INSTALLING, TESTING and UPDATING ASTRODATABANK VERSION 4.0

Please note – depending on which version of Windows you are running, AstroDatabank may have to update some system files before installation begins.

Installing AstroDatabank

on Computers Running Windows Vista

Important Notice:

Vista Ultimate Currently ADB, most astrology programs and many other regular programs will **NOT** work on this is 64 bit architecture. Most software on today's market will only work on 32 bit architecture. *Be sure your Vista version is either the Home or Home Premium version.*

Installation Suggestions

There are **two** methods for installing ADB on a vista machine. You will need to select which one is most comfortable for you given the level of computer knowledge and any other personal, emotional or spiritual factors.

Method #1

Vista Home and Home Premium There are several tricks that you can do in vista to run it faster and to allow programs to install. One trick is to disable to user control feature. The other is to uninstall the Norton anti virus program. This administrator setting is the same as XP. Details are below.

1) Turn on user account control (UAC). Go to control panel. Then click on "User Accounts and Family Safety". Then click on "User Accounts". Click on "Turn User Account Control on or off". On the next window, click on the check mark to disable the use of user account control. Then click on OK. It will ask you to re-start the computer. Allow it to re-start.

2) Change Administrator setting. Go to control panel. Then click on "User Accounts and Family Safety". Then click on "User Accounts". Click on "Change your account type". Select "Administrator" then click on ok or click on "change account type" button. It may ask you to re-start the computer and it is best to restart.

If you are not able to change the administrator type, then you can create a new user account and make this new user the administrator.

3) Windows vista machines come with Norton Anti-Virus program that is good for 60 days. This program however is notorious on blocking all programs that comes close to the computer. It is extremely sensitive than the one in windows XP. It blocks all kinds of installation process so it is good to uninstall it. To uninstall in Vista, go to control panel. Then under "Program" heading, select "Uninstall a program". If you uninstall Norton- AV, be sure you have another effective antivirus program installed

which is not invasive or takes over you machine. For reliable information on antivirus programs, go to the web site page: http://review.zdnet.com/4566-3513_16-0.html and type “antivirus” in the search bar.

4) Put in ADB disk and install 5) Once ADB is installed, set your firewall and virus protections to accept or add the following files/programs as “safe”: “**webupdate.exe**”, “sendmsg32.exe" and “**astroDB.mde**”. Unless you do this, Vista may not let you use ADB or use it properly. You will also not be able to use the Web Update function in ADB to update you’re your database entries with new people or updated biographies. 6) Turn on your firewall and virus protections.

Method #2

(This method applies only if you have not done the above steps)

ADB seems to work well by following this method:

Log on to windows as the administrator and have all the permissions needed to add programs. Vista, by default, logs you in as a ‘user’ so you cannot do administrative functions. (Yes, Micro$oft does not trust you with your own machine.) This is very **important**. Turn off your anti-virus protection, especially Norton, since this program is realistically an invasive virus which will dominate your computer by force.

1Use the "Install Old Program Wizard" to install the program.

2Follow the on-screen instructions for installing AstroDatabank.

During installation you will be asked to enter your Installation Key, you’ll find it on the back of the CD sleeve. Also, if you use AOL for email, please check the “AOL user” box on the “User Information” window (lower left hand corner).

If the Charting Software you use is not offered during installation (or if you add a compatible program in the future), you can then select which program you want to use while in AstroDatabank (from the Tools menu, choose User Preferences). If you select “None” you will have the option to install Halloran Software shareware chart making program.

3 It takes a good 5-10 minutes to install and may appear to get “hung up” at step 4. This is normal, the program is copying a 750 Mb file to your computer. NOTE: ADB **may** want you to reboot itself half way through the install, this is normal, so leave the install disk in the computer and it will reboot automatically. The program has detected that you do not have MSAccess on your computer and it is installing a small runtime version of Access as an engine for ADB to operate.

4. IF ADB reboots, you will need to Turn Off your anti-virus protection, your firewall and any other Vista blocks again.

5. Once your computer restarts the second phase, installing the AstroDatabank program begins. Select “Install.” ***NOTE***: If the install box, with the button for “Install” does not show up on top of the blue installation screen, there is no problem; the install box simply is hidden under the blue installation

screen. This happens sometime for no apparent reason. To bring the install screen on top of the blue installation screen, move your mouse arrow to one of the edges of the blue installation screen and left click the mouse. The install box should appear and you can continue with the installation.

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7. Turn on your firewall and virus protections. Your ADB should work in either "administrator" or as the default 'user.

