

Encarta World Atlas 1998 Edition Information

Most of your questions will be answered in the online help for Encarta World Atlas, which you can access by clicking the Help button in the upper-right corner of the Encarta World Atlas window. After clicking the Help button, follow the instructions in the Help window.

The Readme document, which you're looking at now, contains late-breaking news about Encarta World Atlas and solutions for problems that may crop up.

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Getting Encarta World Atlas to run at its best

NOTE: Do not remove the Encarta World Atlas disc from your CD-ROM drive while you run Encarta World Atlas.

Make sure your CD-ROM drive gives you peak performance

To make sure that Windows is set to run your CD-ROM drive at its best, follow these steps:

1. Click *My Computer* with the right mouse-button.
2. Click *Properties* and click the *Performance* tab with the left mouse button. File and System should be set to '32 bit access.'
3. Click the *File System* button and then click the *CD-ROM* tab.
Make sure that the *Supplemental cache size* is set to *Large* and that the *Optimize access pattern for* is correctly set for the type of CD-ROM drive your system has. Look in your computer or CD-ROM manual to find out what this setting should be.

You need free disk space to run Encarta World Atlas

Encarta World Atlas requires a certain amount of free disk space for it to function properly with the operating system. The amount required is dependent on the operating system used (Windows 95 or Windows NT), the amount of memory (or RAM) your computer has, and the memory settings for the computer.

In general, the more RAM you have the less free disk space you need. Encarta World Atlas works best with at least 32 megabytes (MB) of free disk space if you use Windows with the default settings and have Windows manage the memory. However, these are the minimum requirements, based on the amount of RAM your computer has:

- *8 MB of RAM:* you must have 26 MB of free disk space.
- *9 to 16 MB of RAM:* you must have 24 MB of free disk space.
- *Greater than 16 MB of RAM:* you must have 20 MB of free disk space.

If your drive is compressed these figures will need to be greater.

Suggestions, please!

Map suggestions

Encarta World Atlas provides the most extensive database ever compiled in print or on CD-ROM. The lowest display altitudes in Encarta World Atlas give you an incredibly detailed view of the world, where you will find many small features. Some of these small features have been drawn from comprehensive databases of geographic locations that have been built by various government agencies. Some of these databases were never intended to be viewed at such a close range, and you may see some anomalies in their positioning and naming. Despite these issues, our cartographers decided to include them so that you can, for the first time, have access to the rich data that is available from these agencies. You will find these places identified in Encarta World Atlas with a special symbol.

We value your feedback on map features. If you have suggestions for helping us improve the Encarta World Atlas map, please send them to:

Map Editor
Microsoft Corporation
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, WA 98052
FAX: (425) 936-7329
Internet: mapedit@microsoft.com

Other suggestions

If there are features you would like to see in future editions of Encarta World Atlas or if you have any comments about the current version, please send them to:

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Solving Encarta World Atlas problems

Register as a Encarta World Atlas user

Right after you set up Encarta World Atlas on your computer, the Setup program gives you the choice of registering online if you have a modem. If this on-line registration doesn't work, you can run the Setup program again to register or mail in the registration card that comes in the Encarta World Atlas box.

Pictures and video don't look their best

Here are a couple of things to try if pictures look grainy or flawed, or if videos are garbled:

- You can fix most problems by updating the driver that lets Windows and your video card communicate. Look for the manufacturer's phone number in the manual that came with your computer or video card and request a new driver. You can also obtain an updated video driver from the Microsoft Download Service, an electronic bulletin board that you can access via modem at (425) 936-6735.
- You can improve video quality by changing the video display mode. Keep in mind, however, that the quality of the maps both on screen and in print will suffer.
 1. In Windows, click *Start* and point to *Settings*.
 2. Click *Control Panel* and double-click *Display*.
 3. Click the *Settings* tab.
 4. Click *256 Color* under *Color palette* and move the slider to *640 by 480 pixels for Desktop area*.
 5. Click *OK*.

You don't see the place you're looking for on the map

With a million place names, Encarta World Atlas can show only a limited number at one time without making the map too crowded. Follow these steps if you want to find a place you don't see:

1. Click *Find* on the toolbar on the top of the program window and then click *Places*.
2. Type the name of the place you want to visit.
3. If the place name is highlighted, press ENTER or click the place name on the list to go there. Encarta World Atlas will draw the map again, and the place you're looking for will almost always appear. If it does not, try a different spelling or name variant.
4. You can also click the *Options* button in the Find window in order to pinpoint your search.

Sound

If you're uncomfortable trying any of the following suggestions on your own, you may want to ask your dealer or a more experienced friend to help.

You don't hear any sound

Start with the solutions (and a brief explanation of the problem) in the online help. If those suggestions don't solve the problem, try these:

- Make sure the sound card is pressed securely into its slot.
- Make sure the sound card switches and settings are correct—that is, the sound card was installed properly. Refer to the manual of your computer system or the sound card manual for help.
- Make sure the sound card doesn't conflict with other hardware by using the Hardware Conflict Troubleshooter that was designed specifically to help with hardware conflicts in Windows.
 1. In Windows, click *Start* and then click *Help*.
 2. Double-click *Troubleshooting*.
 3. Double-click *If you have a hardware conflict* and follow the directions on your screen.

