UPDATING RELATE ACCOUNTS PRODUCTION





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OVERVIEW

There are two types of updates which will be applied to Relate Accounts Production, pre-release updates and mandatory updates.

PRE-RELEASE UPDATES

Over time Relate Software will release interim optional updates. These updates will be primarily offered to clients who have raised an issue or enhancement which is included in the build. These updates do not contain any mandatory legislative or program changes.

If you are offered a pre-release build of the software you will be emailed and notified of how to download and run the update. A link will be provided in the email from which you can download the update.

MANDATORY UPDATES

Mandatory updates are those which contain a mandatory legislative change. In these cases it is imperative that all users update so as to ensure they are on the latest build of the software and are following the most up to date legislation. When a mandatory update is released all users will be emailed and an automatic update message will appear upon log in to Relate Accounts Production.

BEFORE UPDATING

Before running an update there are a couple of things which we encourage all users to do.

- 1. Backup the database, if you are unsure of how to back up the SQL database, please download the guide from Relate Software's website, or alternatively email support@relate-software.com requesting a copy of the SQL Backup Guide.
- 2. Ensure you have full access to the install location.

This is vital when running any update, if you do not have full access to the location of the application some files may fail to save or overwrite, resulting in the program not updating correctly. To ensure that you have full access to the destination location please follow these steps.

I. Right click on the Accounts Production icon from your desktop and select 'Properties'. Figure 1

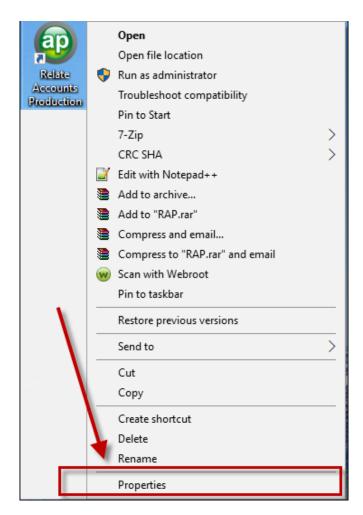


Figure 1

II. Take note of the 'Start in:' location, this is where the update will be installed to and the location which you must have full access to. This is normally C:\Program Files (x86)\Relate Software\Relate Accounts Production but can vary so it is best to always check. Figure 2

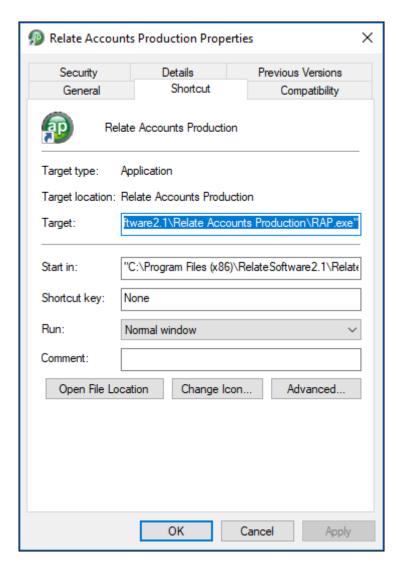


Figure 2

III. Browse to the 'Relate Software' folder location listed above at 'Start in:', you will need to give full access to this folder and it will automatically apply it to sub folders. In this case that location is C:\Program Files (x86)\Relate Software. Right click on the 'Relate Software' folder and select 'Properties'. Choose the 'Security' tab. Figure 3

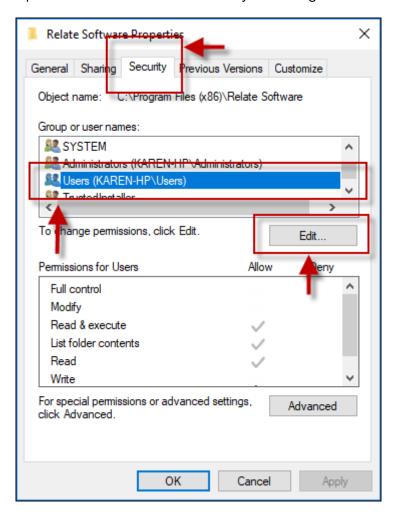


Figure 3

IV. From 'Group or user names:' highlight Users (followed by the PC name). Once selected the 'Permissions for Users' will appear in the box below. All items under the 'Allow' column should be selected. If all are selected you have full access to the location and can proceed with the update. If these are not all selected choose 'Edit'. Figure 4

