PcMars 3.0 Installation Instructions

Before beginning the installation, please close any prior version of PcMars. Also prior to installing, please back up all of your PcMars data.

It is important that you also shut off, disable, or pause any antivirus program you have running. Please see the last page of these instructions for tips on how to shut off some common antivirus programs.

PcMars 3.0 requires a 64-bit Operating System. We recommend Windows 10. Microsoft is not supporting or updating Windows 7 or older as of January 1, 2020, so PcMars cannot guarantee compatibility.

To start the installation, select the <u>Download PcMars</u> button in the upper right-hand corner of the PcMars website or click on the <u>Free Software Download</u> in the middle of the PcMars website.



You will then be directed to the Download Software page. You can then click anywhere in the Download PcMars 3.0 (New Installation) box to begin the download. **Everyone (even past users) need to do the New Installation.**



The program will then be downloaded. If prompted, you can choose to save the file to your Desktop, but most users will see the program downloading in the lower left-hand corner of their computer.

Be sure and turn off any anti-virus program you may have installed on your computer. See last page for details.

Here is an example of where files download using Chrome, Internet Explorer/Edge and Firefox.



Once the program has been fully downloaded, go ahead and click on it to start the installation. The program will also be located in your Downloads.

In my example, the program downloaded in the lower left-hand corner as pictured below:



Once you start the installation, this window may appear. You will need to click on More Info.



After clicking on More Info, then a new window appears telling you that the program is PcMars-3.0.exe and the publisher is SoftShell Computer Services, Inc. You then need to click on <u>Run anyway</u> at the bottom of this screen.



The Welcome to PcMars Installation screen will then appear. This is a reminder that if you have a previous version of PcMars installed on this computer, you need to CLOSE YOUR PCMARS BEFORE INSTALLING. Click on <u>Next</u>.



After choosing Next, the Choose Destination Location screen will appear. We highly suggest that you follow the prompts here and install PcMars in the default directory, which is C:\Pcmwinf. Click on <u>Next</u>.

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	Destination Folder C:\Pcmwinf Browse	
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You are now ready to Start Installation after clicking on Next.



The next step in the installation is to uninstall any prior versions of PcMars. We suggest you leave the button selected for Automatic and then click on <u>Next</u>.

Pc Mars for Windows 2.5			×
Select Uninstall Method			ø
Welcome to the Pc Mars for Windows 2.5	uninstall program.		
You can choose to automatically uninstal your system.	II this software or to choos	e exactly which cł	hanges are made to
Select the Custom button to choose which button for the default uninstall options. Sel installation media).	n modifications to make d lect Repair to reinstall ch	uring the uninstall. anged files/registr	. Select the Automatic y keys (requires
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Wise Installation Wizard®			
	< Back	Next >	Cancel

You are now ready to perform the Uninstall. Click on Finish.

Pc Mars for Windows 2.5	×
Perform Uninstall	Ø
You are now ready to uninstall the Pc Mars for Windows 2.5 from your system.	
Click the Finish button to perform the uninstall. Click the Back button to change any of the unin Click the Cancel button to exit the uninstall.	stall options.
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The following screen will appear asking if you want to Remove Shared Component. We recommend saying No to All.

Remove Shared Component	×		
The system indicates that the following shared file is no longer used by any prog and may be deleted.	rams		
C:\Program Files\Borland\Common Files\Bde\SQLSYB32.DLL			
If any programs are still using this file and it is removed those programs may not function. Leaving this file will not harm your system. If you are not sure what to do, you should select the No to All button. Do you want to remove the shared file?			
Yes No Yes to All No to All			

The installation will then begin. This installation automatically searches your computer and only installs the necessary software. Your screens may look different from the screenshots. <u>We recommend following the prompts by either</u> <u>choosing Next, Install or Finish on the following screens.</u>



Welcome to the Prerequisites Setup Wizard of the MS SQL Server. Choose Next.

Your computer may have different Prerequisites listed here. Do **NOT** change any of these options and click on Next:

	MS SQL Server Setup				×
	Name ✓ Microsoft SQL Server 2016 LocalDB ✓ Microsoft ODBC Driver 13 for SQL Server Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client	Required 13.1.4001 13.1.4414 11.4.7001	Found	Action Install Install Skip	
Adv	anced Installer	< Back	Next	Ş	Cancel

The next screen will appear, and we recommend you continue to click on <u>Next</u> and follow the prompts.