Sound is distorted, skips, or cuts off

Start with the solutions (and a brief explanation of the problem) in the online help. If those suggestions don't solve the problem, try these:

- If the sound is distorted, try adjusting the sound card volume with a program that is often called a "mixer." To get to the mixer, go to the Multimedia icon in the Control Panel and select the Audio tab.
- If the sound occasionally skips or cuts off, the CD-ROM drive probably isn't fast enough—Encarta World Atlas requires a double-speed drive. You can keep using your CD-ROM drive, but you will continue to hear the sound break up or skip.
- Most sound cards can play only one sound at a time. Some sound-producing programs, like a screen saver or any program that makes a sound in the background, may take over the sound capability of your computer and interrupt Encarta World Atlas sounds. If you suspect you have such a program, do not run it at the same time as Encarta World Atlas.
- **If you have a Media Vision™ Pro Audio 16 sound card** and the sound is scratchy, the Direct Memory Access (DMA) may be set too low. A DMA setting of 7 will correct any scratchy sounds. For instructions on how to change the DMA settings, refer to your sound card manual.

Encarta World Atlas stops running suddenly

You may find that sometimes Encarta World Atlas freezes up, the screen goes blank, or Encarta World Atlas tells you it can't find data.

Clean the CD

You may be having problems with your video display

See "Pictures and video don't look their best" in this document for two possible solutions.

You may be having problems with your CD-ROM drive

Check the drive itself. Here are three things to try.

- Make sure the Encarta World Atlas CD-ROM disc is inserted into the CD-ROM drive. (Encarta World Atlas won't run at all unless the disc is in the drive.)
- Make sure that the drive is connected to your computer correctly and is functioning from Windows. To find out, double-click *My Computer* on the desktop and then double-click the drive with a picture of the CD-ROM disc (usually drive D). Windows will tell you if it's "not available."
- If you have an external CD-ROM drive, make sure the power is turned on.

If, after you try these three things, Encarta World Atlas still tells you it can't find data, check to see if your CD-ROM drive is installed properly. Refer to the manual that came with your computer system or CD-ROM drive for help, or contact the company that supplied the drive.

Look for a hardware conflict. Make sure the CD-ROM drive doesn't conflict with other hardware by using the Hardware Conflict Troubleshooter.

1. In Windows, click *Start* and then click *Help*.
2. Double-click *Troubleshooting*.
3. Double-click *If you have a hardware conflict* and follow the directions on your screen.

Real mode CD-ROM drivers

Real mode display drivers may downgrade performance. Installing 32-bit drivers will improve Encarta World Atlas's performance.

IntelliPoint software

The *Snap to* feature can cause the mouse cursor to jump around on the screen when you do certain things in the Encarta World Atlas. To fix the cursor problem, turn off the *Snap to* feature following these steps:

1. In Windows, click *Start* and point to *Settings*.
2. Click *Control Panel* and double-click *Mouse*.
In the lower right corner of the *Mouse Properties* box, you'll see *Microsoft IntelliPoint* mentioned.
3. Click the *Activity* tab and click *Snap to* so there's no "x" in the box.
4. Click *OK*.

IntelliPoint software may not function if you have F-Prot v 2.25 installed on your machine.

Outline Map Styles

The outline map styles have the following attributes:

Unlabeled: Contains national capital cities, large cities, and other important cities in most countries with populations over 500,000 people.

Labeled: Contains national capital cities and additional cities, towns and villages.

Names for Favorites

If your Encarta World Atlas Favorites have any of the following characters, they will be changed to a dash (-) when saved: \ / : * ? < > | ".

Name That Place Game

If you uninstall and then re-install Encarta World Atlas, high scores from the Name That Place Game are not saved.

Encarta World Atlas URLs and Internet Explorer's History

URLs from Encarta World Atlas can not be accessed by clicking them in Internet Explorer's History folder.

Encarta World Atlas and Internet Explorer

Encarta World Atlas installs Internet Explorer in order to display pictures and articles. If you uninstall Internet Explorer after installing Encarta World Atlas, you will lose important functionality. To fix this, rerun Encarta World Atlas's Setup program.

Uninstalling Encarta World Atlas

If you uninstall Encarta World Atlas, you need to restart your computer in order to completely uninstall the product.

Internet Explorer 3.0 Issues

Some hardware configurations will not enable you to display Encarta World Atlas's content at 1280 x 1024 resolution. To fix this, set your screen's resolution to 1024 x 768.

Internet Explorer 4.0 Issues

If you have installed the IE 4.0 Platform Preview, you may encounter problems displaying pictures and text. To fix this, install a later release of Internet Explorer.

You may encounter problems running Encarta World Atlas if your Security option is set to High in Internet Explorer 4.0. To fix this, set your Security option to Medium.

MSN and Encarta World Atlas

If you are an MSN user and have accessed the Web Links feature but then cancelled it before going online, you can not access the feature again without closing down Encarta World Atlas and restarting.

If you are connected to MSN and using Encarta World Atlas at the same time, the "Disconnect from MSN dialog" may be displayed as you view Encarta World Atlas's articles and pictures. You can fix this problem by installing MSN 2.5.

If MSN 2.0 is installed after Encarta World Atlas, MSN may not properly run. This can be fixed by reinstalling Encarta World Atlas after installing MSN.

Finding your licence number

To find the licence number for the product (also known as the product ID, PID, or serial number), click *Help* on the tool bar at the top of Encarta World Atlas and then click *About Encarta World Atlas*.

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