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Installing OptiRain on Microsoft Windows Vista

This document explains how to install OptiRain User and OptiRain Scheduler on a computer that runs Windows Vista, including Windows Ultimate Vista 64.

Pre-Installation

OptiRain requires the .NET 1.1 framework to be installed prior to installing OptiRain. Microsoft .NET Framework Version 1.1 Redistributable Package is available from this link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=262D25E3-F589-4842-8157-034D1E7CF3A3&displaylang=en>

In addition, the Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1 Service Pack 1 must also be installed. This package is available from this link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=A8F5654F-088E-40B2-BBDB-A83353618B38&displaylang=en>

You can copy and paste the above links into your browser to reach the required pages.

After these packages are installed use the network installer from the QuickSmart site to install both OptiRain User and OptiRain Scheduler. When installing OptiRain Scheduler, check the box "install for everyone"

Post Install Configuration

To run OptiRain on a Vista computer both OptiRain User and OptiRain Scheduler must be configured to run with administrator privileges. In addition they must both be set up to run in compatibility mode.

These configurations are easily set from the installation directory of each program. The installation directory can be displayed by following these steps (in Vista)

1. Click the Windows start Icon (icon that looks like a globe with Windows logo in it)
2. Click the list item "Computer"
3. Click "Local disk C:" (or your default install disk if different)
4. Open the directory "Program Files x86" by double clicking the words
5. Locate the "QuickSmart Development" directory, and open it by doubling clicking it.

You may see one or two directories within the QuickSmart Development directory depending on if you've installed both the user and the scheduler programs.

6. Open the directory "OptiRain" by double clicking the icon.

Configure OptiRain User

Locate the file titled "OptiRain" within the "OptiRain" directory. There are two files titled OptiRain in the directory, one has the extension ".exe" and is an XML configuration type and the other is an "Application" type.

Right click on the "OptiRain" file that has the type "Application."
From the popup, click "Properties." The properties window is displayed.

From the properties window, click the "Compatibility" tab.

Under "Compatibility Mode" check the box "Run this program in compatibility mode for" and then select: "Windows XP Service Pack 2"

Next, under the "Privilege Level" title, check the "Run this program as an administrator" check box.

Click the Apply button.

Click the OK button.

Configure OptiRain Scheduler

Follow the steps above to access the installation directory for the OptiRain Scheduler. From the QuickSmart Development directory, open the OptiRain Scheduler directory.

Right click the icon titled "OptiRain Scheduler" (this may appear as a plain box shaped icon with a bar at the top of the box)

From the popup, click "Properties." The properties window is displayed.
From the properties window, click the "Compatibility" tab.

Under "Compatibility Mode" check the box "Run this program in compatibility mode for" and then select: "Windows Server 2003 (Service Pack 1)"

Next, under the "Privilege Level" title, check the "Run this program as an administrator" check box.

Click the Apply button.

Click the OK button.

You have now finished configuring OptiRain for use on Vista.

Now restart your computer to ensure that the changes are applied.

Thanks for installing OptiRain on your Vista Computer.

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