You will then need to Accept the terms in the license agreement by clicking in that circle and then clicking on Next.

🕼 Microsoft SQL Server 2016 LocalDB		
License Agreement		
Please read the following license agreement carefully.	1	
MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENSE TERMS	^	
MICROSOFT SQL SERVER 2016 EXPRESS LOCALDB		
These license terms are an agreement between Microsoft Corporation (or based on where you live, one of its affiliates) and you. Please read them. They apply to the software named above, which includes the media on which you received it, if any. The terms also apply to any Microsoft		
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 I accept the terms in the license agreement I do not accept the terms in the license agreement 		
< Back Next > Cancel		

You will then see the following window that you are Ready to Install the Program. Click on Install.

Microsoft SQL Server 2016 LocalDB ×				
Ready to Install the Program				
Setup is ready to begin installation.				
Click Install to begin the installation.				
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. Click Cancel to exit Setup.				
< Back	Install	Cancel		

Click <u>Finish</u> on the following screen:



The installer will search your computer for any other components that are needed in order to run PcMars. Click Next.



You will again have to accept the terms in the license agreement and click on Next.



Leave the following settings the same and click on <u>Next</u>. It is recommended to <u>NOT</u> change any of these settings.

Microsoft ODBC Driver 1	3 for SQL Server Setu s you would like to insta	ıp II.	×
Click an icon in the followin	g list to change how a fo S QL Server SDK	eature is installed. Feature ODBC Dr	description iver for SQL Server
Installation path			Browse Disk Cost
	< Back	Next >	Cancel

The following window will appear. Click on Install.

Microsoft ODBC Driver 13 for SQL Server Setup	×
Ready to Install the Program	
Setup is ready to begin installation.	
Click Install to begin the installation.	
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. Setup.	Click Cancel to exit
< Back Install	Cancel

After that has installed, click on **Finish**.



Continue to follow the prompts and click on <u>Next</u>.



Click on Install.



And then click on **Finish**.



PcMars will then begin installing.

Installing	Current File Copying file: C\Pcmwint\PcMarsp.chm All Files Time Remaining 8 minutes 37 st	econds
	< Back	Next > Cancel

You will see this window when Installation is Complete and PcMars has been successfully installed! Click on the <u>Finish</u> button.



Shut down and restart your computer before opening PcMars!

Be sure and watch the YouTube video on how to convert prior years' data!

Tips for Temporarily Turning Off/Pausing Antivirus Programs

TrendMicro: Click on the "Show hidden icons" up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You should see the TrendMicro icon. It is a red circle. You can then right click on that icon and choose "Exit". This will turn off TrendMicro until your computer restarts.

McAfee: Click on the "Show hidden icons" up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of their computer. You should see the McAfee icon. This icon looks like a shield that is red and has an M in the middle of it. Right click on that icon and choose "Change Settings". Choose "Real Time Scanning". Then choose Turn off. You will then be able to choose when to resume. Then repeat those steps to temporarily turn off the Firewall.

*Note: We have found that even if there was a trial version installed or a version of McAfee that has expired, that expired version still may block the installation. You may need to actually uninstall McAfee if that trial version or expired version is still located on your computer by going to Add/Remove Programs.

Norton 360: Click on the "Show hidden icons" up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You should see the Norton icon there. The icon is a yellow circle with a checkmark in it. Choose to disable the Firewall, Auto Protect and choose to Turn on Silent Mode. We would recommend saving the PcMars 3.0 file to your downloads. Once the 3.0 has been downloaded into your downloads file, you will want to right-click on that file and go down to "File Insight" towards the bottom of that list. The Setup-PcMars 3.0 file will be listed. You will need to go to the right side and click on "Trust Now" and then hit the close button. We would recommend then right clicking again on the Setup-PcMars 3.0 file in your downloads and then choosing to "Run as administrator". The installation will then start.

Webroot: Click on the "Show hidden icons" up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You should see the Webroot icon there. It is a green circle with a W. You should then right click on that icon and select "Shut down Protection."

Avast: Click on the "Show hidden icons" up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You will see the Avast icon there. It is orange with an "a" in the middle. Right click on that icon and go to Avast Shields control. Then choose "Disable for 10 minutes".

Windows Defender: We have found that this program does not currently cause issues with the installation, so you do not need to turn this off or pause this program.