

launch MS access with runtime options ...



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I am trying to virtualize a few older access applications we run. These applications are compiled into MDEs but use the Access 97 runtime that gets installed with the application. I tried to thinapp one of these applications and it picks up the access executable but not the MDE file. How can I pass an option to access.exe to open the MDE file? From a command prompt I can just specify the name of the mde file after the access executable. I tried editing the package.ini file and added the name of the mde file after access.exe on the source line, then I built the package. That did not work. Has anyone else done something like this?

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May 25, 2006 1. **Re: launch MS access with runtime options** May 29, 2009 8:33 AM

I kinda solved my own question. After installing the application I created a bat file that called msaccess.exe and the mde file. Then I generated the build on the bat file; I didn't think it would have picked up the bat file as a "real" executable but it does. The build works as it should.



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Jul 29, 2008 2. **Re: launch MS access with runtime options** May 31, 2009 2:03 PM

 in response to: [dpeterson](#) Simple

You just add an

```
CommandLine="path/to/msaccess.exe "path/to/mde/or/mdb"
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below your Source-line.

be careful with the quotationmarks though 😊



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May 25, 2006 3. **Re: launch MS access with runtime options** Jun 1, 2009 7:58 AM

 in response to: [Thinstall2](#) great, I will give that a shot. Thanks