

Solar Writer v2 Release Notes

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Changes for v2.6.1.0 28 October 2015

Changes in Solar Writer Engine:

- * Fixed: the Help would not display
- * Improved: simplified the About screen in Help
- * Improved: Help has various small text updates & indexing, plus expanded installation instructions

Changes for v2.6.0.9 16 September 2015

Changes in Solar Writer Engine:

- * Fixed: crash when using Interpretation files from recent editions of interpretations editor
- * Fixed: "Help / Visit Website" was opening the web page twice
- * Changed: 2-digit date range to be 1930-2029
- * Partial fix: for no outer aspects in Synastry report

Changes in reports:

- * Added graphic for My Pets report
- * New cover for money report; better Jupiter text.
- * Updated Child report text
- * Updated Modern report text
- * Updated Pets report text
- * Updated Solar Return report text
- * Updated Synastry report text
- * Updated Dynamic report text

Changes for v2.6.0.8 31 March 2014

Changes in Solar Writer Engine:

- * Made Ctrl-P print whole report (rather than just the chart) when user is viewing whole report.
- * New program icon, with a spiral
- * New option for displaying "House Expansion" - moving house lines in chart to accommodate many planets in a particular house. (See Options / Houses.)
- * Fixed, occasional crash error when closing solar fire.
- * Fixed, check for updates not always picking up latest update.

Changes in installers:

- * Fixed, Solar Writer attempting to install to Jigsaw or Astro Tides directories.

Changes in reports:

- * Money report text order adjusted for clarity in the "Personal Income" and "Sharing" sections.

Changes for v2.6.0.7 24 March 2014

- * Added new "Money" report
- * Fixed, occasional "Range Check Error" crash
- * Updated ACS Atlas to 2014 versions
- * Updated ChartConverter and InterpsEditor programs
- * Better Solar Writer graphic icon for first page of reports
- * Updated Help file and PDF user guide
- * Report installers now safer to use - always check with users before overwriting any local files they might have changed.

Changes for v2.6.0.5 05 December 2013

- * Corrects BST timezone range error
- * Corrects USSR 6 timezone range error
- * Town popup acts in similar way to SF

Changes for v2.6.0.4 28 November 2013

- * Add to Print Queue Bug Corrected
- * Town popup added when town is not found.

Changes for v2.6.0.3 22 November 2013

- * Fixes Glyph Issue not showing.

* Fixes Closing issue giving error.

Changes for v2.6.0.2 18 November 2013

* Reports now named according to type and person

Changes for v2.6.0.1 20 September 2013

* Baghdad Daylight Savings Time support added correcting existing bug

Changes for v2.6.0.0 9 September 2013

* New, support for Money report

Changes for v2.5.0.2 14 August 2013

* Fixed, Norwegian installation for Health and Wellbeing
* ACS Atlas updated to the latest version

Changes for v2.5.0.1 15 April 2012

* New, support My Pets report

* Fixed, Error 103 message

* Fixed, RTF file creation error

* Fixed, Norwegian installation for StarMM

* Fixed, Installation over old SW versions 2.0

* Improved, new desktop icons

* Improved, Help menu

Changes for v2.4.0.0 4 July 2011

* Improved, Updated Atlas Time Changes database.
* Fixed, Updated TimeZone.fil to correspond with new Atlas
* Norwegian translations for Health & Wellbeing,
and Solar Returns
* Fixed, Range / Bounds error with Atlas data with Solar
Returns reports.

Changes for v2.3.0.5 01 Jul 2010

* Improved, Help menu, changed "Check for Updates" to
"Check for Updates on Web" so that the menu item phrase
is consistent with Solar Fire.
* Fixed, the Solar Returns report was giving a runtime
error when trying to calculate a Solar Return chart.
* Fixed, if a user displayed a Dynamic report in the
"View in Editor" menu item, with the "Include Timeline
Diagrams" option ON, then when the report was printed
the event bars in the timeline diagrams were not
printing. It was found that this problem was due to the
fact that the events bars were in a maroon color and
the printing process could not handle a graphics print
in a color other than black. Consequently, the event bar
color was changed to black for all displays and printing.
* Fixed, Dynamic Options, the last tab (for the timeline
diagram) was always displaying first instead of the
first tab.

