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# [**Error accessing the system registry (Microsoft Visual Basic 6 IDE)**](http://heelpbook.altervista.org/2012/error-accessing-the-system-registry-microsoft-visual-basic-6-ide/)

**HeelpBook Staff**: this issue may appear when using a PC with **Windows Vista**or **Seven** operating system.

 Select the **Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0** shortcut from the Start menu and right-click on it.

 Select Properties, and the property sheet for the shortcut will be displayed.

 Next, click on the **Compatibility** tab. It is recommended that you make the following changes:

 Enable compatibility mode and select **Windows XP** (*Service Pack 2*) …..

 Check the “**Disable visual themes**” option…..

 Check the “**Disable desktop composition**” option…..

 Check the “**Run this program as an administrator**” option.

Click on **OK** to save the changes.

When you run **Visual Basic**, a **User Account Control (UAC)** dialog will be displayed, asking you to confirm that you wish to execute the program.

This is because it’s now running with elevated privileges. You may also get a message that the color scheme has been changed to **Windows Vista Basic**. The **Aero** interface will be temporarily disabled until you close the IDE, which will resolve the performance issues with the form designer.