

Important Notice for Windows XP, Vista, and 7 Users

Recent Windows OS releases have imposed some fairly tough security regimes on applications wishing to run on those operating systems. AstroPlanner V1.6 and its installer were conceived back in the days of Windows 98 and Windows 2000 when these restrictions were not a problem.

Also, the software technologies used to create AstroPlanner V1.6 have some problems with recent operating system releases, especially 64-bit operating systems.

For this reason, you should use the following supplemental instructions when installing AstroPlanner V1.6.1 on these Windows operating systems.

Installing from the CD-ROM

When you install using the installer on the CD-ROM you need to be aware of the following:

1. When you start the installer, it goes looking for a previous installation. If it doesn't find it then it might take a while for that process to complete. Although the process appears to be cancelable (a **Cancel** button), sometimes this doesn't work. Patience might be required.
2. The default place to install the application is in the *Program Files* folder. **Do not** install the application files there (particularly on Win Vista and Win 7). Choose to install the application in your Documents folder, the Desktop, or in a folder elsewhere on the hard disk. The *Program Files* folder is specially protected by the operating system, but AstroPlanner needs to be able to write to the folder it is installed into.

Changing the Compatibility Mode on Windows Vista/7

Once AstroPlanner is installed on Windows Vista or Windows 7, it is highly recommended that you change its compatibility mode, otherwise you may find anomalous behaviour occurring when the application is running. This is what you need to do:

1. Open the folder into which you installed AstroPlanner.
2. Right-click the executable (AstroPlanner.exe) and select **Properties** from the menu.
3. Select the **Compatibility** tab in the Properties dialog.
4. Set the **Compatibility mode** to *Windows XP (Service Pack 3)*.
5. Click **OK**.