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Your post could use some clarification. Nevertheless, it is normal for the MDE/MDB to be placed on the target PC...otherwise, what would you be installing? The difference between packaging and a simple copy & paste is that when you package your app, you also package any dependencies your app has (if your license allows)...the Access runtime could be one of those dependencies. Your app might also be dependent on ActiveX components or other files. These files may not exist on the target PC. Also, most packages install shortcuts, etc.

If your app is very simple (no references beyond the defaults, no ancillary files, etc) , and the target PC already has a compatible version of Access installed, you COULD just copy & paste....if you really want to go around to each PC.

PDW is very lame as an installer though...especially the 2000 version (newer versions not much better). So, you may in fact want to use a 3rd party installer (I do), but you should be very mindful of the potential issues your installer might cause on target PCs. If you're not careful, and mess up their existing Access installation, you'll have some angry users.

BTW...whatever package you saw that installed the Access runtime without installing an MDE/MDB was illegal. You cannot legally distribute the Access runtime without a MDE/MDB/ADP/ADE. Read the EULA.

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"Mota" <[mtavasoli@parak.net](mailto:mtavasoli@parak.net)> wrote in message  
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> Hi;

> I used Package & Deployment wizard to package my program with Access

> RunTime

> files.But after packaging and installing it on the user machine,it put the

> main .mde or .mdb file on its computer (e.g. in its program files

> folder).Im

> not sure its normal or im doing something wrong,but if this is normal,what

> is the difference between packaging and a simple copy & paste a program

> from

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> a CD to the Hard disk?  
> However,i have seen an Access 97 project (been packaged with  
> InstallShield)  
> that had not any .mdb or .mde file after installing.If P&D wizard can not  
> do  
> more and a third party can do it for me,i have InstallShield Developer  
> 8.Can  
> anyone plz help me to make an Access 2000 package using it and plus Acc  
> runtime files ?  
> In general,is it possible to not to have the main .mde file on the target  
> PC  
> after installing?  
> I will be so much grateful to anyone can help me and thank you in advance.  
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