# MyStars! Version 2.3

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#### 1.0 GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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#### **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:**

Minimum requirements: 386DX with 2 Megs of memory. Coprocessor not required. Windows 3.1, 95 or NT.

## 2.0 WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES:

MyStars! is a fun and educational windows program that shows the position of stars, the sun, the planets, comets and the Messier objects as they would be seen from any position on earth. It

also allows you to vary the time of view (what did the stars look like the day that I was born?). Various options allow you to view the planet names, constellation names, and several celestial coordinate grids as well.

An animation option generates a series of views separated by fixed intervals of time.

#### 3.0 WHATS NEW:

- Full Screen View. Right click on the display area to see the projection full-screen.
- Comet Calculations and Editing.
- 100 1000 times higher accuracy.
- plus more. See the help file for more information.

#### 4.0 INSTALLATION

If you received this as a zip file, you can install it using a product such as WINZIP.

#### OR:

- unzip it to a temporary directory.
- Then run the INSTALL.EXE program from the temp directory using FILE RUN from the program manager in windows. From Window 95 run the INSTALL.EXE using START/RUN.
- When installation is complete you can remove the files from the temporary directory.

Note that you cannot run two different versions of this program at the same time.

#### 5.0 TROUBLESHOOTING:

1) No program groups are created during installation.

#### **REASON:**

## **BUG IN MYSTARS INSTALLER:**

There is a bug in the current version of the installer that sometimes prevents it from making program items. It usually reports this as "Cannot connect to Program Manager" during installation.

#### SOLUTION:

Uninstall MyStars! completely, then reboot and reinstall. The problem then goes away.

If you would like support solving problems, or have questions, contact the author at any time at dpatte@synapse.net.