

## **Using Laserfiche with the Macintosh Computer**

With the release of Laserfiche WebAccess version 8, Macintosh computers can use Firefox and have the same basic capabilities that PC users running Firefox have. WebAccess provides that ability to view, import, export, add sticky notes and annotations, and move documents within the system. With an additional download, PC users can scan directly into the system. This scan software is not currently available for the Macintosh. To work around this limitation, a Macintosh user will need to scan a document onto the desktop as a TIFF image, then import it into Laserfiche.

A Laserfiche Technical contact for Texas A&M AgriLife said that another option is to use Microsoft Virtual PC, or another 3rd party software application. "I've heard good things from users who have gone this route. As expected, there are some performance issues, but nothing that is unbearable. I've had some direct experience running Laserfiche through VMWare on Windows machines (another virtual pc software developer), and there is a noticeable lag associated with running these applications, but it's not too bad. I'd say that the experience is similar in quality to a very fast Remote Desktop session. The nice thing about using virtualization software is that both operating systems can be run at the same time, allowing your users to easily swap back and forth between applications, and I know that when using Virtual PC the start menu can be docked in OSX making it easy for users to switch back and forth between OS's."