

Minimum Requirements

Microsoft Windows® 7/Vista/XP/2000
CD-ROM drive or high-speed internet and Mouse
Hard drive with 150 MB free space (200 MB optimal)
64 MB of RAM (128 MB optimal)
Minimum display setting of 800 x 600, 256 colors (16 bit colors optimal)

NOTE: GOLD runs within minimum requirements for Windows 7, Vista, XP and 2000, which require more RAM and hard drive space. If your computer supports any of these Windows versions, you meet GOLD requirements.

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☆☆ INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS ☆☆

First ensure you meet the minimum requirements.

IMPORTANT: If you have a previous edition of GOLD on your computer and you want to keep TestMaker or Custom Access files, you must NOT delete your previous install. Once you've installed the current version of PDG GOLD 4.5, use the Import feature within TestMaker or Custom Access to import your files. See the "Importing TestMaker or Custom Access" section of this guide for detailed steps.

To Install:

FROM CD-ROM:

Insert your PDG GOLD CD-ROM to auto-run the installer. (On Windows Vista and Windows 7, allow startPDG to run.) Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

If you have auto-run disabled or the setup does not automatically start:

1. Use Windows Explorer to navigate to your CD-ROM drive containing the PDG GOLD CD-ROM.
2. Double-click the "PDGSetup.MSI" or "PDGSNCOSetup.MSI" file
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

FROM DOWNLOAD:

1. Navigate to the folder where you saved the download file and double-click it to start.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Once the installation wizard has finished, double-click the 2009 PDG GOLD or 2009 PDG SNCO GOLD icon on your desktop to start the program.

Complete the Installation/Personalization Screen. Carefully verify that you've entered the correct information as you cannot access this screen again.

Be sure to enter a valid permanent address – it will be the login name to access your McMillan account.

If you experience any problems, please refer to the Troubleshooting section in this guide.



ACTIVATION



To complete installation, GOLD software must be activated. You have three options: 1) automatically activate (the easiest); 2) manually activate on the web; or 3) call our friendly Customer Care.

Automatically Activate:

If you are connected to the Internet, automatic activation is easy and fast. Click the "Automatically Activate" button on the "Activate Method" window. On the next window, fill in the required information and click the "Activate Now" button.

Manually Activate:

Note this information displayed on the "Manually Activate" window: last name, software serial number and user code. Visit www.mcmguides.com, select Activations and follow the on-screen instructions.

Phone:

Proceed with the "Manually Activate" option and call us at 800/821-1338 or 805/545-0112. You may call 24 hours/7 days. You'll be asked to provide the last name, software serial number and user code found on the "Manually Activate" window of your software.

NOTE: If you install on a second computer, you must repeat the activation process for the second system.



DEACTIVATION



You can install GOLD on two computers for your own use. To use GOLD on a third computer, you must deactivate and uninstall GOLD from one of the previous computers.

Note: We recommend deactivating GOLD if you no longer plan to use it on a computer.

From the main menu, select File, Deactivate. (You must be at the GOLD start-up screen to deactivate.) The deactivation process is identical to the activation procedure in the previous section, with automatic, manual and phone options. Completely uninstall GOLD using your system's Control Panel to complete the deactivation.



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IMPORTING TESTMAKER and/or CUSTOM ACCESS FILES



DISREGARD THIS SECTION UNLESS you purchased GOLD during a previous test cycle AND created questions in TestMaker or Custom Access.

WARNING: Be sure to import all desired TestMaker or Custom Access databases before removing previous McM Studyware from your hard drive.

1999-2001, 2001-2003, 2003-2005, 2005-2007, 2007-2009 GOLD TestMaker and/or Custom Access Files

Your TestMaker and/or Custom Access questions will be available to import from within the PDG GOLD 4.5 software (2009-2011) — only if you have not deleted the previous install of GOLD. If you did delete the GOLD files, the TestMaker and Custom Access files were also deleted and cannot be retrieved.

To import any previous TestMaker and/or Custom Access files:

1. Install your current PDG GOLD 4.5 software.
2. From within PDG GOLD 4.5, select TestMaker or Custom Access. From the open dialog, click the Import button. Select and import the desired databases from the list provided.
3. After all selected databases have been imported, you may uninstall the previous version of GOLD.



TECHNICAL SUPPORT



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* Know which version of Windows you're using.

* Know your software serial number. It is printed on a sticker on the front of your CD-ROM's clamshell case and is also found on your Help/About screen. Please contact us if you cannot locate your serial number. If you purchased GOLD as a download, you can find your serial number in your order history at www.mcmguides.com.



TROUBLESHOOTING



For up-to-the-minute answers to new tech support questions and for any downloadable patches to the program or databases, check our website at www.mcmguides.com

You can also use GOLD's update manager to keep your software up-to-date. Just choose Check for Updates from the Tools menu in GOLD. If you experience any problems using the update manager, please retry.

Please consult your computer and Windows manuals for directions on freeing space on your hard drive, changing video drivers or changing the Windows setup.

Contact Microsoft at 800-MICROSOFT if you need help with those instructions. Most bases also have a PC Users Group you may contact for this type of assistance.

Setup and Install Help

- * **New for GOLD 4.5: You no longer need to insert the CD-ROM every time you want to study!**
- * **Check that you meet all the minimum requirements.**
- * **Did you get the message: "Fatal Error: Installation ended prematurely because of an error?"** Visit support.microsoft.com/kb/949140 for Microsoft's solution.
- * **Are your modem and Internet browser set up correctly?** If not, GOLD's shortcut to our website, automatic activation and auto update cannot function.
- * **Are you running a firewall program?** Ensure Port 443 is accessible during automatic activation.
- * **Can't find your serial number?** If you purchased the GOLD CD-ROM, it is printed on the clamshell case. If you purchased the GOLD download, it was given to you at checkout. You can retrieve it at www.mcmguides.com. Just go to View My Account.
- * **Can't find your user code?** It's on the Manually Activate screen in GOLD.
- * **Trying to install a second copy of GOLD on the same computer?** The second install must be made while logged in under a different user account than the initial install or the databases will be overwritten and you will lose any unique settings, such as transferred or incorrect questions, Add-a-Notes, reports, etc.
- * **Is the install process very slow and does it even seem to stop?** Check if you are running any antivirus, "GoBack" or "Restore" software. If so, disable the antivirus program/monitor only for the install process.
- * **Did you select the wrong rank when you installed?** Change your rank within the GOLD program using the Customize menu. Select Customize, Options tab, and use the Current Rank pull-down menu.
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