

# Installation

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**Auction!** Version 3 operates on Windows™ XP/2000/NT, Windows™ 98, and Windows™ ME systems. Installation procedures and screen features are similar for each system. Most **Auction!** features operate identically in all environments. With multi-user or network editions of **Auction!**, you can merge to and from another computer, regardless of which Windows™ version is running on either computer. Network edition adds the capability to have two or more users open the same copy of the dataset simultaneously.

Most screen images in this manual were created in Windows™ XP.

## What You Should Know About Windows™

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This manual assumes you have already set up your computer and printer, and that you are familiar with basic skills for Windows™. You should be able to:

- Left-click, left double-click with your mouse, and right-click with your mouse.
- Select commands from menus.
- Select commands by clicking.
- Use scroll bars.
- Save and open files in various directories or folders.
- Open and close applications.
- Use Windows Start and Windows Explorer or My Computer.
- Use flash drives, floppy diskettes, CD read/write programs, or zip cartridges to backup and move data.
- Minimize, maximize, and resize windows.

For instructions on Windows™ features, please consult your Windows User's Guide or the on screen Tutorials located in the Windows Help menu.

**Auction!** is often used in conjunction with word processing and spreadsheet applications to give you still more formatting options for reports or mailings. Use the manuals and help features for these applications when necessary.

## Hardware and Software Recommendations

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The following equipment and software are recommended to run **Auction!** Version 3. You may be able to operate it with fewer resources; however you should expect it will operate more slowly with reduced resources.

- IBM-compatible PC Pentium II or higher, with at least 128 MB RAM for most versions of Windows™.
- Hard disk drive with at least 40 MB free space.
- Windows™ XP Home or XP Pro, 2000, NT, 98, 98 SE, or ME.
- Any monitor supported by Windows™, with SVGA resolution or better (800 x 600).
- Printer on a parallel or USB port, or a network.
- When using a laptop computer at your event, we highly recommend attaching a conventional keyboard and mouse for fastest and most accurate data entry.

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### Tip

*If you have an additional connection port available, consider adding another monitor/display. You can view the laptop screen, and turn the second monitor around for visibility to your guests (instead of having them peer over your shoulder.)*

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*Tip*

**Auction!** may run successfully on Windows 95™ computers, depending on memory and other resources. It is not explicitly supported for Windows 95™.

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## Installation Instructions

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1. Windows™ XP, 2000, and NT operating systems: log on to your computer as a user with administrative rights. You must install programs as an administrator. You may run in limited user mode, as long as the limited user has read/write privileges and access to the Windows Registry folder and Windows System folder.

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*Caution*

When limited user accounts do not have access to the Windows Registry, you may be forced to run in demo mode or need to register your program each time you start the **Auction!** software. Your license information is stored in the Windows Registry folder and is accessed each time the software is started.

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2. Insert the **Auction!** CD-ROM into your CD or DVD drive. The installation will usually begin automatically. If installation does not begin automatically, click **Start**, **Run** and type **d:\setup.exe**, where **d** is the letter for your CD drive, then click **OK**.
3. Choose **Typical** for a default installation or **Custom** if you would like to change the installation parameters or location. Check **User Guide** and **Sample Dataset** as desired.
4. Wait a few moments until **Auction!** prompts you for installation directory location. **Auction!** will initialize setup and prepare to install program and sample data files to the **c:\auction** folder.
5. Click **Continue** to use the default directory (**c:\auction**) or enter an alternate directory location. Do NOT install the software to your server location. It must be installed locally to each PC. **Auction!** files will be installed to the specified location. **Auction!** will also create a program item on the Programs menu and will create a desktop shortcut.

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*Tip*

When installing Version 3 on some Windows™ 98 computers, you may get an error saying, “can’t install - need to update Win Installer Svc”. This is a feature provided by Microsoft™. To resolve this, navigate to the installation kit being used. Double click on the file **instmsia.exe**, follow through any prompts, and reboot when it directs you to do so.

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## Release Notes

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When installation is complete, you may launch the program immediately or view the release notes. Release notes contain information regarding the release. You can view release notes later by clicking **Help**, **Release Notes**.

### Check for Unsafe Versions

During installation, **Auction!** attempts to find any instances of Version 2 on your computer. You will be asked either to update these older version to “safe” V2 programs or delete these old programs. We suggest deleting the old versions, unless you have an explicit reason to retain these versions.

