Access/Windows/Office 365 Version Check Add In

Version 2.68 – 17 Oct 2022

Installation Info

This version of the **Access/Windows Version Checker** is supplied as an **Access add-in** so it is available for use with all of your Access apps. There are separate versions of the **ACCDE add-in** for use with **32-bit and 64-bit Access** from **version 2010** onwards. If preferred, this can also be used as a standalone app.

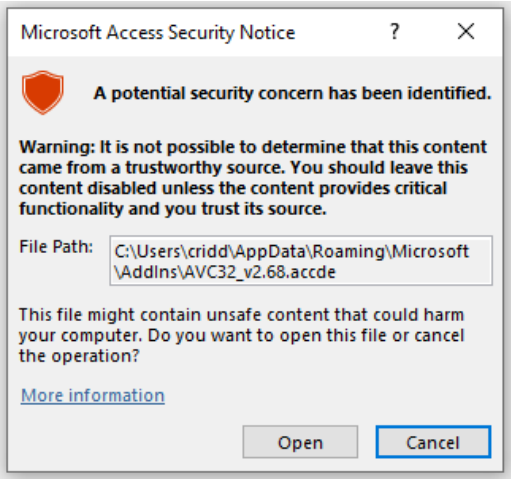
To install the add-in:

1. Unzip and copy the file **AVC 32_v2.68.accde** or **AVC64_2.68.accde** to your **Access add-ins** folder.
   The folder path is usually: ***C:\Users\YourUserNameGoesHere\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\AddIns***

   NOTE: You will need to tick **Show Hidden Items** in **File Explorer** to see the **AppData folder**

2. Browse to and run the **ACCDE** application from your **AddIns** folder

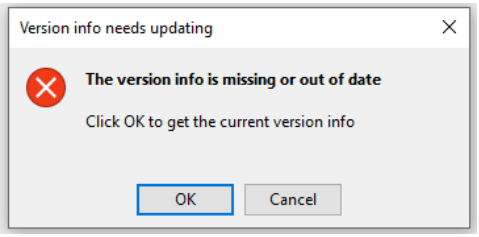
   If your **Add-ins** folder has not been registered as a **trusted location**, you will see this **security warning**:



   To set a **trusted location**, click:
   File . . . Options . . . Trust Center . . . Trust Center Settings . . .Trusted Locations

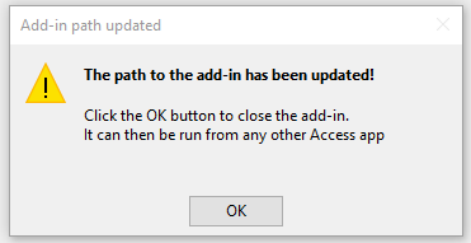
   The security message will no longer be shown.
   For more details, see my web article Is Location Trusted . . . and does it matter?

   After opening the app for the first time, you may see this message



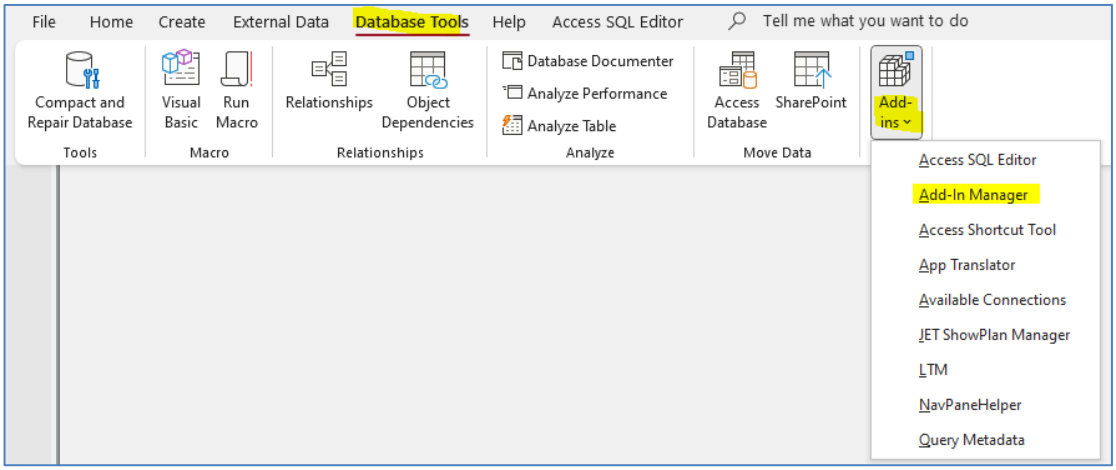
   If you click **OK,** it will collect version info now which will take a few seconds.
   Otherwise click **Cancel** to continue

