

RELEASE NOTES FOR WINDOWS SIDEBAR STYLER V2.0.6

INTRODUCTION

Windows Sidebar Styler is an application which takes advantage of various technologies introduced in Windows Vista in order to provide extensions to the existing functionality of Windows Sidebar.

PREREQUISITES

Windows Sidebar Styler can be used on both Windows Vista and XP or Server 2003, provided that the necessary prerequisites are installed. Below is a list of required applications and frameworks which have to be installed in order for Windows Sidebar and the extensions to function correctly.

For use in **Windows Vista**:

None – Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 is pre-installed in Windows Vista

For use in **Windows XP** or **Windows Server 2003**:

Alky for Applications 1.0 or later

<http://www.fallingleafsystems.com/compatibility/>

Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 Redistributable

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=10CC340B-F857-4A14-83F5-25634C3BF043&displaylang=en>

KNOWN ISSUES

The following known issues are planned to be fixed in the next release of Windows Sidebar Styler.

- Gadgets with WPF support are currently unable to save settings in a unified way (via an API). Developers should save settings to a user-specific data file instead.
- Running instances of Gadgets with WPF support are currently unable to dock to the bar.
- Running instances of Gadgets with WPF support may not be uninstalled sometimes. To work this around close these instances, restart Windows Sidebar and try again.

RELEASES HISTORY

v2.0.6/Aug 16th, 2007

Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Package is now embedded in Setup to minimize prerequisites

Implemented support for resizing Windows Sidebar

Implemented support for style authoring and additional style-related options

Implemented support for application of styles on-the-fly

Included are translations of the main application user interface:

Dutch (Netherlands) by Edo Mangelaars

French (France) by Jean-Marie Houvenaghel

Greek (Greece) by Idas

German (Germany) by Michael Frank, Benjamin Staneck

Spanish (Honduras) by Ricardo Cooper

Russian (Russia) by “deeper2k”

Improved compatibility with 64-bit editions of Windows Vista

Fixed minor issues

v2.0.5/Jan 26th, 2007

Included are translations of the main application user interface:

German (Germany) by Michael Frank

Polish by “elektrownik”

Fixed compatibility issues with 64-Bit Edition of Windows Vista

Fixed minor issues

v2.0.4/Jan 25th, 2007

Implemented support for localized Gadget resources

Included are translations of the main application user interface:

Bulgarian

Portuguese (Brazil) by “El Buga”

Portuguese (Portugal) by Bruno Silva

Fixed compatibility issues with VAIO XP and 2003 caused by SidebarWpfExt.Dll

Fixed minor issues

v2.0.3/Jan 17th, 2007

Public release

v2.0.*/Internal

Completely re-written code

Multiple bug fixes

Implemented lower-level hook library for extensions, including custom styles

Implemented support for .NET Framework and use of Windows Presentation Foundation in Gadgets

Implemented support for VAIO XP and VAIO 2003

v1.0.0/Apr 19th, 2006

Initial public release

DEVELOPMENT

If you have a suggestion, question, feature request or a bug to report, your feedback would be appreciated. Please see the **Contact** section below for more information.

SUPPORT

Please visit either <http://www.aerexp.org> or <http://www.stoyanoff.info> for more information, support and software updates.

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