

HOW TO INSTALL THE HOTAS COUGAR FIRMWARE / SOFTWARE ON WINDOWS 7, 64 BIT

YES..... , the HOTAS Cougar works very well in Windows 7 64 bit and Foxy works fine also.

OK Off we go! UPDATED: 1/31/2010

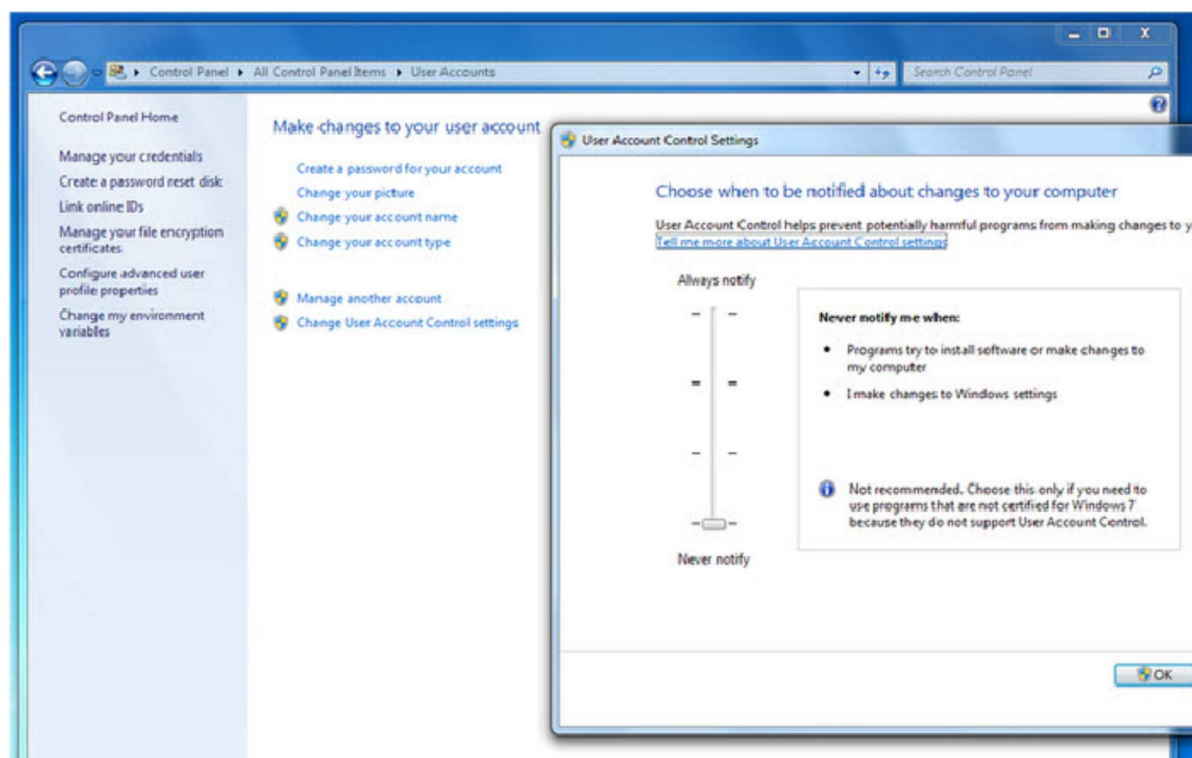
1. Download the driver [here](#) . Make sure to choose the “**HOTAS Cougar- Windows Vista Drivers**” and select “[**Windows Vista 64 bits (x64)**]” . The file you will download will be named “**2007_HCO_Vista_64_RC1.exe**” (**Note:** this file includes the drivers and James Hallows “Foxy” software) . Make a note of where you save this file on your computer.

1a. THIS IS IMPORTANT !! If you had the Cougar drivers installed previously, Uninstall them using Control Panel, then delete the “**HOTAS**” folder (Local Disk (C:) / Program Files (x86) / HOTAS).

1b. THIS IS IMPORTANT !! Save a Restore Point in Win 7 before installing the Cougar drivers/software. If you have problems with the software install, uninstall it using “**Control Panel/Programs & Features**”, erase the “**HOTAS**” folder, then go back to your previous restore point.

