Installing Epi Info™ 7

What is Epi Info™?

Epi Info 7 is a suite of free tools and utilities for Microsoft Windows for use by public health professionals to conduct outbreak investigations, manage databases for public health surveillance and other tasks, and general database and statistics applications. It enables physicians, epidemiologists, and other public health and medical officials to rapidly develop a questionnaire or form, customize the data entry process, and enter and analyse data.

Features include:

- Rapid electronic form creation & data entry

- Statistical analysis

- Mapping & visualization

It is used extensively throughout CDC, domestically and internationally. Epi Info 7 is free of charge and can be downloaded from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at https://www.cdc.gov/epiinfo/pc.html.

System Requirements

- Microsoft Windows 7 or higher with Microsoft .NET 4.6.1.

Epi Info 7 Projects

Epi Info™ 7 Projects consist of two files: The project file (.prj) and the database. The database contains all of the information about how to display the form AND contains all the data entered into that form. The project file contains a pointer to the database. Projects may contain one or more forms which are created using the Form Designer module.

- Allowable databases include Microsoft Access and Microsoft SQL Server.

- Access does not need to be installed in order to use Access databases.

Epi Info 7 Forms

Forms may have one or more pages. Each page on the form has its own "data table". As users enter data into a form, the collected data is stored within that page's corresponding data table.

Installing Epi Info and File Setup

Epi Info 7 can be installed by either of 2 ways:

1. **Setup Installation (.exe file)**

   - Provides standard way of installing Windows applications.

   - Requires administrator privileges to run.

2. **Zip File Deployment (.zip file)**

   - Comes in a standard "zip" archive.

   - Does not require administrator privileges to run.

   - Needs one folder with read/write/execute privileges.

   - Can usually be placed on the desktop