

## RELEASE NOTES FOR WINDOWS SIDEBAR STYLER V2.0.6

### INTRODUCTION

Windows Sidebar Styler is an application which takes advantage of various technologies introduced in Windows Vista in order to provide extensions to the existing functionality of Windows Sidebar.

### PREREQUISITES

Windows Sidebar Styler can be used on both Windows Vista and XP or Server 2003, provided that the necessary prerequisites are installed. Below is a list of required applications and frameworks which have to be installed in order for Windows Sidebar and the extensions to function correctly.

For use in **Windows Vista**:

**None** – Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 is pre-installed in Windows Vista

For use in **Windows XP** or **Windows Server 2003**:

**Alky for Applications 1.0 or later**

<http://www.fallingleafsystems.com/compatibility/>

**Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 Redistributable**

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=10CC340B-F857-4A14-83F5-25634C3BF043&displaylang=en>

### KNOWN ISSUES

The following known issues are planned to be fixed in the next release of Windows Sidebar Styler.

- Gadgets with WPF support are currently unable to save settings in a unified way (via an API). Developers should save settings to a user-specific data file instead.
- Running instances of Gadgets with WPF support are currently unable to dock to the bar.
- Running instances of Gadgets with WPF support may not be uninstalled sometimes. To work this around close these instances, restart Windows Sidebar and try again.

### RELEASES HISTORY

#### v2.0.6/Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Package is now embedded in Setup to minimize prerequisites

Implemented support for resizing Windows Sidebar

Implemented support for style authoring and additional style-related options

Implemented support for application of styles on-the-fly

Included are translations of the main application user interface:

**Dutch (Netherlands)** by Edo Mangelaars

**French (France)** by Jean-Marie Houvenaghel

**Greek (Greece)** by Idas

**German (Germany)** by Michael Frank, Benjamin Staneck

**Spanish (Honduras)** by Ricardo Cooper

**Russian (Russia)** by “deeper2k”

Improved compatibility with 64-bit editions of Windows Vista

Fixed minor issues

#### v2.0.5/Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Included are translations of the main application user interface:

**German (Germany)** by Michael Frank

**Polish** by “elektrownik”

Fixed compatibility issues with 64-Bit Edition of Windows Vista

Fixed minor issues

#### v2.0.4/Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Implemented support for localized Gadget resources

Included are translations of the main application user interface:

## **Bulgarian**

**Portuguese (Brazil)** by “El Buga”

**Portuguese (Portugal)** by Bruno Silva

Fixed compatibility issues with VAIO XP and 2003 caused by SidebarWpfExt.Dll

Fixed minor issues

### **v2.0.3/Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Public release

### **v2.0.\*/Internal**

Completely re-written code

Multiple bug fixes

Implemented lower-level hook library for extensions, including custom styles

Implemented support for .NET Framework and use of Windows Presentation Foundation in Gadgets

Implemented support for VAIO XP and VAIO 2003

### **v1.0.0/Apr 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Initial public release

## DEVELOPMENT

If you have a suggestion, question, feature request or a bug to report, your feedback would be appreciated. Please see the **Contact** section below for more information.

## SUPPORT

Please visit either <http://www.aerexp.org> or <http://www.stoyanoff.info> for more information, support and software updates.

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