

LineupNX release note

LineupNX 1.7 and Windows Vista / Windows 7

We are pleased to say that you can use LineupNX productively in the Vista and Windows 7 environments. Unfortunately, there are some minor incompatibilities, mostly a result of new security settings incorporated in these operating systems. All the difficulties are being fully addressed in LineupNX version 2 but for now you should be aware of the following before switching away from WindowsXP systems that are currently running LineupNX:

1. VISTA AND WINDOWS 7 CANNOT OPEN THE LINEUPNX HELP FILE

With the new Windows platforms Microsoft stopped support for their original help file format, opting instead to support only a compiled html (web page language) based system of help files. There are two solutions to this problem:

- We have produced a special maintenance release of LineupNX (v1.7.016) that includes a help file in the new format. We have also added code to LineupNX that detects which operating system you are using and will use the new format help system if appropriate. Registered LineupNX users can download this patch with the new help file. It is only needed if you want to run LineupNX on Vista or Windows 7 systems.
- Microsoft has provided a program that can be installed in Vista/Win7 systems that will permit the original help file format to work. The program--Winhelp32.exe--can be downloaded from the Microsoft download centre.

2. LINEUPNX WILL NOT RECOGNIZE INSTALLATIONS OF OPEN OFFICE WRITER OR WORDPERFECT ON THE VISTA/WIN7 PLATFORM

This is because of a security feature in Vista/Win7 with the way Open Office and WordPerfect are accessed from inside another program. LineupNX will report to that Open Office is not installed even when it is. The way around this is to set the User Account Control (UAC) for each computer on the network running LineupNX to the lowest security level. This should only be done with care as it leaves computers more vulnerable.

3. IN LOCAL MODE LINEUPNX WILL NOT SAVE RUNDOWNS OR SCRIPTS

Security in Vista/Win7 prevents writing to the *Program Files* folder without administrative privileges. This is the folder that LineupNX uses by default for storing local rundowns and scripts. There is a workaround. You have to designate that LineupNX is being run by an administrator when it starts. For offline work on personal computers this should not be a problem. Anyone who has administrative privileges when they logon (that means they can install software) will be able to run LineupNX 1.7 properly in local mode.