Workflow Builder™ for Microsoft® Access™

Evaluation FAQ

Thank you for your interest in Workflow Builder! Below are answers to several questions that frequently come up when evaluating the product.

How would I use Workflow Builder?

Whether you have an existing Access application, or you are starting from scratch, if you find that you need to automate repetitive processes, Workflow Builder can help. Let's say you want to produce a set of reports every day based on a set of files you receive from another system. You need to import the data, perhaps run a series of queries against the data to change it into a form you require, then produce a set of reports to email to other people. You could create a series of complex macros, code it yourself, or use a tool like Workflow Builder. Workflow Builder will let you configure a process like the one described, set it to automatically run every day, and notify you when it fails for some reason. Plus, since it's all configured, it can be changed at any time without necessarily modifying other objects (forms, VB, macros, etc.).

Can I pass values to Workflow Builder at the time a workflow runs?

Absolutely. You can pass up to three dynamic parameters that can be used in your workflows. For example, perhaps you have a workflow that will be specific to customers that plan orders, and you want to be able to use the Customer ID, Customer Name, and Order Amount. You can pass these values into the workflow when you tell it to run, and they can be included in any action you tell Workflow Builder to execute. For example, sending an email, exporting a file, creating a report, etc. In addition, Workflow Builder includes a string replacement feature that allows you to configure a workflow to use dynamic values such as the day, month, year, user ID, machine name, current database path, etc. For example, perhaps the files you plan to import are always located in the same directory as Workflow Builder, which allows you to distribute your application to many users without worrying about changing path names on each machine.

Can I import my forms into the Workflow Builder evaluation copy?

Because the evaluation copy is locked down to protect OpenGate intellectual property, you can only preview the sample forms we have prepared for you. But please be assured that migrating your own application into Workflow Builder is easy.

Do I need to license a copy of Workflow Builder for each user or database?

Workflow Builder licenses are for unlimited use within your own organization. We do not charge an additional fee based on users or the number of databases you create with Workflow Builder. If you plan to resell or redistribute Workflow Builder to other businesses, please refer to the next question.

Who can I contact to ask further questions?

If you have any additional questions during the evaluation, or need more time to evaluate UI Builder, feel free to contact us via email (support@opengatesw.net) or phone (US) 303-748-6452.

For more information, or to download a free product demo, visit www.opengatesw.net