



BEST Plus 2.0 Installation and Windows 10

Computer Specifications

The chart below outlines the minimum computer requirements to run the BEST Plus 2.0 software. Check with your local technical support staff to determine that the computer(s) you are using for BEST Plus 2.0 meet the minimum requirements outlined below. Note that you will need to have administrator rights to install the software but you will not need them to run BEST Plus 2.0 after it has been installed.

Computer Feature	Minimum Requirement	Notes
USB port	Required	The BEST Plus 2.0 software requires a USB port for installation. It will not be needed to run the program after installation, unless a USB is being used to back up data.
Mouse/touchpad	Required	A mouse or touchpad is required for test operation. However, command keys can also be used for some functions. See Shortcuts on page 66.
Hard drive	10 MB of available space	All test data are saved to the computer.
Computer type	PC, laptop, tablet with a Windows operating system	PCs, laptops, and large tablets will run the test software properly.
Computer RAM	16 MB	Insufficient memory will not allow the program to run properly.
Computer display	800 x 600 pixels with 256 colors	Photographs are used for some of the test questions.
Operating system	Microsoft Windows XP or higher	BEST Plus 2.0 only runs on Windows. Note that it must be the full version of Windows and not the mobile version.
Internet connection	Not required	An internet connection is not required to run the test software but is recommended in order to activate test administrations.

Installing the Program on your computer

To install the BEST Plus 2.0 software for the first time, follow the instructions below:

1. Insert the BEST Plus 2.0 USB drive into an open USB port or download via link provided by CAL Staff.
2. Select "Open to view files" from the pop-up window. If there is no pop-up window, click the Start menu on your computer, select Computer, then click on the drive where the USB is inserted.
3. Click "Setup" and follow the prompts.
4. Click "Exit Install" when finished.

Note: Prior to administering the test, you must purchase and activate test administrations on the computer.

Compatibility with Windows Operating System

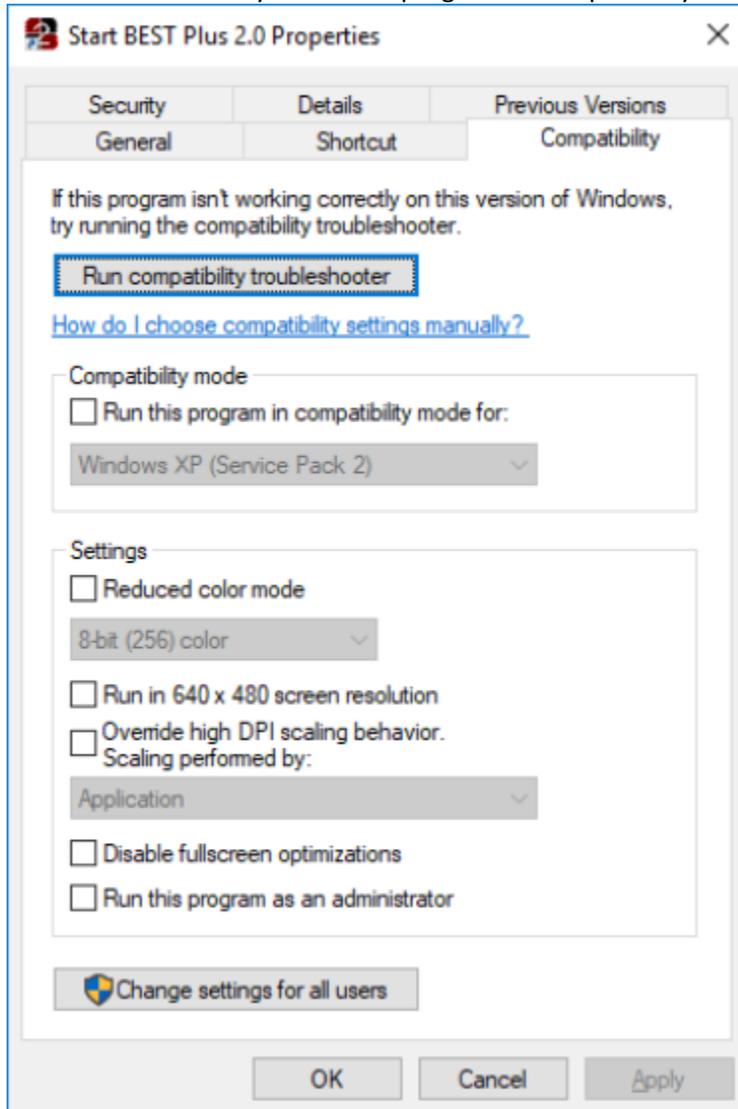
BEST Plus 2.0 was designed to run on Windows operating systems XP or higher. The BEST Plus software was developed using a software authoring tool that has not been supported since 2003. The software developer, PowerTrain, no longer creates standalone programs or installation files for any software. BEST Plus has continued to work with many new versions of Windows including Windows 10. We recommend that BEST Plus 2.0 users start with a clean copy of Windows 10, or perhaps to set up a virtual machine using VMware, Hyper-V, VirtualBox, or Parallels. If the user notes they are missing a DLL file, specify which one and CAL can send it to them.

Running BEST Plus 2.0 in Compatibility mode

To run the *BEST Plus 2.0* on a PC that Windows 10 has been installed onto:

1. Follow the installation procedures above for BEST Plus 2.0.
2. Go to My Computer or Windows Explorer and browse to find the BEST Plus 2.0 USB.
3. Right click on the USB and select "Explore" to see all the files on the drive (some computers may show "Expand" or "Open" instead).
4. Open the "Program_Files" folder and run "Setup.exe" application.
5. *BEST Plus 2.0* shortcut should appear on your desktop.
6. Hover over the *BEST Plus 2.0* desktop icon and select "Properties" and then "Compatibility".

7. In the section that says "Run this program in compatibility mode for:" select Windows XP



8. Select "Run program as an Administrator," then click "Apply," and then click "Ok."
9. Before running *BEST Plus 2.0*, you will need to install the database again. To do so, go to the *BEST Plus 2.0* USB drive, select run and type D:\Program_Files\DAO\DAO_Setup.exe (You will need to know the specific drive letter for your CD-ROM, usually labeled as "D" on most machines.) This step only needs to be done once and does not need to be repeated when setting up the Score Management Software.
10. Right click on the icon and select Rename.
11. Rename the icon to 'BP' so that you can easily find it again (You will need to do the same for the Score Management Software – rename it 'SMS').
12. Double left click on the *BEST Plus* shortcut on your desktop and the test will run.

You may need to repeat this process to run the *Score Management Software* (BEST_Plus_SMS.exe). After going through all the steps, you will not need to repeat the process when running *BEST Plus*.