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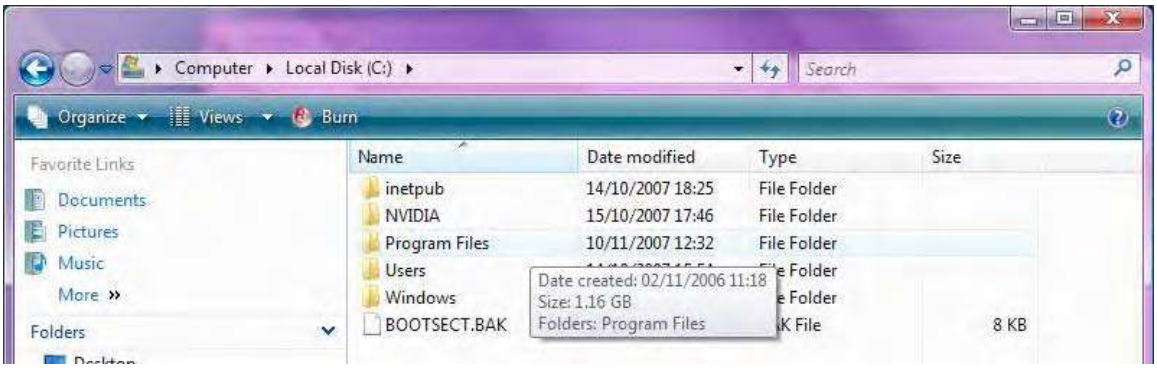
Making the Web Update feature Operate

Do the following before running the WebUpdate option

1 Click the Windows Button bottom left and then click 'Computer'
2 Double click 'Local Disk (C:)'
3 Double click on the Windows folder
4 Double Click on the Program Files folder, then double click on the AstroDataBank Folder