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*Caution*

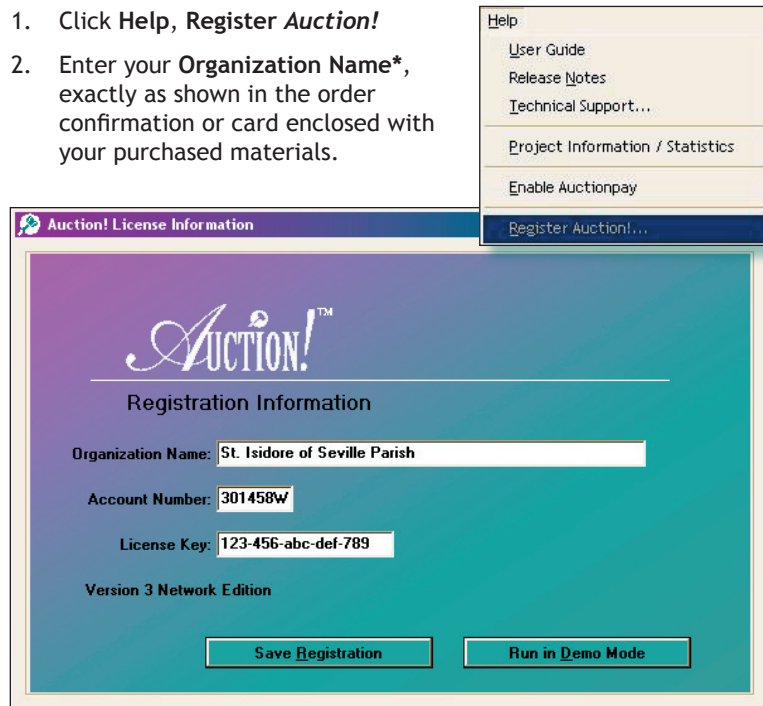
Checking for unsafe versions is a critical task for customers who’ve upgraded from Version 1 or 2. Opening a V3 project with an unsafe version of **Auction!** will destroy your dataset. **Auction!** will remind you until this check is successfully completed.

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## Registering Your Copy of *Auction!*

Once *Auction!* has been installed, register your copy of *Auction!* You must register for full capability. Your program will only operate in Demo mode until registration is complete.

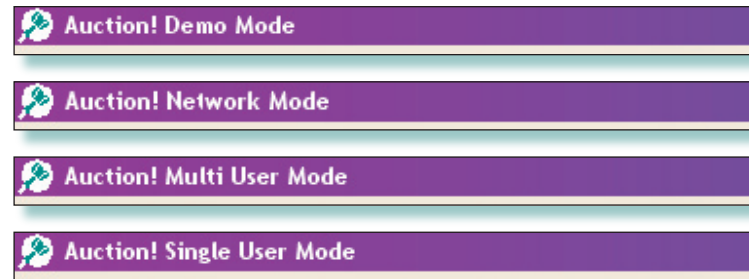
1. Click **Help, Register *Auction!***
2. Enter your **Organization Name\***, exactly as shown in the order confirmation or card enclosed with your purchased materials.



*\* The license keys shown are strictly for demonstration purposes, and do not actually work. The organization is named St. Isidore of Seville, the patron saint of computer programmers.*

3. Enter your **Account Number**, also on the card.
4. Enter your **License Key**, found on the label on the front of the CD case. You may skip the dashes if you like; they enhance legibility but are not required.

**Save Registration** should be enabled (darkened). If it is not, check and re-enter the information in steps 2 - 4, or contact Auction



Systems technical support. Click **Save Registration** to complete your registration, enabling full capability.

The screen title bar now indicates Single user, Multi-user or Network, depending on which edition you purchased.

## Viewing *Auction!* License Agreement

Once *Auction!* is installed and registered, you may view your licensing information.

1. **Help, View *Auction!* License Agreement.**
2. The terms of your license agreement are shown.

## Upgrading and Converting Projects to Version 3

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When you upgrade from *Auction!* Version 1 or 2, follow the installation instructions above. When you open a Version 1 or Version 2 project in Version 3 for the first time, *Auction!* confirms it will be converted to V3. If the project was created in an earlier version, *Auction!* converts it to Version 3 using the following process:

*Auction!* creates a sub-directory, **AuctV2DB**, and copies your existing project files to this location. It checks to see if these files are already in this directory. These project files are a backup, to be used in the unlikely event of a power failure or computer disk crash during conversion.

*Auction!* converts your V1 or V2 data into V3 format and you're up and running in V3.

When operating in a multi-user or network environment, be sure to upgrade *Auction!* on all computers you plan to use for your project. Do not leave old copies of V2 on computers that might access your data.

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### Caution

*Once converted to Version 3, a database cannot be converted back to Version 2. If this is attempted, the data will be corrupted permanently. We are not able to recover data damaged by this process.*

*To continue having access to Version 2 projects using **Auction!** Version 2, update your V2 installation from our web site or the installation CD. This prevents accidental opening of a V3 project by V2.*

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## Viewing Current Release Number

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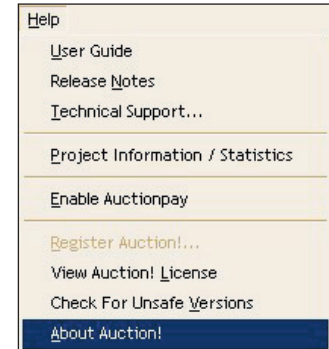
Software is always in a state of continual improvement. Release numbers are used to identify the specific code vintage used to create your software. You may view the actual release number you are running. This is helpful when you visit our web site to see if you are running the most current release available.

1. Click **Help, About *Auction!***
2. The version and release number is listed on the middle right hand side of the screen, and the edition installed (single-user, multi-user, or network.)

Please check our web site periodically to obtain the latest release, features and bug fixes for best results:

[www.auctionsystems.com](http://www.auctionsystems.com).

Updates to V3 are always free for V3 customers. Click Release Notes on the web site to see fixes and improvements that have been made.



**Version 3: Release 3.1.6131  
Network Edition**