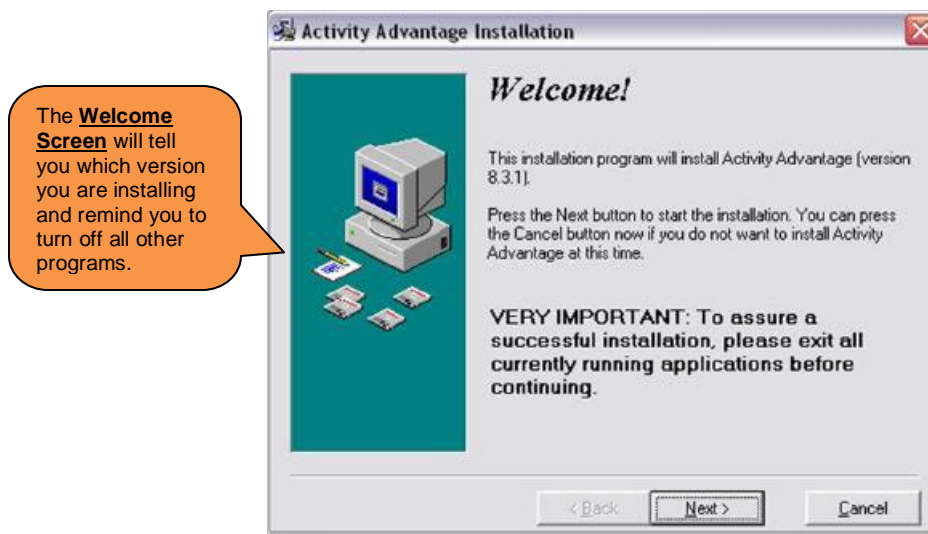
# ADVANTAGE Installation Guide

Now that you have downloaded the Activity V8 files from our FTP site, you need to install **ADVANTAGE** on your computer. Be sure your computer is capable of running **ADVANTAGE**. If you need information to verify that your computer is capable of running the software, please visit our website at [www.activitysoftware.com](http://www.activitysoftware.com) to download a PDF of the software and hardware requirements.

When you finish installing **ADVANTAGE**, it will require you to restart your computer. For this reason you must make sure all other programs are closed before starting. In addition, if this is an upgrade or reinstall **make sure you back up your pos6-32.mdb file**.

## Installing ADVANTAGE

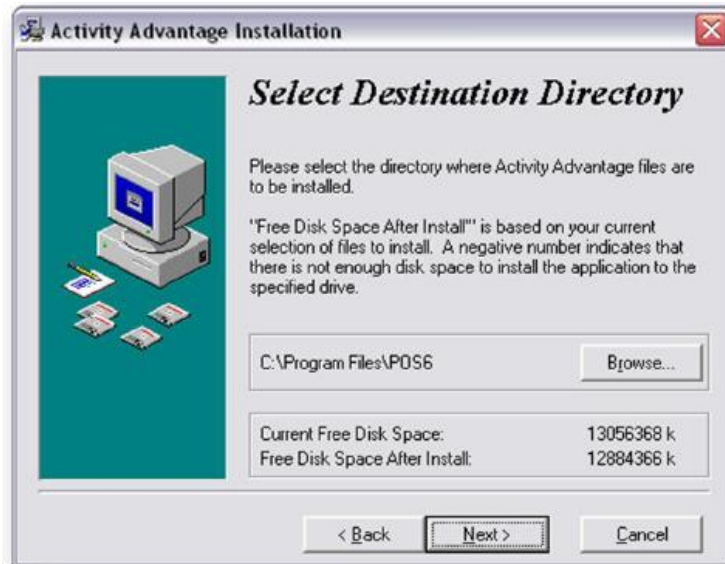
- In the version 8.x folder that you downloaded, there will be a file called **setup.exe**. Double-click on that file. You can also access the file by going into your **Start** menu and clicking **Run**. You can then browse to the **setup.exe** file and run it from there.
- Running **setup.exe** will display the **Welcome Screen**:



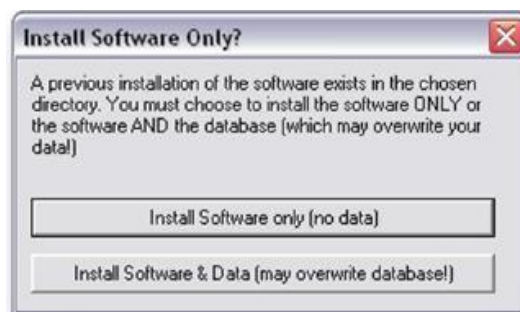
- Click **Next**

- You will be brought to the **Destination** screen. This screen will tell you how much disk space you will have *before* and *after* installing **ADVANTAGE**. If there is not enough room on your hard drive, the installation will stop. Here, you will also have the choice of deciding where **ADVANTAGE** gets installed.