5 Near the bottom of the list of files and folders you will see a file called 'WebUpdate40'. **Right** click on this; which will pop up a menu, and click on the option 'Properties'.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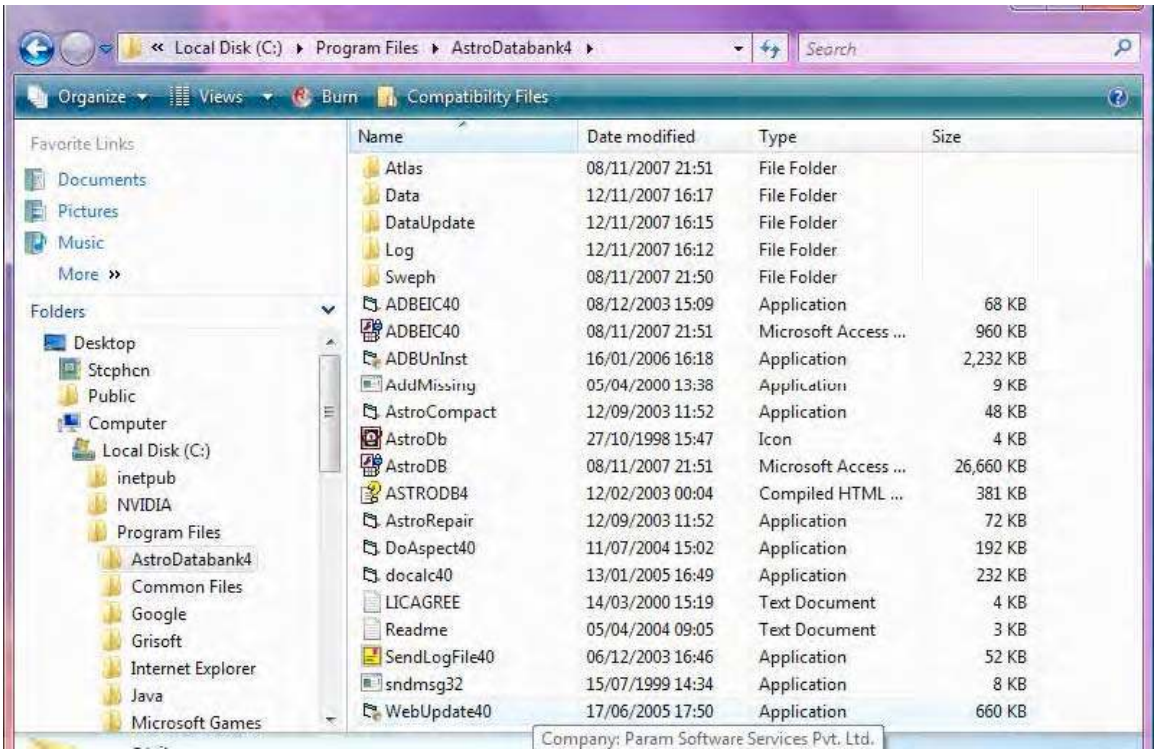
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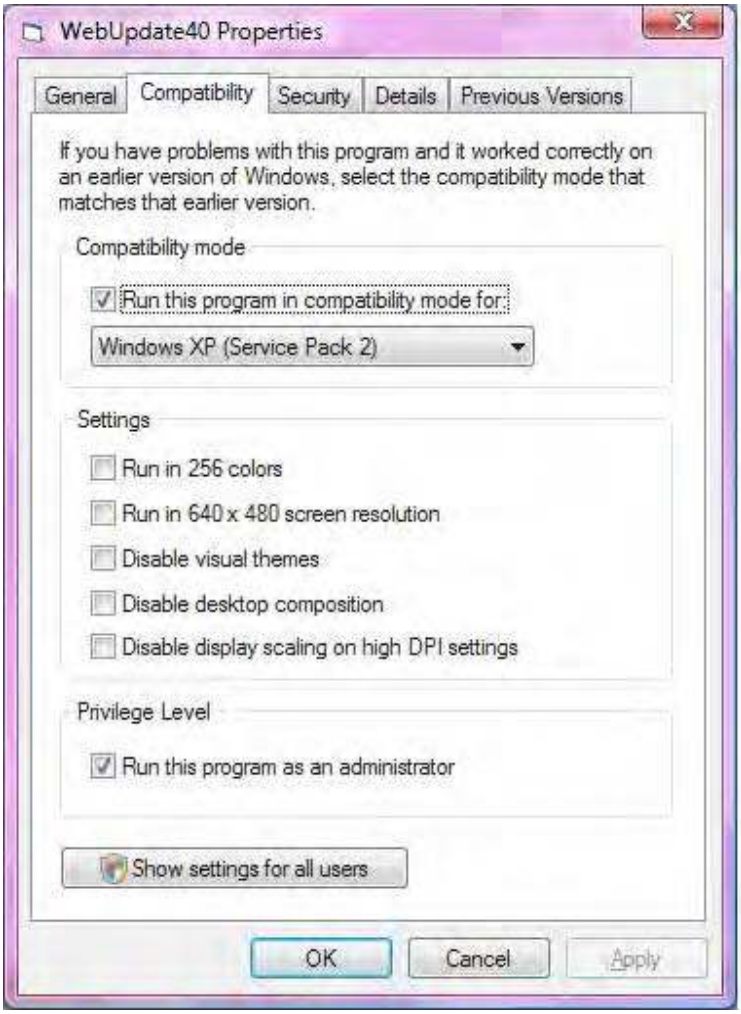

