Using FlightQuote on Windows Vista and Windows 7

FlightQuote 2 will work just fine on Vista & Windows 7 (W7), but it is best to run it in *Windows XP compatibility mode* and with the *Administrator Privilege level*.

Without these settings you can still save new data to the database and everything seems normal. But when you close the program and go back in later, all your changes are gone!

Vista & W7 normally block write access to the C:\Program Files\ folder. It saves the data somewhere else temporarily. But when the program is closed, this data is lost.

To set the necessary options, a 'manifest' file is now installed in the FlightQuote 2 folder (C:\Program Files\FlightQuote2\FlightQuote2.exe.manifest). This will set the options automatically every time you start the program, so under normal conditions you don't have to do anything.

These options can also be set manually:

- Right click on the FlightQuote2.exe file in C:\Program Files\FlightQuote2' and select 'Properties'.
- Click on the 'Compatibility' tab.
- Select 'Run this program in compatibility mode for' and select 'Windows XP (Service Pack 3)'.
- Also Select 'Run this program as an administrator' in the Privilege Level box. Click 'Ok' after that.

See the picture below on what this screen looks like:

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(This picture is older and only shows an option for XP Service Pack 2)

Another issue is that Vista and W7 will display a 'security warning' screen every time the FlightQuote 2 program is started:

"The publisher could not be verified. Are you sure you want to run this software?"

Most new Vista/W7 users will see these warnings all the time, a source of irritation to many.

These warnings are caused by a part of the security system in Vista/W7 called 'User Account Control' - **UAC**.

Turning off the UAC will stop all these annoying messages. Technically disabling UAC will result in a less secure system, but after a while of using Vista/W7 most users will get used to clicking 'Yes' all the time and pay no attention to the messages anyway!

XP did not have the UAC, and it still seems to work just fine - as long as you keep Windows up to date and have some decent anti-virus and anti-spyware software running.

In Vista turn off the UAC by opening up the Control Panel, and type in 'user account' into the search box:



You will see the link for 'Turn User Account Control (UAC) on or off'. Click it.

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Turn on User Account Control (UAC) to make your computer more secure					
User Account Control (UAC) can help prevent unauthorized changes to your computer. We recommend that you leave UAC turned on to help protect your computer.					
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OK Cancel					

Uncheck the box, and reboot your computer. Now the irritating warnings will be disabled.

As a result of this you might get a Security Centre popup that UAC is not enabled. This too can be simply disabled.

To turn of the UAC in Windows 7 you start by opening up the Control Panel:



Next you click on 'System and Security' in the top left.



On the 'System and Security' screen shown above, click on 'Change User Account Control Settings' under 'Action Center'.

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	Recommended if you use familiar programs and visit familiar websites.			
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Put the mouse pointer on the slider on the left, click and hold the left mouse button and drag the slider down to 'Never Notify'. Click 'Ok' and reboot the computer. The W7 UAC is now disabled.