

# Installing SoilTrak on Vista

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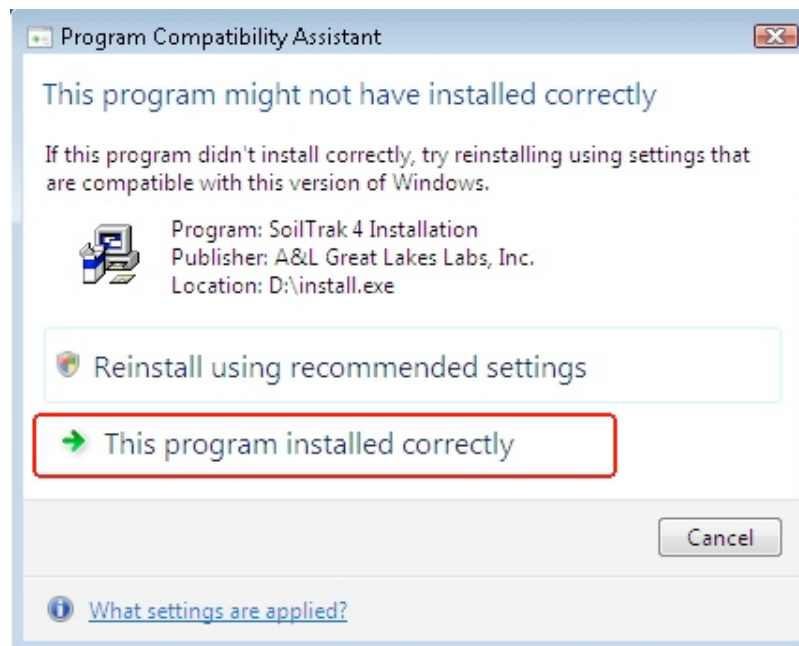
## Getting started

This document is for Vista users installing SoilTrak 4 for the first time or who have already installed SoilTrak 4 or any older version of SoilTrak on Vista. In this section “Getting started”, follow the steps below based on your situation.

### For new installation of SoilTrak

If you have not yet installed SoilTrak on Vista, follow these steps:

1. Insert the SoilTrak installation CD and follow the prompts.
2. After the installation is complete, Vista may display a message (see graphic below) warning that the installation was not done correctly. If you see the message, click “This program installed correctly”.



3. After the installation is complete, it is important that you do *not* start SoilTrak at this time. Proceed directly to the section “Setting up properties” below to avoid future problems.

### *Remember!*

After the installation is complete, do not start SoilTrak. Proceed directly to the section “Setting up properties” below.

### **For previous installations of SoilTrak**

If you have already installed SoilTrak 4 on Vista and are receiving unexpected error messages or wish to minimize future problems, follow the steps below.

If you have already installed the older version SoilTrak 3 in Vista, you should follow the steps below on that version as well. This ensures that, when you upgrade to SoilTrak 4, the function “Import Data from Previous Version” works correctly when you import data from SoilTrak 3.

Before proceeding:










1. Quit SoilTrak, if it is running. If you are using a network version, make sure all users quit SoilTrak.
2. Make a backup of the STWin4 folder (and the STWin3 folder if you also have the older version of SoilTrak installed in Vista). The backup should include and all the subfolders and files located in the main folders.
3. Proceed to the section “Setting up properties” below.

## Setting up properties

### Setting up Vista compatibility settings

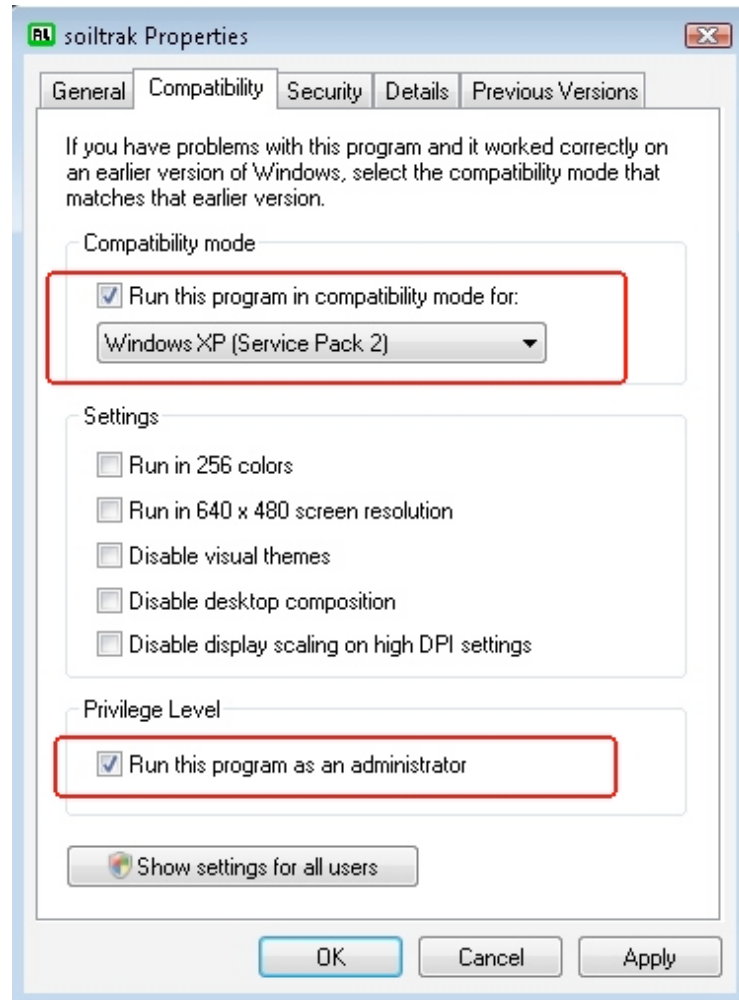
The compatibility mode and privilege level settings must be setup correctly in order for SoilTrak to run properly in Vista.

