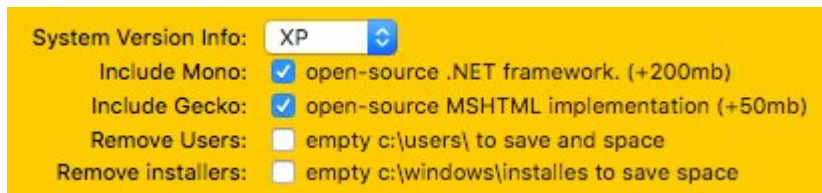# Running Voice UPB Bridge software on a Mac

The Bridge software was designed for the Windows operating system and we recommend that you install and use it on computers that use that operating system. If, however, you do not have a Windows computer it is possible to install and run the Bridge software on Apple Macintosh computers using a Windows emulator called "*Wine*".

The best reference we have found on how to run Windows programs on a Mac is at this site linked to below. Follow the instructions in the sections on *How to download Wine on a Mac* and *How to Run Windows Software on a Mac with Wine Bottler.*

http://www.howtogeek.com/263211/how-to-run-windows-programs-on-a-mac-with-wine/

We have tested the *Wine Bottler* approach and found that it works well. The only helpful piece of advice we can provide beyond what is on the page is in the Wine Bottler advanced screen. You must choose as the "System Version Info" any OS version that isn't XP. We tested with "Windows 7" and that allowed the Bridge software to install and work.

System Version Info:	XP	
Include Mono:	☑	open-source .NET framework. (+200mb)
Include Gecko:	☑	open-source MSHTML implementation (+50mb)
Remove Users:	☐	empty c:\users\ to save and space
Remove installers:	☐	empty c:\windows\installes to save space

Change the "XP" to "Windows 7". All the other options in the dialog can stay as they are.

By using the Wine Bottler approach and turning the program into an OS X application bundle makes it easier to use the Bridge software as needed.

As you use the Bridge software on a Mac please remember that it was designed and tested under Windows – Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10 – and not for this emulation mode so there may be "glitches" in how the program operates.

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