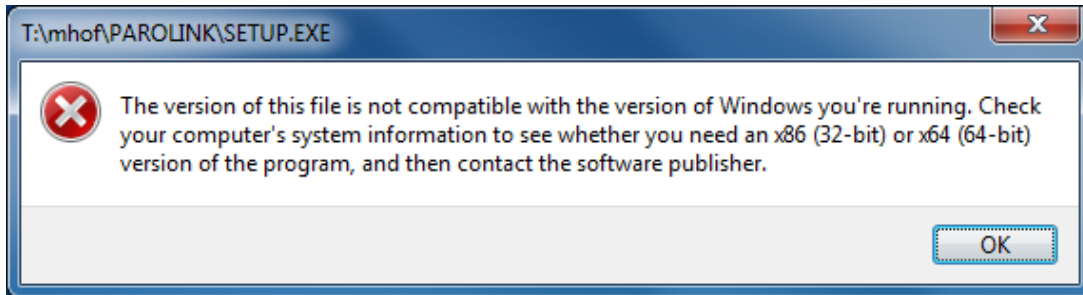


How to install and run PAROLINK on Windows 7 / 64 Bit

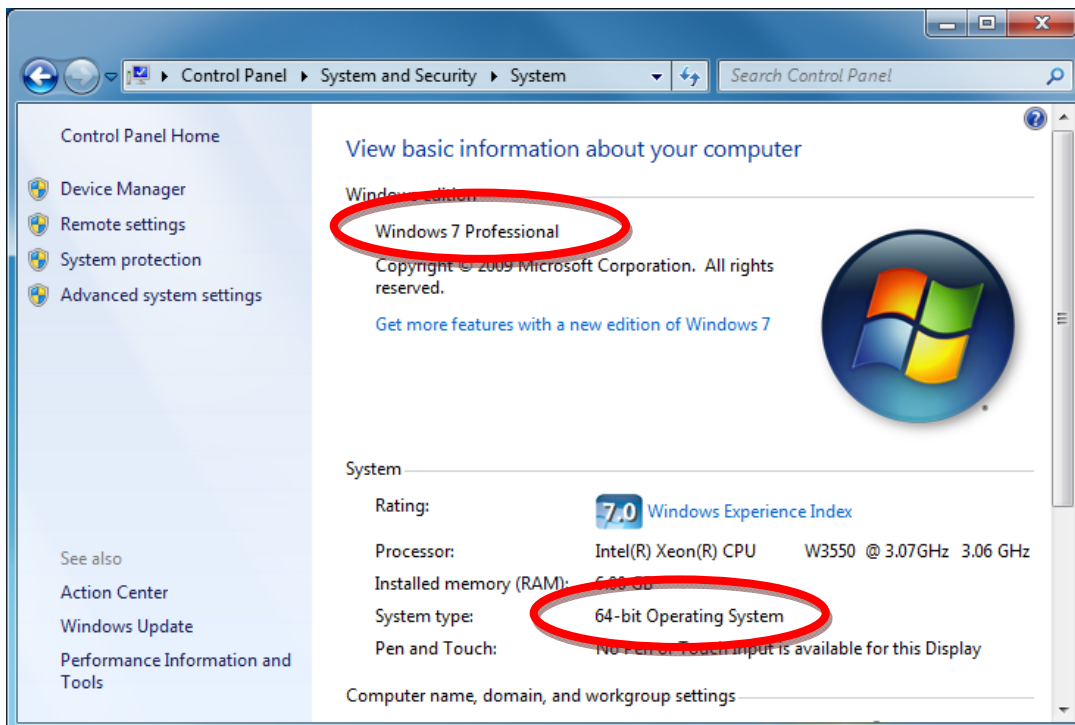
Problem

PAROLINK cannot be installed on Windows 7 / 64-Bit. However the program runs without any problem under Windows 7 / 32-Bit. The following error message appears when you try to install Parolink on a 64-Bit system:



Which Windows version is installed?

In order to find out which Windows version is installed on your computer, open the **Start** menu and then the **Control Panel**. Select **System and Security** and then **System**. The window shown below will be displayed. Under **System type** you can see it is a 64-Bit or a 32-Bit version of Windows 7. Above this (circled) you can see which edition it is.



Solution

There are two possibilities to run PAROLINK on your computer:

- 1) Dualboot-System
- 2) Windows 7 XP Mode

Method 1: Dualboot-System

Install the Windows 7 32-bit version in parallel to the 64-bit version. When you want to use PAROLINK, boot the 32-bit Windows version. Nothing further will be said about this method.