2. THIS IS IMPORTANT !! Unplug your Cougar’s USB cable from the computer before installing the drivers/software.

3. Deactivate the “User Account Control” (UAC) in Windows 7 (Start / Control Panel / All Control Panel Items / User Accounts). In “**User Account Control Settings**” move the slider to the bottom to “**Never notify**”. Click “**OK**” and close the **Control Panel**.

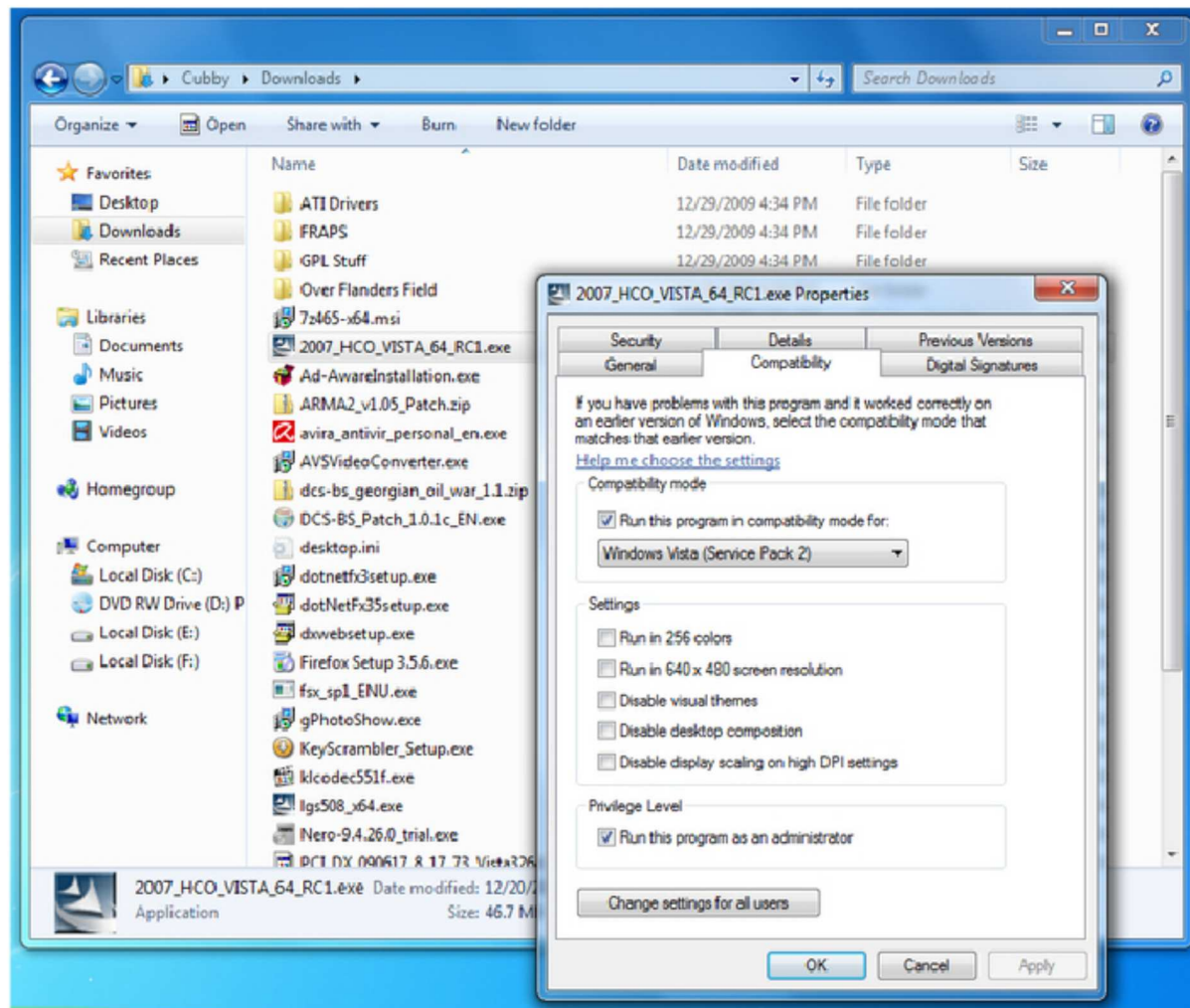


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4. Find your saved Cougar Vista 64 bit driver and Right Click on "2007_HCO_VISTA_64_RC1.exe", then click on "Properties". Select the "Compatibility" tab. In Compatibility mode select "Windows Vista (Service Pack 2)" and check "Run this program in compatibility mode for : Windows Vista (Service Pack 2)". At the bottom check "Run this program as an administrator". Click "OK".