1. In Vista, navigate to the STWin4 folder located in C:\Program Files.
2. Locate the SoilTrak application program. It will have an A&L logo, as shown below:

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 Welcome	11/12/1997 11:18 ...	Text Document	1 KB

3. Right-click the SoilTrak application icon and select Properties.
4. In the Properties window, click the Compatibility tab.

5. Make sure the Compatibility mode and Privilege level options are checked and that the compatibility mode option is “Windows XP”, as shown below:

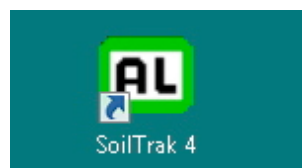


6. Click Apply and then click OK.

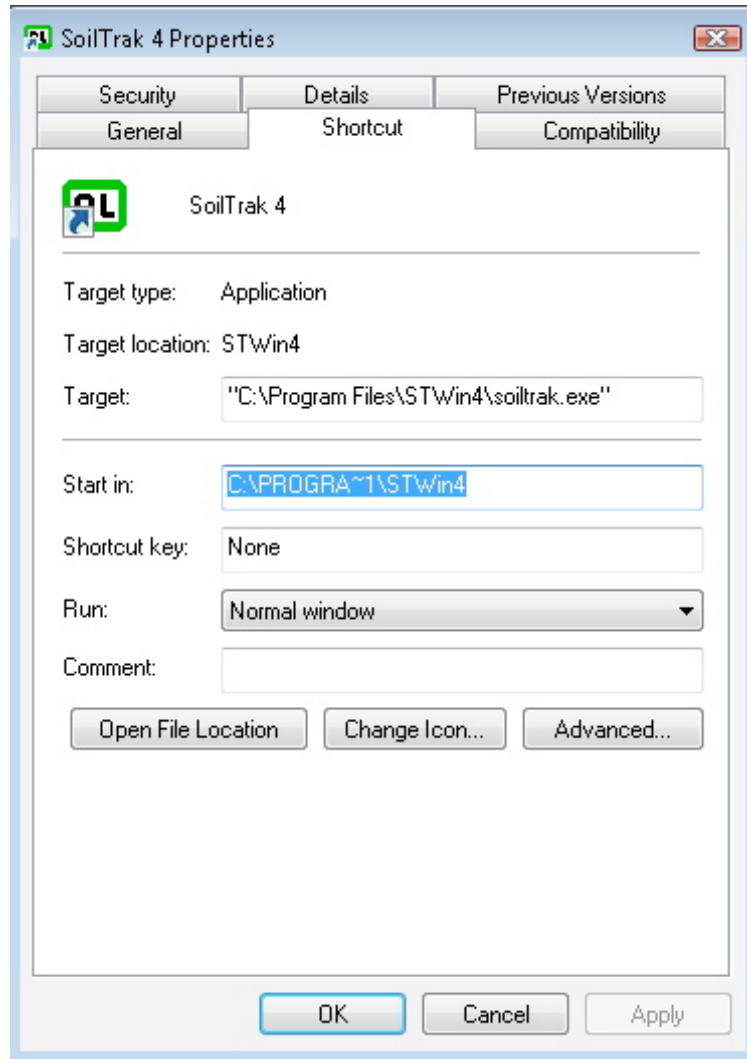
### Setting up SoilTrak shortcut properties

If you are using a shortcut to start SoilTrak, you need to adjust its properties.

