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Tip of the Month – Reduce ACE Session File Size

Have you ever wondered what causes your ACE session file size to increase so quickly?

Aside from the obvious situations when you add many rows and/or columns to your session, there are two instances where your ACE session can grow in size quite substantially with seemingly little changes:

- Copying and pasting Power Point slides directly into the definition editor.**
 A Power Point slide pasted into the ACE definition is approximately 200KB; a picture of a power point slide (e.g., a .bmp file) is about 20KB. Consequently, your ACE session can grow quite quickly when pasting numerous slides into the ACE documentation. We recommend pasting pictures instead of slides into the editor.
- ACE now stores Inputs/Results Viewer (IRV) results for what-if cases.**
 What this means is that Base year and Then year results for every what-if case are now stored with the ACE session once those cases have been calculated in the IRV. Your ACE session can balloon if you have calculated multiple what-if cases. You can shrink your ACE session by selecting **Calc > Clear Calculated Results** from within the IRV.

Large ACE sessions can sometimes be problematic since they take a lot longer to both load and save. You will also notice performance issues during Autosave. You can adjust the frequency to Save Recovery File under **Tools>User Options**. We recommend using documentation techniques to reduce session size whenever possible.

2011 Workshop – Update



Presentation abstracts are currently being accepted for the User Workshop. So far we have potential papers on such topics as Cost Benefit Analysis, Converting Raw Data to a Methodology, Leveraging ACEIT's What-if Capabilities, Highlighting Specialized ACE Features, and more! Submit your paper soon (by Oct 15 – date extended) to be considered as a presenter. Attendees benefit most from presentations that show new ways to solve common problems. Below are just a few ideas of possible topics:

- How to do a RISK Analysis, specifying the Distribution
- Measuring and Specifying Correlation
- Performing an Earned Value Analysis
- Using CO\$TAT to Create a Learning Curve
- Using POST to Compare Costs at Various Confidence Levels
- Applying Inflation in Excel using the Inflation Utility
- Real World Examples using the ACE/Excel Plug-in
- Searching and Retrieving data from ACDB Report Wizard

Prospective presenters should submit an abstract and author's biography to the Workshop Coordinator, [Trina Rodriguez](#).

For full details on submitting your abstract, view the [Call for Papers](#) page on this year's ACEIT User Workshop website.

Course Highlights

ACEIT 201 - Next Steps in ACE, CO\$TAT, and POST (4 days)
 19-22 October 2010 * Washington, DC

Learn the next level of capabilities in the ACEIT tools. Utilize functions and create logical links within the cost model to maximize what-if capabilities. Use CO\$TAT to create and support enhancements to the estimating methods. Link in data from 3rd party applications like Excel and separate ACE sessions. Create charts, reports, and run what-if excursions by using POST; help program office staff and cost analysts to easily perform and present the results of ACE estimates and auto create PowerPoint presentations. **Register today!**

ACEIT 101a: Refresher – Reviewing and Updating ACE Models
 28-29 October 2010 * Washington, DC

Refresh your knowledge of the ACE software. Course focuses on techniques for reviewing, understanding, and updating an existing ACE model. This course is ideal for users that have used ACE in the past or use it infrequently. **Register today!**

2011 ACEIT User Workshop
 25 Years of Cost Estimating Innovation
 January 31 - February 2, 2011
 Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort – Santa Barbara, CA

For full details, view the [ACEIT User Workshop](#) website.

ACEIT Training Schedule

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
ACEIT 101: Introduction to ACE, CO\$TAT and POST	19-22 Manhattan Beach, CA	16-19 WDC	14-17 WDC	11-14 WDC
ACEIT 101a: Refresher - Reviewing and Updating ACE Models	28-29 WDC			
ACEIT 201: Next Steps in ACE, CO\$TAT, and POST	19-22 WDC			
ACEIT User Workshop				31-2 Parker's Doubletree Resort
RISK 102: Introduction to Cost Risk Analysis and ACEIT RISK	26-27 WDC		2-3 WDC	

On-Site and Mechanics Training are available, contact [ACEIT Training](#) for more information.

ACEIT Certification/Compliance Documentation

Certification/Compliance Document	Agency	Version	Issued
AF E/APL – Certified Air Force Evaluated/Approved Products List	Air Force	7.x	29 Jun 10
Army CON – Army Certificate of Networkiness	Army	7.2	26 May 10
NMCI – Navy/Marine Corps Intranet	Navy	7.1	Feb 09
NMCI – Navy/Marine Corps Intranet	Navy	6.1a	2006
VPAT – Voluntary Product Accessibility Template	various	7.2	26 Mar 10
US Dept of Education - Client Software Accessibility Review (Section 508)	Dept of Ed	6.1a	30 Jun 05
ACAT I and II ACEIT Requirement Memorandum	Army	Any	15 Apr 04
Microsoft Gold Certified Partner (7 th Year)	various	7.2	26 Apr 10

To view these documents, visit the [Compliance Documentation](#) page on aceit.com.