6. Then Click on the 'Compatibility' Tab at the top.
7. And click on the boxes marked

'Run this program in Compatibility mode' and
'Run this program as an administrator'

Make sure they are both now ticked as in the picture above.

8. Click OK

Re-open ADB and the web update feature should work.

If ADB tries to open and you get a nag screen from Micro$oft saying, "We have experienced a problem and has to shut the program", the problem is that there are multiple Access files on your computer and that the ADB shortcut icon is pointing to the wrong Access program. Good Luck and may the force be with you!

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Testing and Updating

While you do not have to do this portion of the installation immediately, the testing and updating process is important for several reasons:

1. Verifies that AstroDatabank and Microsoft Access were installed properly and both programs and the database are working.

2. Verifies that AstroDatabank will open your charting program and produce a chart.

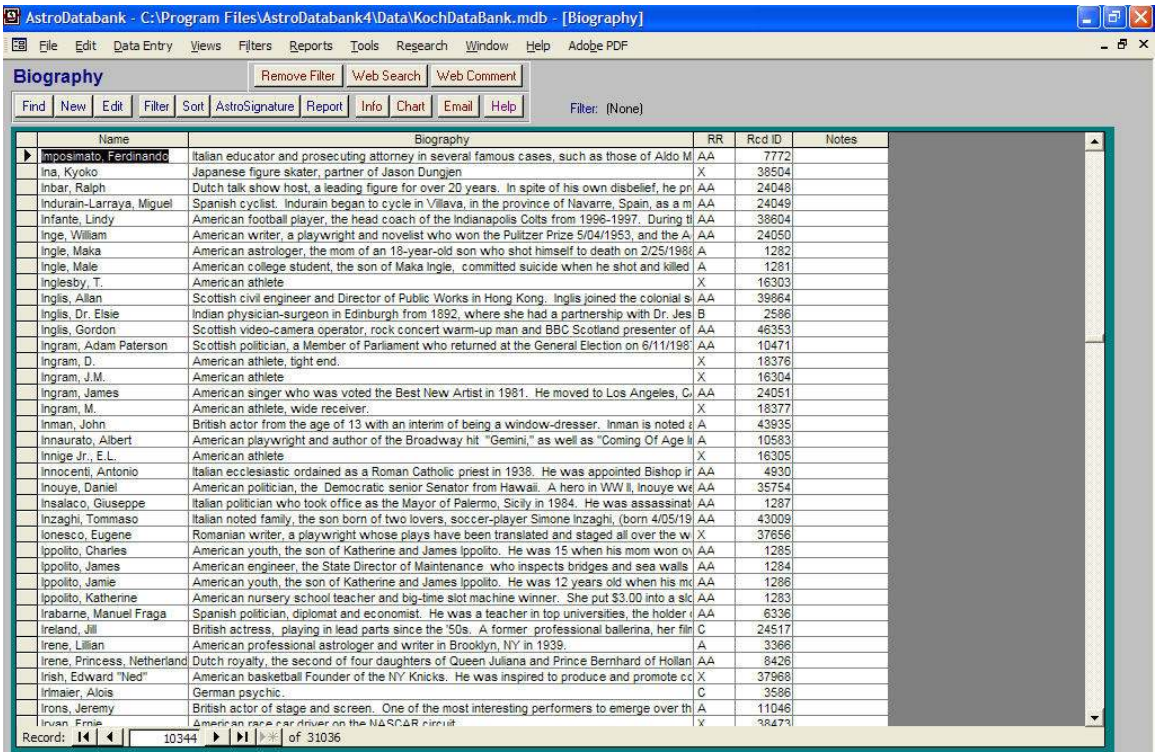
3. Verifies that the “Web Search” feature is working.

4. Verifies that your “Web Update” feature is working and that your software is current and updated with the latest data changes and additions.

Testing

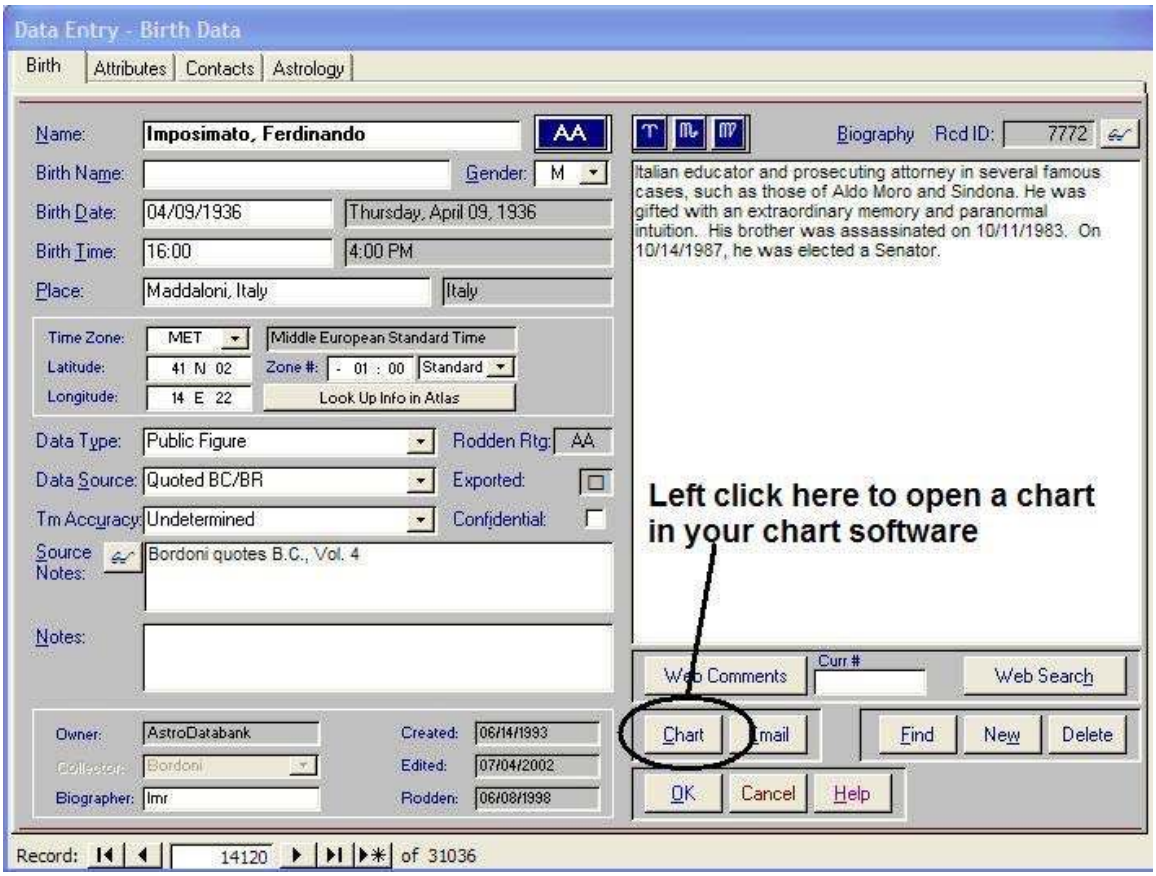
1. To start AstroDatabank version 4.0, locate the AstroDatabank shortcut icon on your desktop screen and click to open.