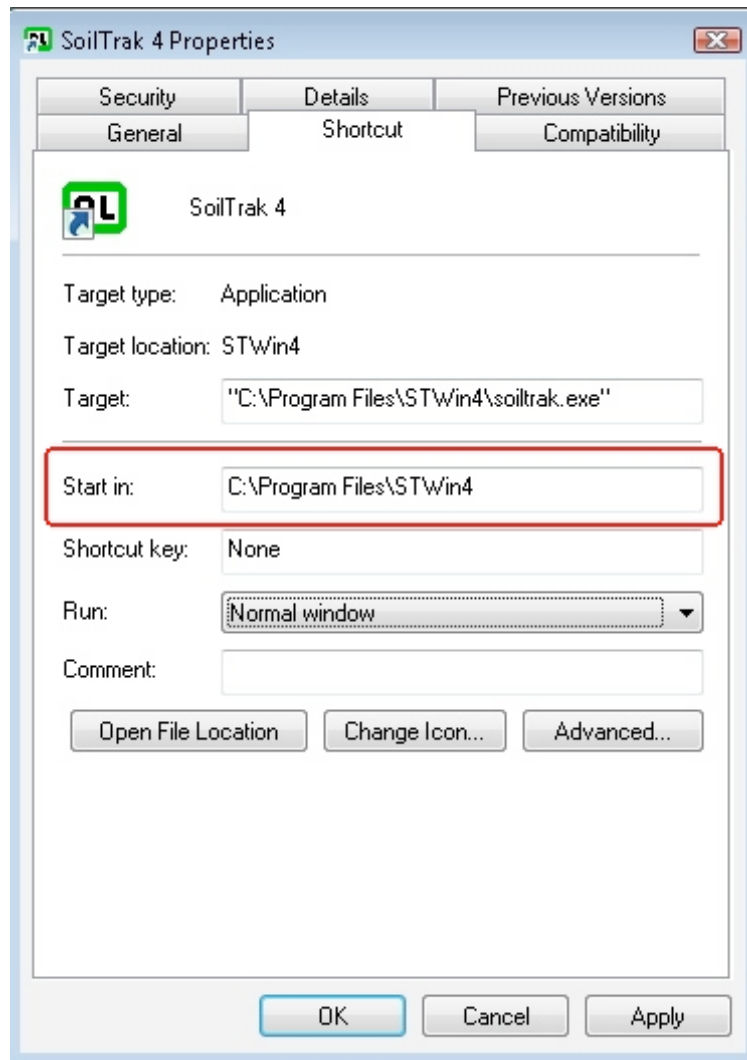
1. Locate the shortcut (it may be on your desktop and/or in the Programs folder of Start menu). It will have a small arrow on the lower left corner of the A&L logo, like this:



2. Right-click the shortcut and select Properties.
3. The “Start in” entry may have an entry with a tilde character (C:\PROGRA~1), as in the graphic below:



4. If the “Start in” entry contains the tilde character, change the beginning part of the entry so that it reads C:\Program Files, as in the graphic below. Note that the entry does not contain any double quote characters.



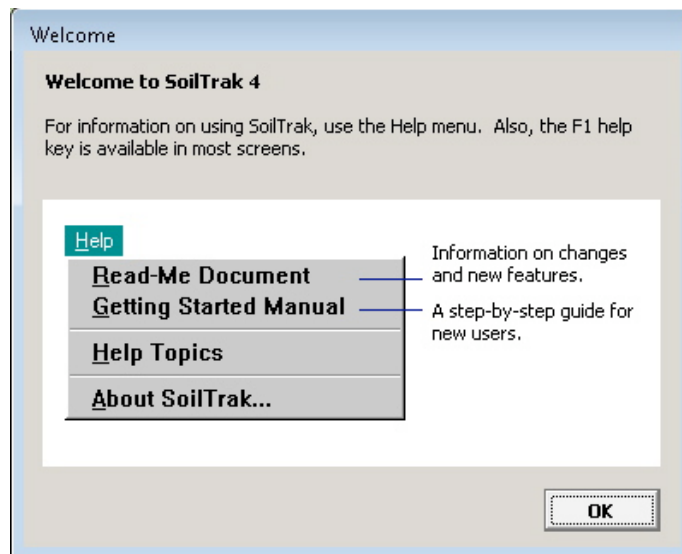
5. Click Apply and then click OK.

## Finishing up

### If you had installed SoilTrak for the first time

After performing the steps above, you are ready to start SoilTrak for the first time:

1. Double-click the SoilTrak shortcut and following the prompts.
2. When the “Welcome to SoilTrak” screen appears (see graphic below), the installation was successfully completed. You are now ready to use SoilTrak with Vista.



### If you had already installed SoilTrak

After performing the steps outlined in “Setting up properties”, you need to perform a series of final steps to ensure that those changes take effect:

1. Start SoilTrak.
2. From the Utilities menu choose User Support Options > Update Database Structures.
3. From the Utilities menu choose User Support Options > Rebuild Database Indexes.
4. Verify your data by viewing or printing various soil test reports.