We **highly suggest** and recommend installing in the **default directory**.



- Click **Next**
- You will then be asked which files you would like to install (unless you are installing **ADVANTAGE** for the first time):



- Click on your choice and the installation will continue.

This is **very important**. If you click on **Install Software and Data**, your existing data **will be overwritten**. The safest choice is **Install Software only (no data)**.

- You will then be brought to the **Activity Software License Agreement** screen:



- Read the **License Agreement** and choose whether or not you agree to the terms.

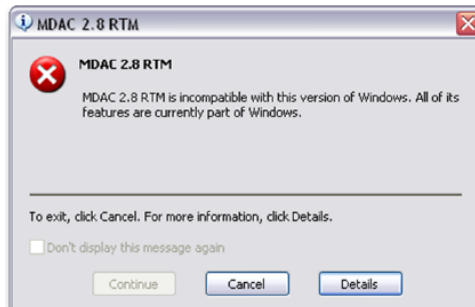
If you click **I Agree**, you accept the software as is and will abide by the License shown and installed on your hard drive. If you choose **I DO NOT Agree**, the installation will terminate.

- After clicking **I Agree**, you will be shown an installation process indicator on your screen. If the installation process takes longer than 3 minutes, please contact Activity Software Technical Support.

- ✦ At some point during the installation, you will encounter an **MDAC Installation Screen**. **MDAC** is a Microsoft program that is required to operate **ADVANTAGE**.



- ✦ Click **OK** to start the **MDAC** installation
- ✦ One of two things will happen:
  - ✦ If your machine doesn't have this MDAC file installed already it will continue. Be sure **NOT** to reboot when this file is finished or you will not be able to continue the **ADVANTAGE** installation.
  - ✦ An **MDAC** "error". This is not really an error message. All it means is that the file is already installed on your computer and doesn't need to be installed now. Click **Cancel** and the installation will continue as normal:

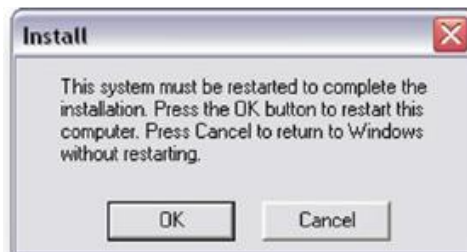


- ✚ When everything has been installed and loaded, you will be asked what your next step will be:



- ✚ Though you may choose any of the options, the best alternative is **Finish Installation!**

- ✚ After finishing the installation, you will be prompted to reboot your computer:



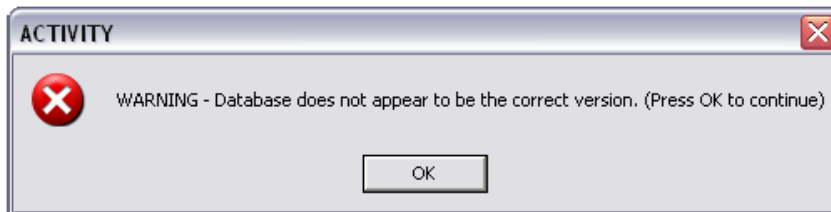
- ✚ If you are ready to reboot, click **OK**. If you have other programs running that you wish to close before rebooting, click **Cancel**.

***You must reboot your computer before you can use ADVANTAGE after installing.***

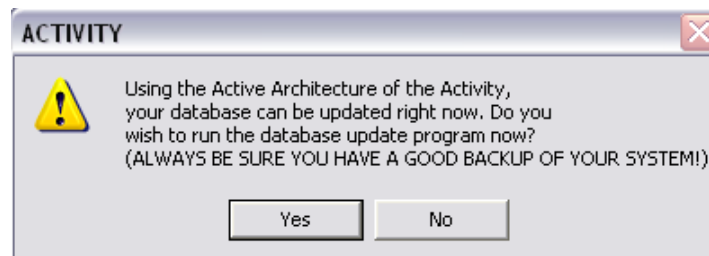
- ✚ After your computer finishes rebooting, you will see a new icon for **ADVANTAGE** on your desktop. Click on this icon to run **ADVANTAGE**.



