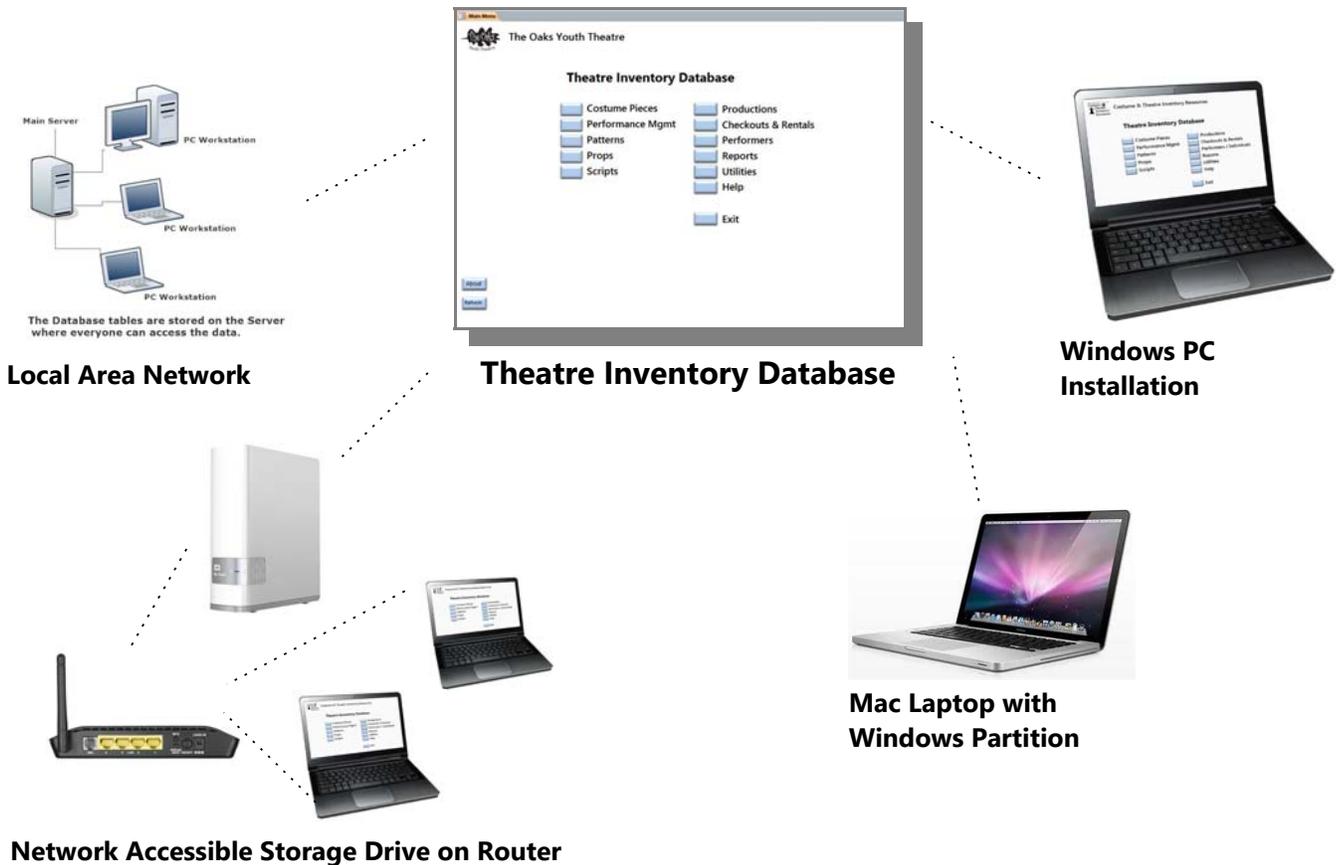


## Database Installation Options



The Theatre Inventory Database (and all other databases from Costume Inventory Resources) can be installed on:

1. Windows PC
2. Mac with Windows partition (VM Fusions or Parallels Plus MS Windows)
3. Local Area Network - The database can be shared by multiple users at the same time
4. Network Accessible Drive on Router (External drive connected to wireless network)

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## 1) Windows PC:

System Requirements: Windows 7,8 or 10. 4 GB RAM (more is better), 1 GB Hard Disk space (depending on how many photos are stored). MS Access 2010, 2013 or 2016 32 bit- either the full application or the MS Access Runtime (32 bit). DBPix (an image processing software which is included in the installation package) will need to be installed on each workstation.

## 2) Mac Computer:

System Requirements: VM Fusions or Parallels to create a Windows partition on the Mac. You will also need to install Windows 7, 8 or 10. At least 4 GB of RAM is recommended plus 1 GB of hard disk space. MS Access 2010, 2013 or 2016 32 bit- either the full application or the MS Access Runtime (32 bit). See the Resource Guide on Installing Windows on a Mac.

## 3) Local Area Network:

Your IT Staff will need to assist you to set up:

A Shared Drive/Folder to store the Theatre Inventory Database files and the photos.  
User Accounts for everyone who needs access to the shared drive with Read/Write/Delete privileges  
Each PC will need the same system requirements as above for the Windows PC.  
A shortcut on each PC to connect to the database application on the server

## 4) Network Accessible Drive on Router

A Network Accessible Storage (NAS) Drive is an external drive like a WD MyCloud (Western Digital) that is connected to the router for your wireless network. The database can be installed in a folder on the drive and shared by everyone on the network.

Pros: Network Accessible Drives are inexpensive. You can get a 4 TB drive for under \$200.  
The Theatre Inventory Database can be installed easily (see notes below).  
The photos can be stored and viewed by everyone  
Everyone on the network can have access to the database

Cons: The NAS drive can be slow to start. Once it gets going it is great but can be a bit slow to get going. Modifying the installation can help with this a lot - see below.  
If you are using a wireless network the distance from the router can affect speed a lot. If you are a long way from the router you may want to consider getting a wireless signal booster.

Installation tips:

1) Install the DATAONLY.accdb file on the shared folder on the NAS Drive. Create folders for the photos and copy them there.

2) Set up one PC as a Main PC. This PC should have the full version of MS Access 32 bit (x86). Install dbPix (image processing software). Copy the Database front end (Theatre Inventory Database 99-9.accdr) to the C:\Costume Inventory Resources\Theatre Inventory Database folder. Link the database front end to the DATAONLY file on the shared drive. Create a shortcut to the database front end.

3) On the other workstations - install MS Access (full version) or the Runtime. Install dbPix. Copy the database front end (Theatre Inventory Database 99-9.accdr) and the shortcut to the C:\Costume Inventory Resources\Theatre Inventory Database folder.