5. Run the "2007_HCO_VISTA_64_RC1.exe" setup to install the Drivers & Software.

It's important that you set the Compatibility mode as above BEFORE you run this installer.

6. Follow the instructions on the screen and Reboot your computer (if asked to) . Plug in the Cougar only when asked too, **NOT BEFORE**. If Windows ask you, follow the instructions to install the drivers.

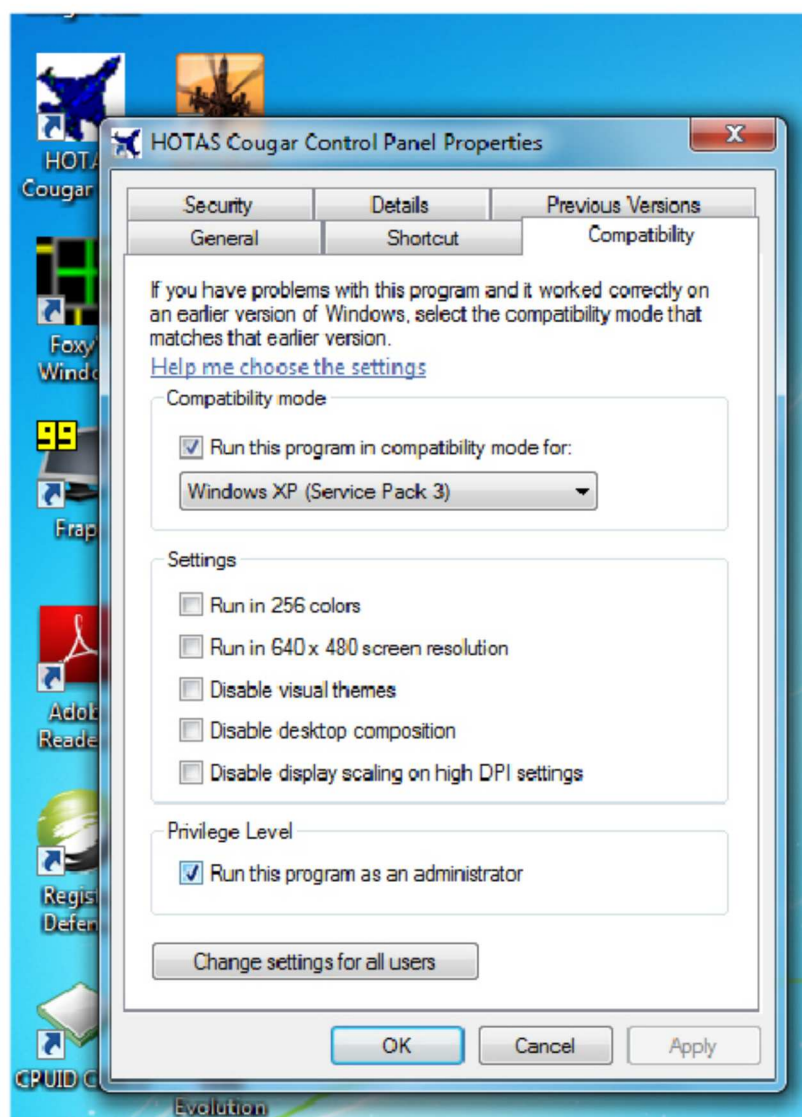
7. Restart the computer.

