IWS Compatibility with Windows Vista

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Introduction

InduSoft Web Studio (IWS) is compatible with Windows Vista™, so HMI/SCADA users, OEMs, and systems integrators can take advantage of the latest improvements in graphics and security that were introduced in this operating system.

One of the ways security has been improved in Windows Vista is that users no longer have system-wide administrator privileges by default; the operating system now requires explicit authorization from the user to perform some actions. This prevents malicious code from running without the user's knowledge.

Some applications routinely perform actions that require such authorization, so the user may choose to allow an application to always run with administrator privileges. These privileges can be enabled on an application-by-application basis, as part of the application's Properties.

With regards to InduSoft Web Studio, explicit authorization is required to run the application in **Evaluation Mode** or with a **Softkey** license. (For more information about licensing, please Chapter 2, "Installing InduSoft Web Studio", in the *IWS User Guide*.) Therefore, if you plan to run IWS in either of these modes, then you should enable administrator privileges for the application and its associated utilities.

This document describes how to enable administrator privileges for InduSoft Web Studio running on Windows Vista.

> ✍ **Note:** If you are running InduSoft Web Studio with a **Hardkey** license (a.k.a. dongle), then it is not necessary to perform the procedure described in this document.

Procedure

To enable administrator privileges for InduSoft Web Studio:

1. After installing InduSoft Web Studio on your Windows Vista computer, click on the Windows button and select the folder **All Programs → InduSoft Web Studio**.

Selecting a program shortcut in the Windows menu

2. Right-click on the shortcut for **Indusoft Web Studio vX.Y** and select **Properties** from the pop-up menu. The *Properties* dialog for the application is displayed.

3. Select the **Compatibility** tab of the *Properties* dialog, and then enable (check) the option **Run this program as an administrator**.
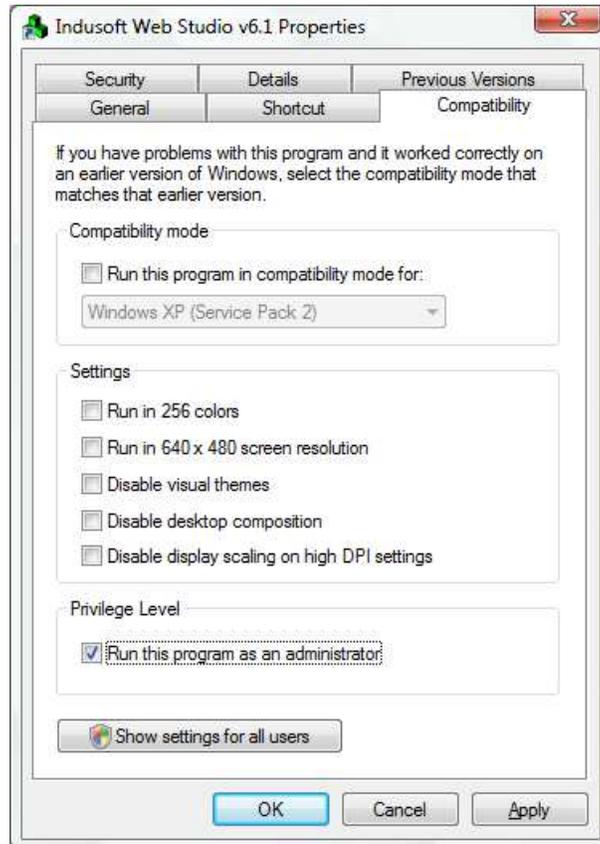
Enabling administrator privileges in the Properties dialog

4. Click the **OK** button to save the new settings and close the dialog.

5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 for each of InduSoft Web Studio's associated utilities: **Register** and **Startup**.

> ✎ **Note:** You do not need to enable administrator privileges for **Remote Agent**.

You can now run InduSoft Web Studio normally on Windows Vista.

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