

# The Master Genealogist and Windows Vista

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The TMG v6.12 update contains revisions so that TMG can run as a legacy application under Windows Vista.

(The same suggestions also apply to Family Tree SuperTools v2.00.)

1) Please install under WinVista using the TMG v6.12 installer.

<http://www.whollygenes.com/files/tmg6setup.exe>

2) TMG must be run as administrator. To do this, after installation and before running TMG for the first time under WinVista, you need to do the following:

Select the shortcut icon that you will use to run TMG (for example, the shortcut on your desktop, the shortcut in the Taskbar Quick Launch toolbar, or the shortcut in the Start menu The Master Genealogist v6 folder).

Right-click on the shortcut and select Properties.

Select the Compatibility tab.

Click the checkbox in the Privilege Level section to select 'Run this program as an administrator'

Click [OK] to save your settings.

You should always use this shortcut to start TMG.

Note that every time that you start TMG, you will get a User Account Control prompt. You should click the [Allow - I trust this program. I know where it's from or I've used it before] button.

3) It is suggested that you move your data files out of the Program Files / The Master Genealogist folder to user space. For example, you could relocate your data files and update your Preferences settings as follows:

Program Options / General / Default Project Path

Change to: C:\Users\<(user name)\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Projects\

**For each of your projects:**

Current Project Options / Advanced

Exhibit folder:

Change to: C:\Users\<(user name)\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Exhibits\

Backups:

Change to: C:\Users\<(user name)\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Backups\

NOTE: This backup path is an example. Remember to make or copy your backups to another physical device.

Timelines:

Change to: C:\Users\<(user name)\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Timelines\

NOTE: You only need to relocate timelines if you plan to edit timelines or to add new timelines. If you make this change in the Preferences Timelines path, you will also need to copy the timelines files from the C:\Program Files\The Master Genealogist\Timeline folder to your new Timelines folder.

GEDCOM:

Change to: C:\Users\((user name))\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Export\

Reports:

Change to: C:\Users\((user name))\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Reports\

Relocate your data as appropriate based on the revised Preferences settings. For example, you could relocate your project 'My Project' as follows:

Move the project files to: C:\Users\((user name))\Documents\The Master Genealogist\Projects\My Project\

- 4) Windows Vista x64 – TMG v6.12 should work under the 64-bit version of WinVista except that you won't yet be able to print word processor reports. The word processor module of TMG contains some code that doesn't work under the 64-bit operating system.
- 5) WinHelp – The help file format used by TMG v6.12 is not supported under WinVista. TMG help is being revised to a WinVista-compatible format but that work has not been completed. Microsoft has released a WinHelp update for Windows Vista (KB917607). This update will replace winhlp32.exe and will allow the help files used by TMG v6.12 to work under WinVista.

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=6ebcfad9-d3f5-4365-8070-334cd175d4bb&DisplayLang=en>

Be sure to select the correct WinHelp update version (x86 or x64) to download.

Windows6.0-KB917607-x64.msu <== download if running WinVista x64 (64-bit)

Windows6.0-KB917607-x86.msu <== download if running WinVista (32-bit)

- 6) Work-around (for more advanced users) – The need to run as Administrator is a result of permissions issues that arise because TMG has been installed in the Program Files tree. A simple work-around is to install TMG in a custom location out of the Program Files tree such as:

C:\TMG

or

D:\TMG

If you install in either of these locations, it is not necessary to run TMG as Administrator.

- 7) Work-around – There is a bug in the list control used for the Tag Box, Children window and Siblings window. The blank area below the list data in the windows might not refresh correctly.

For example, the Children window might show one or more erroneous children below the correct children. In this case, the area that should be blank below the correct children was not refreshed when you changed the focus person.

An easy way to see this refresh problem is to click the [Minimize] button in the upper right and then click the TMG taskbar button to restore.

A second refresh issue in the list control occurs when you have a list with checkmarks (Flag Manager, tag type list on Step 6 of the Export Wizard, tag type list on the Tags tab of report Options), when you disable or unmark a selection, the checkmark can fail to clear.

The work-around for these list refresh issues is to disable aero (the Window Vista theme) when TMG is running. Right-click on the shortcut that you use to run TMG and select Properties. Select the Compatibility tab. Check 'Disable desktop composition'. Click [OK] to save.

- 8) Work-around – Clicking on Public Chat from the Home Page Support menu or trying to access the Chat Room from the Wholly Genes message board gives a big white square with a red x in the upper left corner.

The chat requires Java and WinVista does not have Java installed by default. You need to download and install the Java runtime.

<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>

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