



MacPac and Forte Comparison

The chart below summarizes the differences between MacPac and Forte. As shown, the products are similar in template and macro functionality. However, the architecture, user interface, content management features, document assembly tools, and administrative and design functions are quite different.

Choosing the best TSG product for your organization is like choosing between models of a new car: you need to take a test drive. We encourage you to experience the differences between MacPac and Forte in a comparison demo. If you want to take the wheel yourself, we are happy to send you evaluation copies of both products.

	MacPac	Forte
MS Office platform	Microsoft Office Professional (32-bit): 2016, 2013, Office 365 ProPlus, 2010, 2007	Microsoft Office Professional (32-bit): 2016, 2013, Office 365 ProPlus, 2010
Microsoft operating system (OS)	Microsoft Windows (32-bit and 64-bit): Windows 10, 8, 7	Microsoft Windows (32-bit and 64-bit): Windows 10, 8, 7
User interface (UI)	Traditional, dialog-based interface. Global and template-specific functions, such as letterhead, signature blocks, envelopes and labels, and trailer/doc ID, are available from a ribbon.	Task pane-based interface. Global and content-specific ribbons are available for all Forte documents, and include functions such as letterhead, signatures blocks, envelopes and labels, and trailer/doc ID. Enables "dynamic documents" —edits made in the document reflect in the UI and vice versa. Context-sensitive and web-based help for all task pane fields.
Application language	Visual Basic (VB)	.NET/C#
Architecture	No required network components. Author database can be maintained on the network for automated workstation updates of authors. A MacPac executable synchronizes the local database with the network copy. No need to manually maintain author information within MacPac: optional component synchronizes author information with external sources.	SQL and IIS servers facilitate automated deployment of customizations and data updates, including author information. No need to manually maintain author information within Forte: optional component synchronizes author information with external sources.



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Customization	85% codeless customization by administrators using MacPac database and MS Word boilerplate editing. Visual Basic (VB) code can be used by in-house developers to customize MacPac or create a special macro/template package for your organization.	100% codeless customization. Built-in components enable all content design, automation, and management.
Document assembly and clause libraries	Basic document assembly-like functionality for some templates. Boilerplate text can be inserted automatically or manually into documents, and the user can be prompted to insert variable information.	Administrators can create document assembly routines for single documents of any complexity, as well as multi-document packages with question and answer storage. End users can create variable clauses and clause libraries; save variable information from one document to create other documents that share the same values; create and save multi-document packages; and share all content with other users or groups.
Styles and styling tools	Prior to installation, TSG works with you to style and format all "Starter Pack" content to your organization's specifications.	Prior to installation, TSG works with you to style and format all "Starter Pack" content to your organization's specifications. Includes tools to manage, copy, and apply styles. Style sheets enable users and administrators to save and apply individual or groups of styles to their documents.
Starter Pack for business	Collection of document templates and automated functions, including Correspondence, Electronic Letterhead, Agreement, Signature Blocks, Page Numbering, Title Page, Exhibits/Schedules, Notary, etc.	Collection of document templates and automated functions, including Correspondence, Electronic Letterhead, Agreement, Signature Blocks, Page Numbering, Title Page, Exhibits/Schedules, Notary, etc.
Starter Pack content for legal	Collection of document templates and automated functions, including Correspondence with electronic Letterhead, Signature Blocks, Pleading, Proof/Certificate of Service, Notary, etc. for 60 U.S. courts in 17 states plus the UK.	Collection of document templates and automated functions, including Correspondence with electronic Letterhead, Signature Blocks, Pleading, Proof/Certificate of Service, Notary, etc. for 64 U.S. courts in 18 states plus the UK.
Paragraph Numbering and Table of Contents	Automated paragraph numbering and tables of contents. The Numbering Tool provides a simpler, more intuitive interface than MS Word's paragraph numbering interface, and avoids native Word's numbering issues and limitations.	Automated paragraph numbering and tables of contents. The Numbering Tool provides a simpler, more intuitive interface than MS Word's paragraph numbering interface, and avoids native Word's numbering issues and limitations.

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Email and contact relationship manager (CRM) integration	Microsoft Outlook, GroupWise, InterAction, ContactEase, CRM4Legal, ACT!, IBM Notes (Lotus Notes), ProLaw, any proprietary internal or third party database	Microsoft Outlook, GroupWise, InterAction, ContactEase, CRM4Legal, ACT!, IBM Notes (Lotus Notes), ProLaw, any proprietary internal or third party database
Document management systems (DMS) integration	iManage (FileSite, DeskSite), OpenText (eDOCS DM, DOCS Open), NetDocuments, Worldox	iManage (FileSite, DeskSite), OpenText (eDOCS DM, DOCS Open), NetDocuments

About The Sackett Group, Inc.



The Sackett Group, Inc. (TSG) provides law firms and other businesses with innovative software to accelerate document creation and revision, control document quality, and streamline document assembly. From the introduction of MacPac as a single macro and template program over 25 years ago to the fully integrated MacPac and Forte product lines we offer today, TSG has been inspired by an ideal of technical achievement and service quality. Our commitment to that vision is a long-term investment, which has kept us ahead of the curve in engineering and up-to-date with our clients. Over 500 TSG installations worldwide attest to our client satisfaction.

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