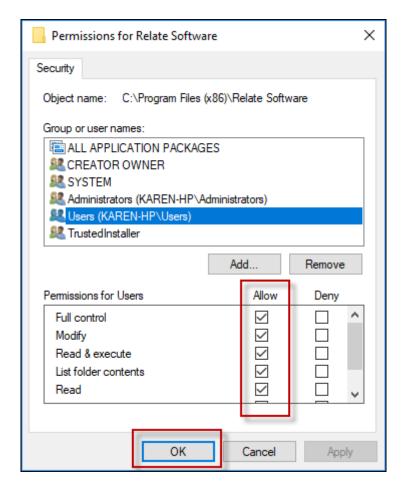


Figure 4

- V. Within the edit screen tick the first box under Allow. This will automatically select the rest. Press OK and OK on the previous screen. You now have full access and can proceed with the update.
- VI. If you receive any notifications during this process that administrator details must be provided, please contact your IT person who be able to provide these. For any issues in granting access to such locations always contact your IT Person.
- 3. After running the software update you will be requested to update the database, everyone should be logged out of the software before the database update commences.

DOWNLOADING THE UPDATE

When a mandatory update is released all users will receive a pop up notification upon log in to Relate Accounts Production, similar to below. Figure 5

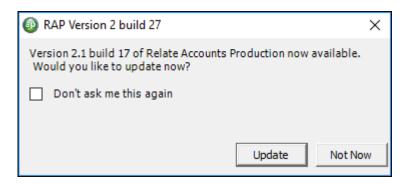


Figure 5

From this screen simply click 'Update'. The system will redirect to a browser and commence the download. Browse to the download folder on your PC and locate the file titled RAPUPD.exe or similar. Pre-release updates will not receive the above notification, instead the user will receive an email, with a link provided which they need to click on to download the update.

RUNNING THE UPDATE

Double click on the file, the install screen will appear. Figure 6

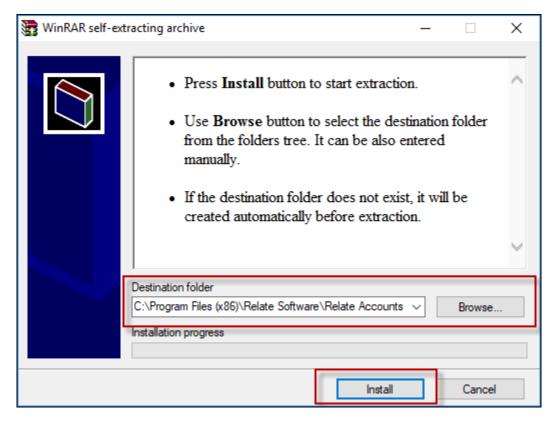


Figure 6

The destination folder should be pointing at the same path that Relate Accounts Production is installed to by default. Again, this can be double checked by right clicking on the Accounts Production icon, choosing properties and checking the 'Start in' location. You should not need to change this. Select 'Install'

The progress bar will load green and when the install is complete the window will disappear from your screen. The update has been successful. You will now be able to log into RAP, follow the on screen prompts to update the database. At this point everyone must be logged out of Relate Accounts Production. You will not be able to update the database if a user is logged in.

ISSUES DURING/AFTER UPDATE

If, after running the update, you receive a notification that some files could not be created this means the update failed. Figure 7

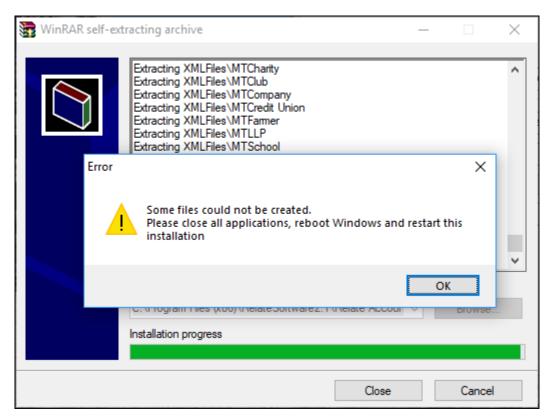


Figure 7

This is normally caused by Relate Accounts Production being open on the PC where you are trying to run the update. Other people working from different PCs still logged into RAP will not be of an issue at this point, this is an issue local to your PC. Ensure Relate Accounts Production is closed, and try again. Even having only the log in screen open will cause this issue. RAP must be not be open at all.

This can also occur if the 'Destination folder' path at Figure 6 is not correct. Please follow the steps advised above and make sure you are running the update to the correct location.

You must also ensure you have full access to this location, again, follow the steps above and then re-run the update.

If you continue to encounter issues while running the update check with your IT person if you need an administrator log in to run the update.

If, having carried out all of the above, you are still experiencing issues, please contact Relate Software Support.