- ✚ At this point, whether you are installing it for the first time or have updated to a newer version, this message will show up on your screen:

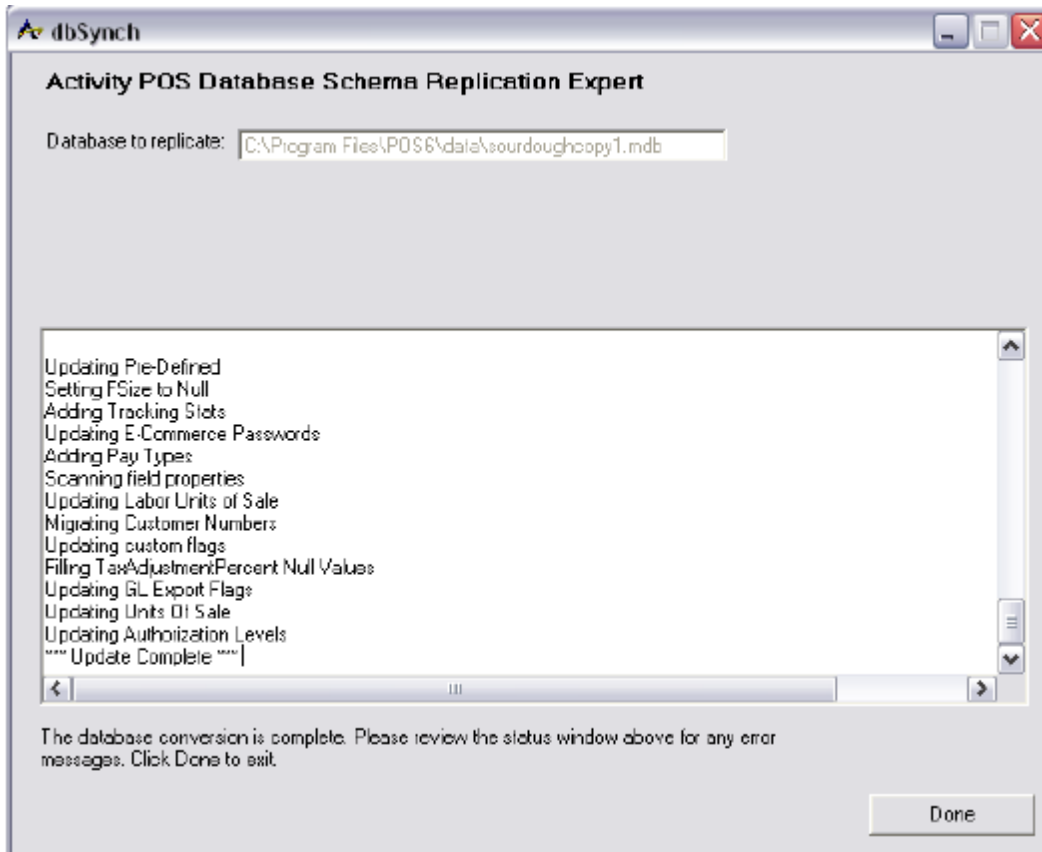


- ✚ This is a normal message to receive. It means that your database needs to be updated. It does not mean that you have a corrupt database or another problem.
- ✚ Click **OK**
- ✚ Another window will pop-up:



- ✚ Clicking **Yes** will start the **Schema Replication Expert**. This will ensure that your version will work with your database.
- ✚ You will see a progress indicator on your screen. If for some reason the replication expert **stops running** for more than three minutes, contact Activity Software Technical Support. Otherwise, let the replication expert run. It may take several minutes.

- ✚ When the expert is finished, you will see **\*\*\*Update Complete\*\*\*** at the bottom of the screen:



- ✚ Click **Done**. The screen will go away and you will have to double click on the Activity icon on your screen once again to open **ADVANTAGE**.
- ✚ At this time either the **License Activation Screen** comes up or the **Main Menu** will appear. Our new Keyless version requires you to put a License Code in to activate the system. Contact support and let them know you are ready if you didn't do this before starting.
- ✚ If you were required to enter in License Codes, once you have done so, the **Main Menu** will appear.



- ✦ If you have used our software before and are simply upgrading, you can now log in and begin to use it as you normally would.
- ✦ If you are brand new to our program the User Name to put in is New Signs. You'll see the whole name appear after just typing the letter N.
- ✦ Click **OK** to log in.
- ✦ **ADVANTAGE** is now ready to use!
- ✦ You can learn how to set up your new program by obtaining our **Getting Started Guide**. It's on the same ftp site that you the software from.

# Thank you!

-From all of us here at Activity Software