2. When you start AstroDatabank for the first time it will take a bit longer than usual; this is normal. Once it opens, the main screen will look like this:



3. Verify that AstroDatabank will open your charting program.

The easiest way to do this is to open one of the birth records by a double left click on the name of the person. The following screen will open:



Click on "Chart" as shown above. The charting software you own should open with the chart you selected.

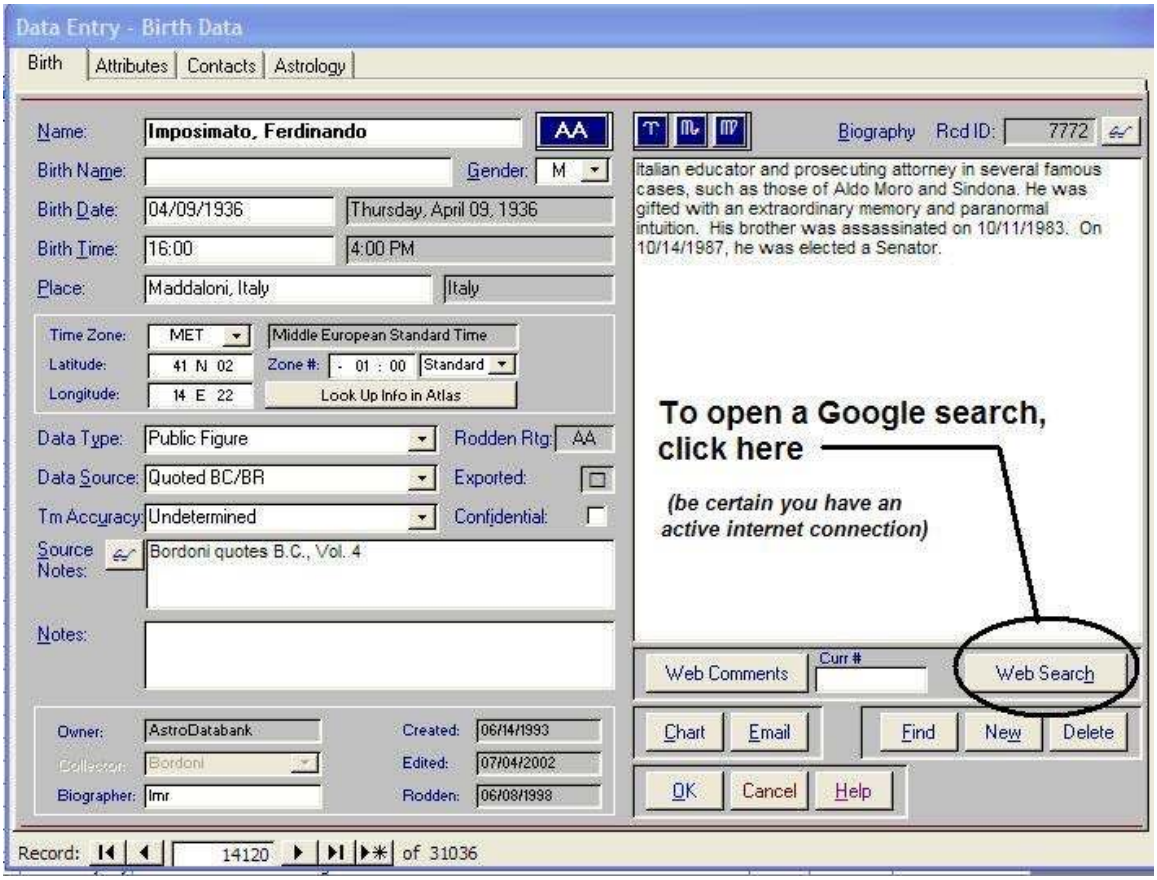
You can change the charting software by:

