# Preparing & Configuring an aACE Launcher (FMS 18)

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## Confirming Network Configuration

The aACE launcher file is the file your users will click to access your hosted aACE system. Before configuring your aACE launcher file, please take a moment to confirm that your server's network configuration includes:

- A static external IP address
- A fully-qualified domain name directed at your server's IP address
- A valid SSL certificate installed onto your server and associated with your fully-qualified domain name

Also confirm that your server's network / firewall has the following ports open to / forwarded from all incoming traffic:

- TCP 80
- TCP 443
- TCP 5003

For more details, read about enabling remote access for your aACE system.

## Configuring an aACE Launcher

Once you have confirmed the details above, you can download and configure a launcher to point to the aACE system hosted on your server.

Note: A valid SSL certificate is required for the aACE launcher to function correctly. In the event that you must access your hosted aACE system *before* you have installed a SSL certificate, please see our help guide on accessing aACE without a launcher.