Next this message appears

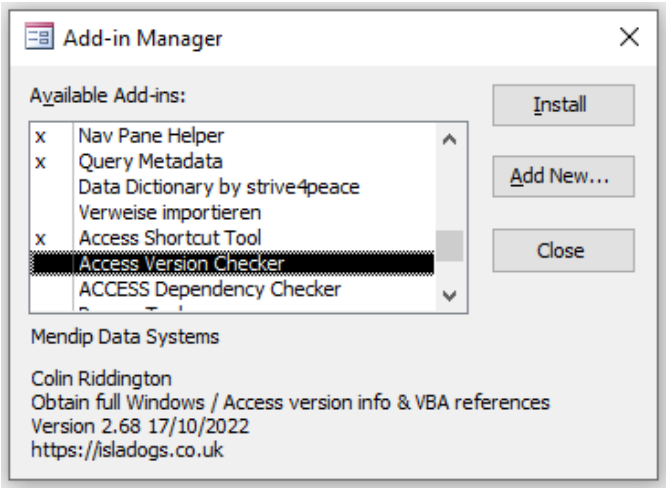


The path settings have been updated in a hidden system table **USysRegInfo.** Click **OK** to close the add-in.

3. Open any Access app and go to **Database Tools … Add-Ins** on the ribbon

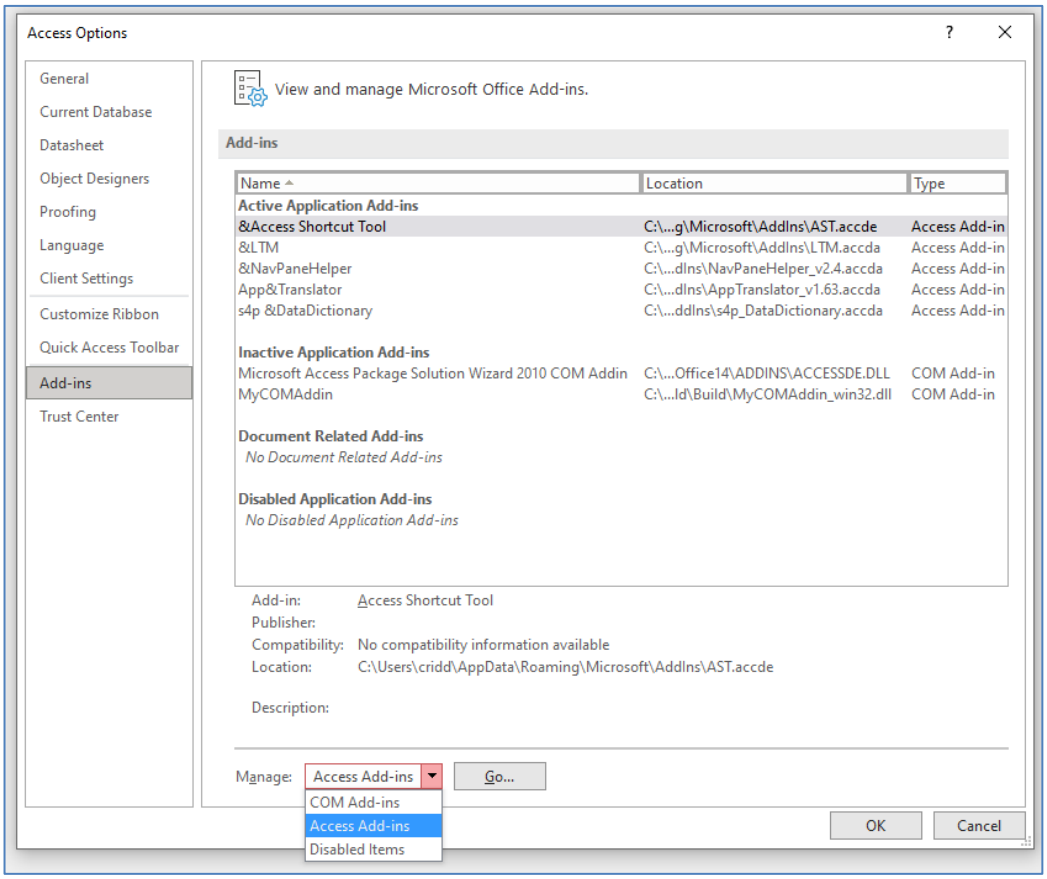


4. Click **Add-in Manager.** This dialog appears showing all the available add-ins on your workstation. **Installed add-ins** are marked with a **X**



