Why Does RetailEdge Only Work on Windows machines?

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There are lots of reasons we only work on Windows including:

1. **Legacy.** We have been creating and refining RetailEdge on Windows since 1998. And before that on PCs since 1989.
2. **More Economical.** We feel that Windows provides more bang for the buck. Compare the price of a Mac compared to a Windows machine.
3. **Flexibility.** Windows machines are much more configurable than Macs. And there are literally hundreds of mobile devices you can use RetailEdge on, from tablets to inexpensive laptops. You can bring your own existing equipment and configure it with a sleek looking touch monitor with rear customer display .
4. **POS Workstation Support.** The Point of Sale All-In-One market is still Windows and Android.
5. **Market share.** Windows is still 74% of the worldwide desktop market

In addition to all that, Windows is designed with businesses in mind. And when we install, RetailEdge on a computer system, we know our customers are going to use them for more than RetailEdge. Over the years we have gotten to know our customers needs outside of RetailEdge. Here are but a few of them that we typically find them using while on their systems:

1. Spreadsheet work for data analysis
2. Document editors for producing store signage
3. PDF creation and viewing
4. Image manipulation for web images
5. Sonos and other music systems for
6. Multi-media creation for marketing videos
7. QuickBooks accounting

8. Web browsing on vendor sites, etc. (with dozens of open tabs)
9. Powering multiple monitors for video displays and customer display.

Try doing that efficiently on a small 10" IOS or Android tablet. All this Windows provides the perfect platform for. You can see the system requirements for RetailEdge here.

Android and iOS Dashboards

Although we are a Windows based system, we do want to make sure you have access to your sales information from their Android or iPhone. So, we created dashboards for Android and iOS phones that dominate the mobile arena, to allow you to get good snapshots of your daily sales when traveling with a phone. We have limited mobile access to just dashboard information because we feel that if you need more you should run a full copy of RetailEdge. The form factor of the phone is just too small. If you really want to run a copy of RetailEdge on your phone (or iPad), you can set up an Island on Windows 365 Cloud PC.