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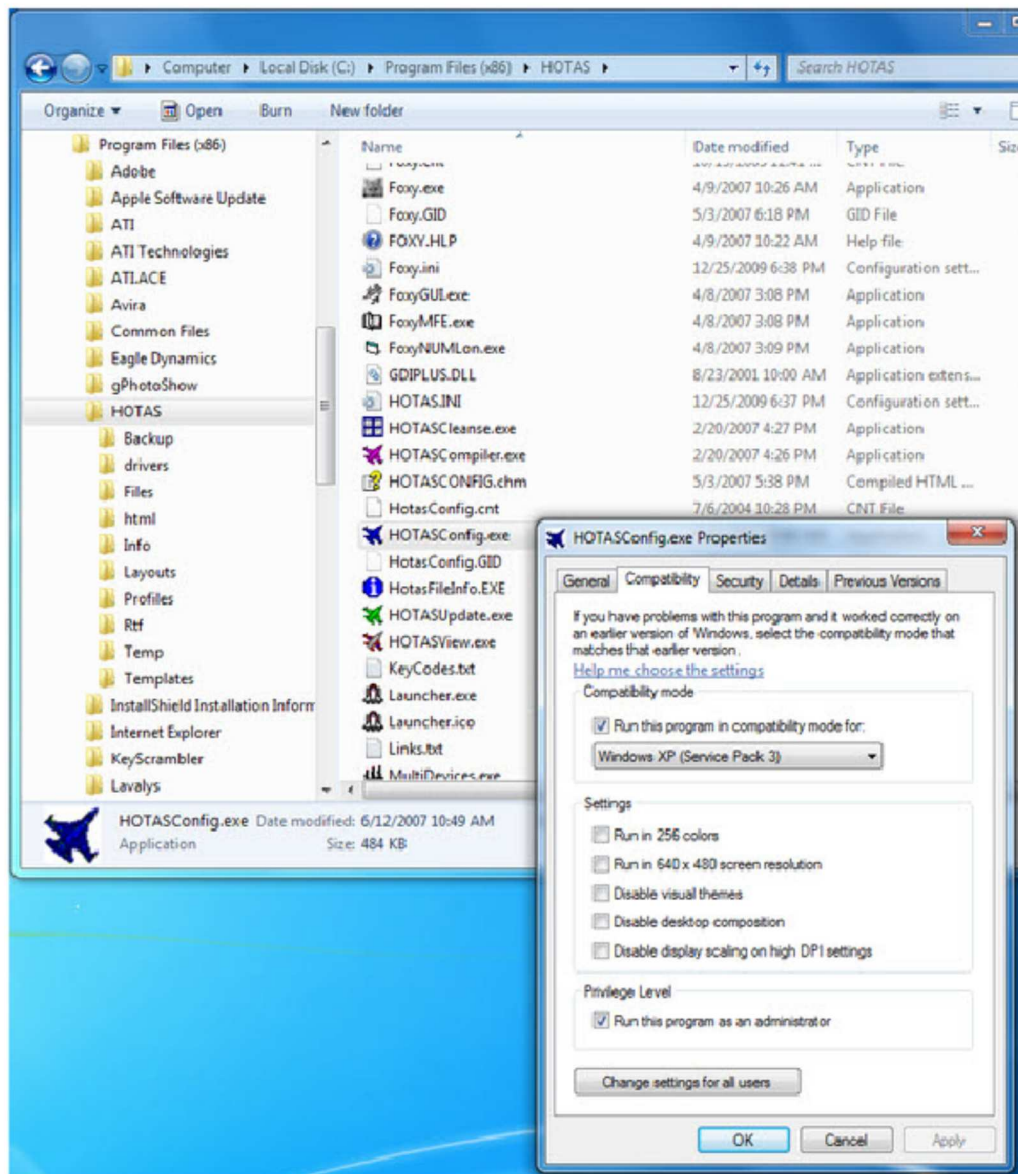
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8a. If you created a shortcut for the **Cougar Control Panel** on your Desktop, **Right click** on the **CCP Icon**, then select **"Properties"**. Select the **"Compatibility"** tab and at the bottom check **"Run this program as an administrator."** Click **"OK"**. If you don't have Desktop icons for **CCP** skip this step and go to **8b.**


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8b. If you completed step 8a, go to step 9. Open your HOTAS folder and Right click on "HOTASConfig.exe", then select "Properties" (With a standard install the path is Computer / Local Disk (C:) / Program Files (x86) / HOTAS / HOTASConfig.exe) . Select the "Compatibility" tab and at the bottom check "Run this program as an administrator." Click "OK".



9. You may want to reactivate Win 7 UAC again for security reasons. So do that if you choose. Then calibrate and tweak your Cougar's axes shaping, etc. . *Then go fly & enjoy !!!!*