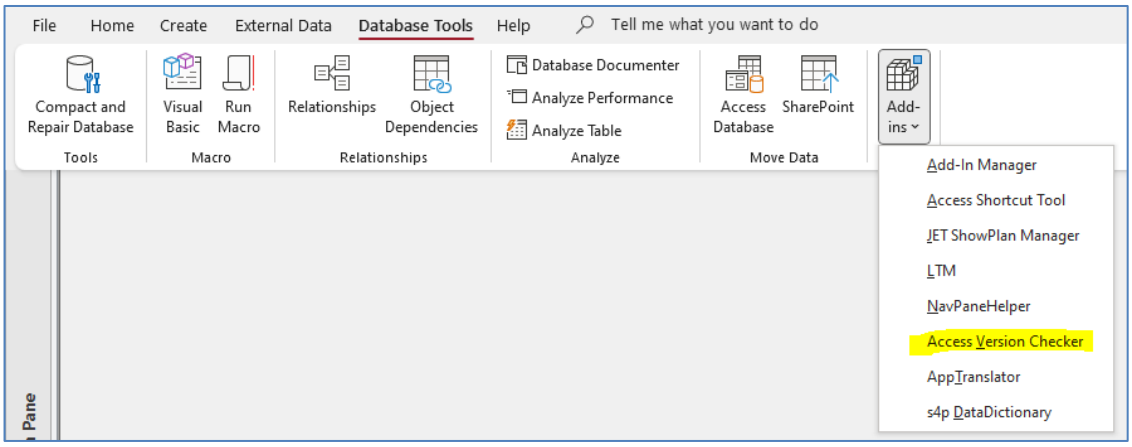
Select **Access Version Checker** and click **Install** then click **Close**
The **Access Version Checker** add-in is now available for use with all your Access apps

5. You can also install **Add-Ins** from the **File . . . Options** menu



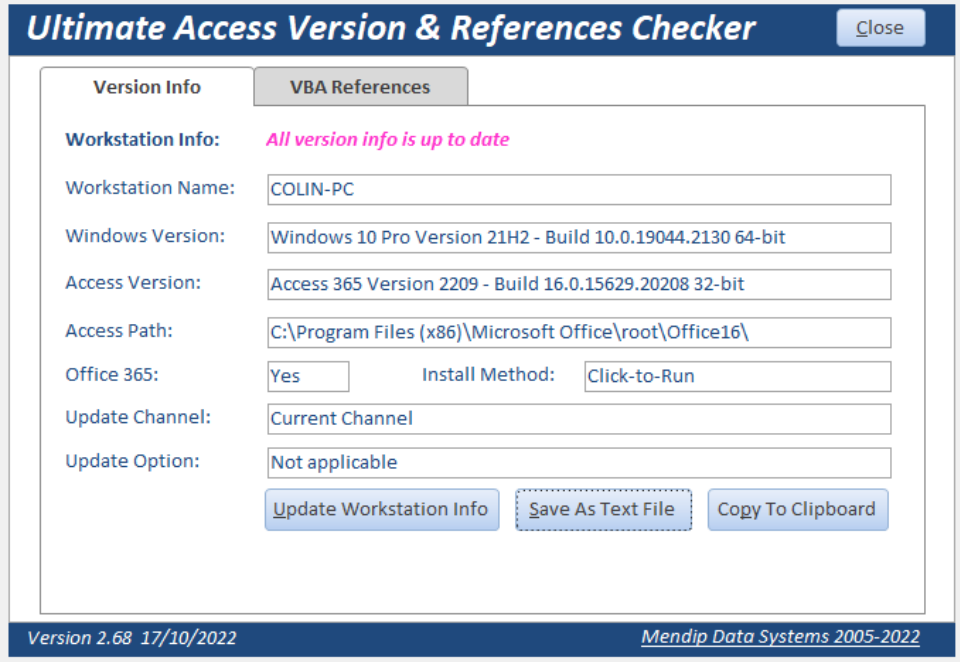
Click **Access Add-ins** on the dropdown then click **Go**
The **Access Add-in Manager** will open - same as **step 4**