Method 2: Windows 7 XP Mode

Windows 7 provides Windows XP mode for incompatible programs. This is essentially a virtual PC on which Windows XP/32-bit is installed. This means that a Windows XP is simulated on your Windows 7 / 64-bit system. PAROLINK works without any problem on this virtual PC. Also the USB-to-Serial-adaptor sold by PROCEQ SA runs without problem in this environment. Unfortunately this XP mode is not included as standard in Windows 7, but it can be downloaded free of charge and without any registration from Microsoft.

Installation of Windows 7 XP mode

Open the Windows XP mode page: www.microsoft.com/windows/virtual-pc/download.aspx

Choose the version of Windows 7 that you have installed (e.g. Professional 64-bit) and follow the instructions on the website.

Download Windows XP Mode with Virtual PC

Do I need Windows XP Mode?

Windows 7 has several built-in tools to help with **program compatibility** and Windows XP programs should be installed directly on Windows 7. Windows XP Mode runs many older Windows XP productivity programs and that are not native compatible with Windows 7, thus helping realize cost savings and reduce possible operational downtime by extending the life of existing software. Visit the **Windows 7 Compatibility Center** to find software that works with Windows 7.

Don't need XP Mode and want VPC only? Download Windows Virtual PC without Windows XP Mode.

Select your edition of Windows 7 and desired language for installation

Professional 64-bit English

Download and install Windows XP Mode

Windows XP Mode requires downloading and installing the files below.

STEP 1 | Email Instructions | Print Instructions

We recommend to bookmark this URL and Email or Print instructions before you reboot your system to complete installation.

STEP 2 Windows XP Mode
Download

Windows XP Mode is a 500 Mb file and may take several minutes to download.

STEP 3 Windows Virtual PC
Download

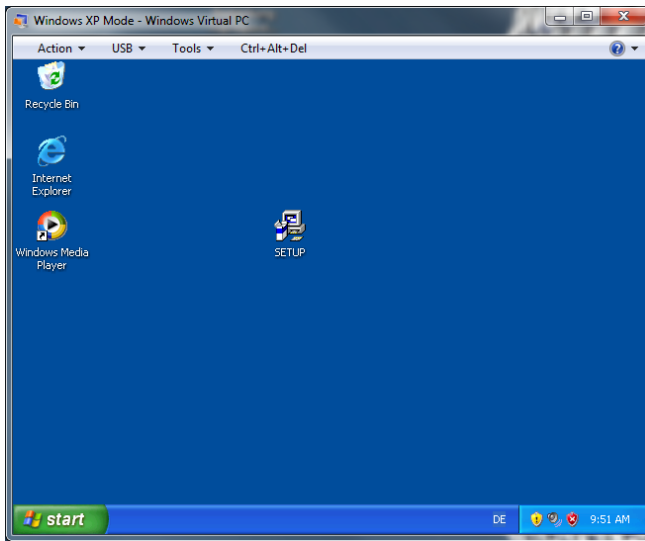
STEP 4 Windows XP Mode
Update

Step 4 not needed if you are running Windows 7 SP1

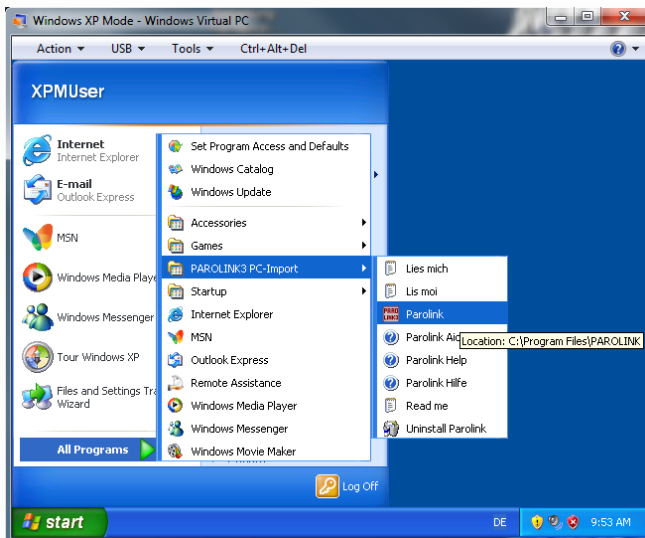
Which edition of Windows do I have? ⓘ

Enables Windows XP Mode for PCs without Hardware Assisted Virtualization Technology. For more information, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Once it has installed, you should see Windows XP in a window. Copy the PAROLINK Setup file to this virtual PC.



Install PAROLINK and start it as usual via the XP-Start menu:



PAROLINK will start without any problem and run under XP :

