



Installing and Executing your SkyMate Application on Windows® Vista

The SkyMate software can be installed and run without restriction on any Windows® Vista release with the DEP (Data Execution Prevention) feature disabled. You must also use a Windows® Vista certified and SkyMate approved USB-to-Serial adapter.

Disabling DEP (Data Execution Prevention) and installing SkyMate in Windows® Vista

The following section contains steps that tell you how to system widely disable DEP. Please make sure that you follow these steps carefully. For added protection, please back-up your sensitive data. If the steps below do not work for your Windows® Vista installation, please contact your computer manufacturer for particular instructions about globally disabling DEP.

1. Log on to Windows® Vista with a user account with **administrator rights**
2. Go to “Start” → “Programs” → “Accessories”
3. Right click on the “Command Prompt” icon and select “Run as administrator”. You will probably have to acknowledge an UAC (User Account Control) prompt window to get it done.
4. Once you are at the command prompt, type the following:
`“bcdedit.exe /set {current} nx AlwaysOff”`
(please pay carefully attention to the spaces). You will get a success message back.
5. Re-start your computer. Insert the SkyMate CD and the installation program will start. Windows® Vista (UAC) will then ask for authorization to run the installer. Click on “Allow” and the SkyMate installation program will launch.
6. The first time the SkyMate application is loaded after the above fix has been made, Windows® Vista will ask for confirmation about trusting the application to run. Click yes, to accept the application and allow it to run on Windows® Vista. The SkyMate application will be added to the list of trusted software and the next time it is loaded, Windows® Vista will not ask for confirmation.

PLEASE NOTE: If you want to turn the DEP feature back on use the same procedure to get to an elevated command prompt, and then type:

`“bcdedit.exe /set {current} nx AlwaysOn”`

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