6. To run the add-in, again go to **Database Tools … Add-Ins** on the ribbon and select **Access Version Checker** from the list

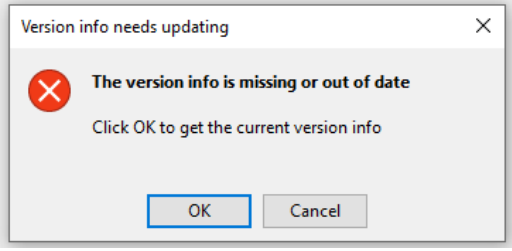


The **Access Version Checker** form will open in your app.

If you collected the version info earlier, this will now be displayed.



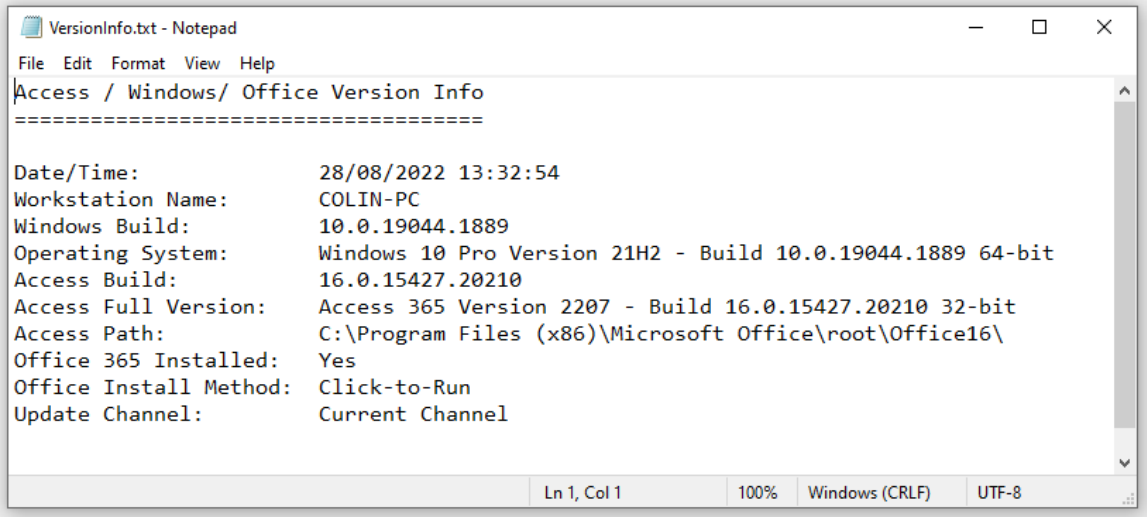
Otherwise, you will see this message. Click **OK** to continue



It should take **about 2 seconds to collect the data** depending on your **computer** and **internet speed**. You will need an **internet connection** to obtain the **YYMM version number** for **Access 365.**
All other data is collected locally

7. The form will appear in the centre of the screen. However, it can be moved by holding down the left mouse button over any blank area in the form header or detail sections

8. The **collected data** can also be **exported** to a **text file:**



This may be particularly useful for clients to send back to you as a developer

9. If you close the **Access Version Checker** form at any time, just **repeat step 6** to **re-open it**

10. **Each time the form is opened**, **it checks whether the saved values are up to date.**
    If a change is detected, you will be prompted to update the version info

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If you find this **free Access add-in** useful, please consider giving a **donation** to help offset the costs of maintaining my website. Thanks

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