

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.