a. Go to "Tools" along the top menu.
b. Left click on Tools and then left click on User Preferences.
c. The 2nd box down is "Chart program" and a pull down menu. Pull down the menu and select the charting software you have installed and want AstroDatabank to use to create chats.
d. At the bottom of the user preference box, Click "OK"
e. Open a record and click on "Chart" as above to test the chart creation feature.

4. Verify that the "Web Search" feature is working and that you have an active internet connection.

Web search allows you to perform a Google web search on the person you selected. This is very handy if you want additional information on the person you are studying without having to exit AstroDatabank and type in the person's name.

Make sure you have your internet connection on and then double left click on the person you wish to study. When the Data Entry screen opens, left click on the "Web Search" box that is circled below. A Google search should open up for the person you selected.



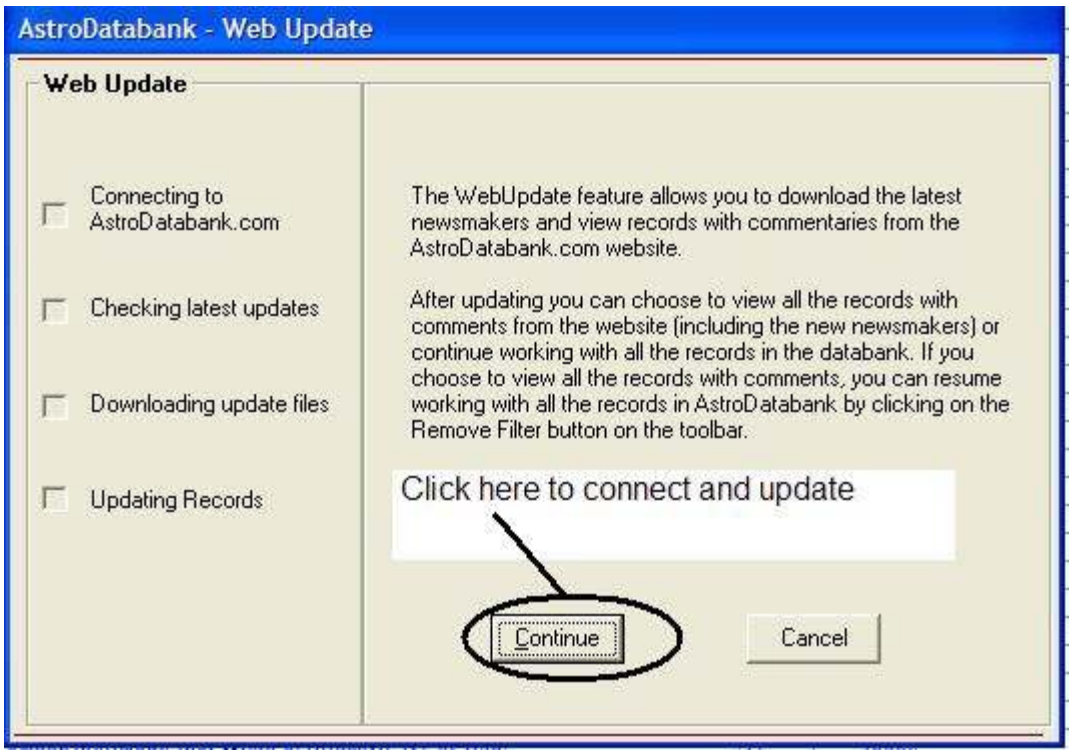
5. Verify that your "Web Update" feature is working and that your software is current and updated with the latest data changes and additions.

You will enjoy and appreciate this AstroDatabank feature. Our AstroDatabank Editor maintains the AstroDatabank files so they are up to date with correct biographies, life histories, birth information and personalities. By using this feature frequently, your copy of AstroDatabank will long onto our website and download the latest updates and information. Your copy of AstroDatabank remains current and up to date!

