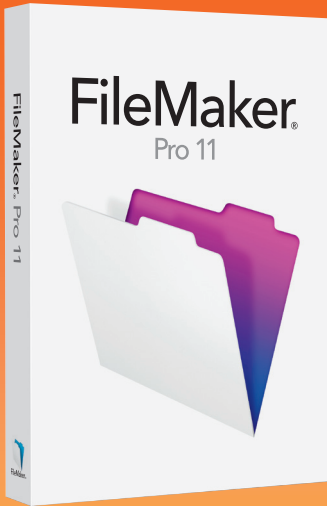


Introducing FileMaker Coach.



Do you need someone to put you through your paces?

If you like developing your own FileMaker solutions but could benefit with regular guidance and advice from one of our FileMaker Experts, then the FileMaker Coach service is perfect for you.

If this sounds right for you,
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FileMaker Pro

Ideal for helping with the specification, development and launch of FileMaker databases for the desktop.



FileMaker Go

Designing databases for remote use on iPads and iPhones is our speciality and we have lots of experience to share with you.



Web Publishing

Our work in bringing FileMaker databases to the web is award winning (Cube Awards 2009). We can show you how.

FileMaker Coach is provided by Cordis Technologies, a Platinum FileMaker Developer and two-time Cube Award Winners.



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What is it?

About FileMaker Coach

Our FileMaker Coach Service provides guidance and development, is charged by the hour and can be conducted either onsite in our office or yours, remotely via phone or electronically via email, instant messaging or screen sharing.

There are two distinct areas of our FileMaker Coach service:

System Architect - When advice and guidance is needed on overall solution architecture

Developer Skills - When assistance is needed at a fundamental development level. This can be either FileMaker based in terms of dealing with relationships, scripts and general FileMaker architectural questions, or it could be web also. If this is the first time you've taken your FileMaker data to the web, you'll find our knowledge in this area invaluable.

Typically, the System Architect Coaching is required at the outset of your development while the Developer Skills coaching comes both when you're in the middle of your development as well as performing ongoing improvements and maintenance.

"We've always been committed to bringing a level of professionalism to FileMaker development that previously wasn't available. Our training enables us to empower other developers with the knowledge on how to develop FileMaker effectively, deploy successfully and maintain efficiently."

Rob Speakman
Cordis Partner & Lead FileMaker Coach
FileMaker Certified

What does it cost?

FileMaker Coaching is charged in increments of 15 minutes. This is to give you absolute flexibility in how we support you - for example, say you are mid way through your development and simply have a couple of quick questions that are key to the next stage, you'll only be charged a minimum of 15 minutes rather than a minimum hour or even full day.

Packages



5 hours - £450
10 hours - £850

What they say

"Cordis's coaching was a really useful exercise in getting my team's skills developed. The knowledge, and practical skills we picked up over the two days has helped us to no end in our day to day roles. My team is now looked upon to deliver a quality service to our organisation, and we now feel comfortable in being able to do that."

Michael Rossiter
British Gas





How does it work?

It is very much a case of every project is different, however, if we are involved in supporting you from the outset we advise the following framework, with flexibility depending on the nature of what's being done.

Intro Session

- You tell us what you are trying to do
- You have an idea of how you wish to approach it in terms of databases / tables / fields and relationships
- We go over that detail with you and point out any potential pitfalls with the approach and make recommendations for alternatives



Review Session(s)

- The next sessions are to review development
- The frequency and quantity of sessions is purely based on what you think is most useful to you
- We review the development you have done since the last session and advise on areas of improvement and areas of potential concern
- We review your next stage of development and provide guidance and a potential path, focusing on relationship structure, scripts and interfaces



System Pre-Launch

- We advise that you have a session with us before launching your development.



What they say

"The simple and easy-to-use solution Cordis developed has helped us streamline our processes, and significantly improve the way we manage our exhibitions, all without the inconvenience of changing the technology that underpins it."

Nicola Lavictoire
Office Depot



Adhoc Support

- Throughout your development you'll come against situations where either you're stuck in terms of solving a particular problem or you have a choice of various paths and you'd like to bounce the options off of us to determine the best path.
- We can use screen sharing programs to see exactly what you're doing, meaning it's easy for us to trouble shoot for you, as well as do the odd change on the fly.
- In these scenarios, our FileMaker Coaching service is ideal because we only charge in increments of 15 minutes for our contracted customers.
- You can call as often as you like and you'll only be charged a minimum of 15 minutes rather than the normal hour or quite often daily minimum.





The Content

What may be covered

Our FileMaker Coach service is designed to give you all the development support and expertise you need so you feel comfortable tackling any area of FileMaker programming.

What's covered within the sessions will depend entirely on the nature of your system, and the specific development requirements you have.

As a guide, to the right are the sorts of things that are often explained during FileMaker Coach sessions.

Content Overview

The FileMaker power user

- Making browse mode work for you
- Performing complex search operations
- Sorting records
- Understanding formatting
- Variables
- Understanding indexing
- The table of dependencies
- Caching join results
- Understanding global fields

Building advanced interfaces

- Developing for Mac and Windows
- Using dynamic screen elements
- Working with sub-summary parts and part controls
- Designing for print
- Using multiple windows and views
- Employing custom dialogue as an interface tool
- Looking at anchors and resizable layout objects
- Working with tab controls
- Using advanced web viewer techniques
- Handling user preferences

Data modeling in FileMaker

- Relational theory
- Working with data arrays
- Graphic techniques
- The concept of layers
- File architecture versus data structure
- Separation and external SQL sources
- Implementing separation in an existing solution
- Deployment considerations

Calculations

- Compound calculation expressions
- Order of operations
- Calculation variables
- Text processing and parsing functions
- Dates, times and timestamps
- Summary data
- Lists and arrays
- Layers of abstraction
- Calculation fields versus auto-enter calculations
- Global calculations
- Your code's documentation

FileMaker scripting

- Scripting the control of objects and interface
- Trapping of errors
- Scripts and access privileges
- Automating the automation
- Harnessing the power of parameters, results, and variables
- Dynamic and indirect controls in ScriptMaker
- Using nonlinear logic
- Modular script code
- Scripting window management
- Scripting data import and exports

Advanced features

- Script debugger
- Data viewer
- Database design report
- File maintenance
- Defining tooltips
- Creating custom menus
- Custom functions

What next?

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