To be certain this feature works and to bring your new copy of AstroDatabank up to date:

A. Open an internet connection.
B. Turn OFF Norton Utilities and any anti-virus and firewall protection. This is just a one-time operation and you will not need to turn off these protections in the future (unless you add a download patch later on.) Please see the detail below
C. On the main screen of AstroDatabank, go to the "Tools" menu across the top and left click to pull down the menu.
D. Scroll down to "Web Update" and left click that selection.
E. The screen below will open. Click on "Continue" to start the update process.

As each part of the update process is completed, the small boxes on the left will be checked off. This process could take a significant amount of time depending on your internet connection type.



F. Once the files are downloaded, AstroDatabank will add them to your database. Do not interrupt this process.
G. You will be told when this process is complete.
H. Now your AstroDatabank Version 4 is fully functional and updated. Be certain to turn on your virus protection and firewall.

Since this version 4 of AstroDatabank was released, we have had reports of situations where AstroDatabank continues not to start or where AstroDatabank was working and has now stopped working. These problems are all associated with Microsoft's need to update programs that are not broken. Their tinkering creates problems for us.

The problem is that there may be several copies of Microsoft Access on your computer. This can occur via Microsoft's updates process. If you're Astrodatabank fails to start and shuts down due to a problem with Access, please contact our customer support at 734-320-2783 or email richard@astrodatabank.com.

Allowing internet access to WebUpdate40.exe

Manual Inclusion

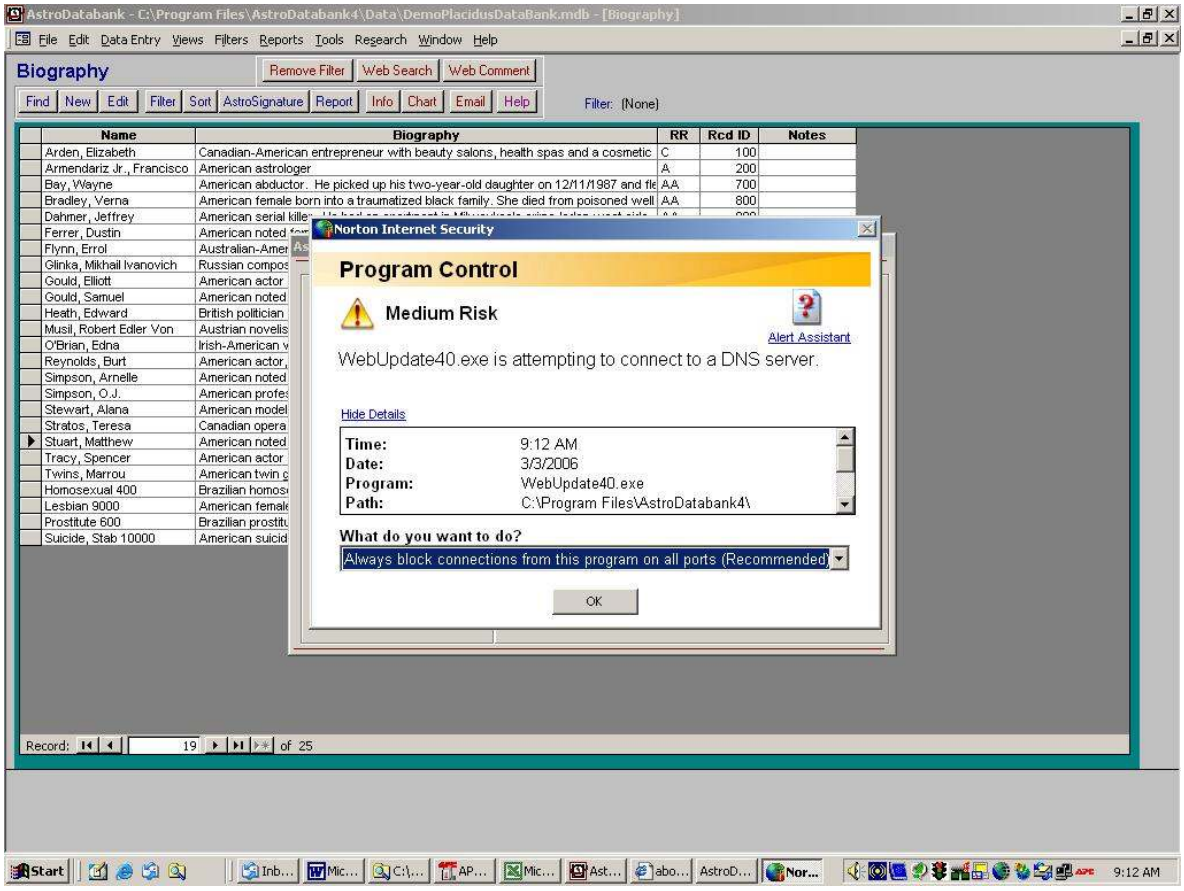
1. Open the firewall configuration settings
2. Click on Add
3. Browse to WebUpdate40.exe program (C:\Program Files\AstroDatabank4\WebUpdate40.exe)
4. Select “Permit” option.

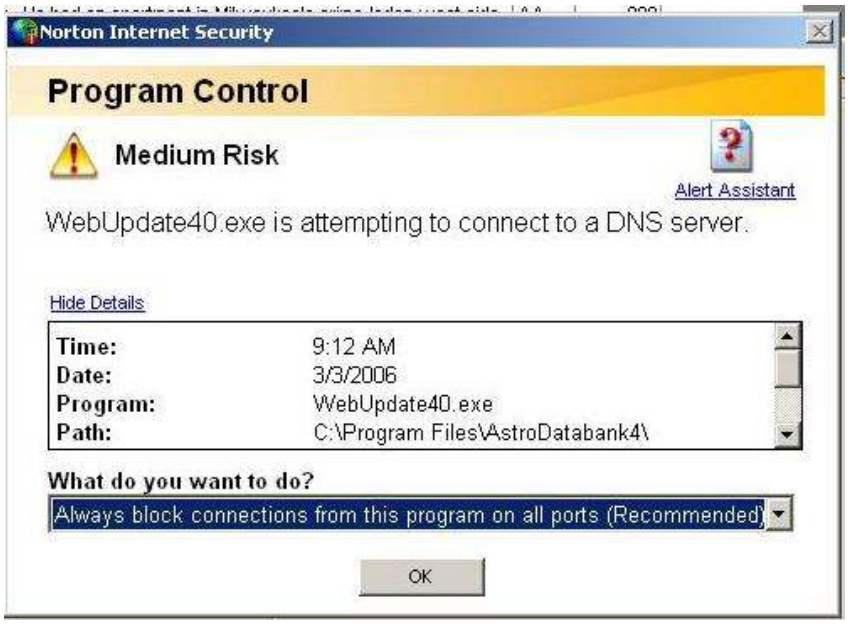
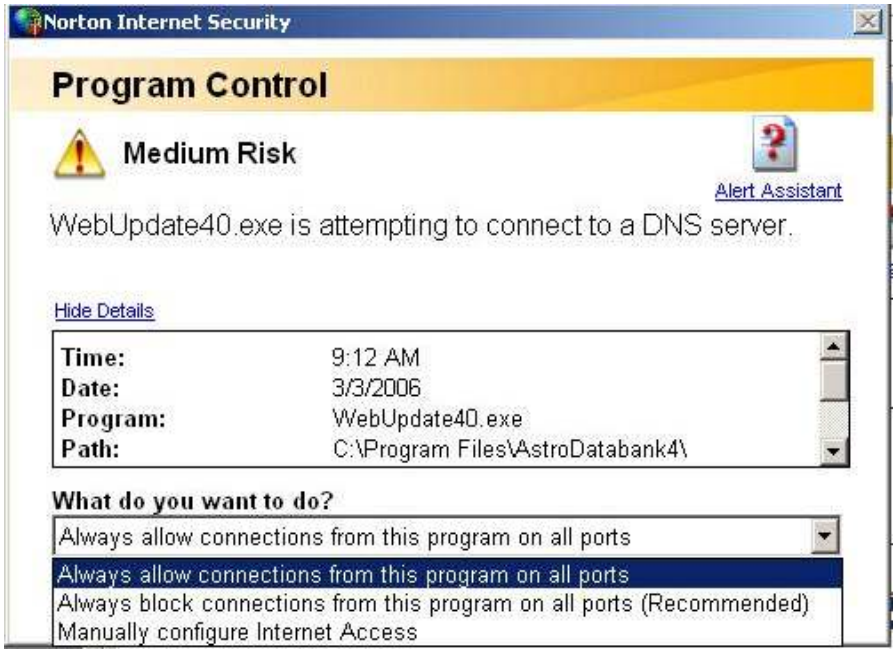
Opening firewall configuration for Windows Firewall

! Open Control Panel
! Open “Windows Firewall”
! On “Exception” tab, click “Add Program”

Automatic inclusion

When first time WebUpdate40.exe is run, the firewall software prompts for the “Permit”/”Allow”





Click the action options (“What do you want to do?” above) and select “Permit” choice