Changes for v2.3.0.4 10 May 2010

* Fixed, Planet names for aspects from second chart to the
first chart were reversed for non-English versions of
the Synastry report.

Changes for v2.3.0.3 05 Nov 2009

- * Improvement, now Solar Writer is compatible to Windows 7.
- * Fixed, On Uninstall of existing Solar Writer system registry was not cleared which cause problem to new installation. Now it is fixed.
- * Fixed, New installation of Solar Writer try to read some of the files from last installation and cause error. This is fixed in this version

Changes for v2.3.0.2 23 Nov 2008

- * Improved, if a placename for a country is located in more than one state or province, a selection window now pops up allowing you to select the appropriate place. Previously, the first place found in the ACS Atlas was selected automatically, which could have lead to incorrect latitude and longitude for the place and may have resulted in an incorrect ascendant.
- * Improved, when a pre-calculated Solar Return chart is the base chart highlighted in Solar Fire and the Solar Writer > Solar Returns report is selected from within Solar Fire, the process within Solar Writer now bypasses solar return calculations and goes straight to displaying the Solar Return Report
- * Improved, greyed out the Time field as it is not required and changed the title of the Solar Return Options screen
- * Improved, if the Timezone textbox became empty, clicking anywhere else on the screen caused a timezone error message to pop up forcing the user to restart the computer or manually close down the program. Now, if the Timezone textbox becomes empty, the previous entry is restored
- * Improved, the Solar Return report is based on the current solar return from the person's last birthday, from the date that is entered in the Solar Return Options screen. Now, if the date in the Solar Return Options screen occurs in the month before the next birthday then the Solar Return report is automatically based on the next solar return, not the current return
- * Improved, if you click on a textbox during data entry, the text entry is now highlighted to be consistent with the Solar Fire data entry system
- * Fixed, when the Natal location was selected for a chart and then another natal chart was opened, the Natal place details of the previous chart continued to be displayed instead of the new chart's natal details
- * Fixed, when viewing a Solar Return report in PDF format, the single return chart displayed was smaller for a single wheel if the user had selected to not display the natal as well

Changes for v2.3.0.1 07 Nov 2008

- * Added, can now open previously saved Solar Return charts stored in Solar Fire. In this scenario, you will not see the Solar Return Options screen because you are effectively locked into the date, time and place of the saved Solar Return chart. Also, you will only see the saved Solar Return wheel displayed both on-screen and in the reports and not the Natal chart
- * Added, on the Solar Return Options screen, a "Location" option has been added so that you can now more easily switch between the current default Place (Relocated) and the Natal Place, aligning with the functionality of Solar Fire for Solar Returns
- * Added, on the Solar Return Options screen, a "Show Natal Chart?" checkbox option was added so that a user can now opt to not display/print the natal chart associated with the Solar Return. This way, a larger Solar Return wheel is printed in the Solar Return report.

- * Fixed, crash when the "Cancel" button is clicked on the Solar Return Options screen
- * Fixed, when switching between reports particularly between Synastry and Solar Return and vice versa, the two charts used in both reports got out of step

Changes for v2.3.0.0 03 Nov 2008

- * Added, engine can now calculate a Solar Return chart for either a chart that is opened or a chart that has been entered. Solar Return Options were also added to the Options menu so that the base date, time and place for a Solar Return can be altered at any time for the same natal chart
- * Updated the ACS atlas files to the latest versions
- * Improved, added the Solar Writer engine version number to near the top left corner of the Solar Writer window, so that a user can more easily gain access to that information

Changes for v2.2.2.1 16 Aug 2008

- * Fixed, Dynamic, View As PDF, error message on Page 6 after the Introduction, re "Cannot extract the embedded font 'MSSansSerif'...". The error only pops up when the "Timeline Diagram" option is selected.
- * Fixed, Dynamic/Modern, program locks up for particular charts, e.g. 8 Sep 1983, 19:34, Bendigo, Australia.

Changes for v2.2.2.0 08 Jul 2008

- * Fixed, Dynamic Report only, overflow/out of memory error on certain charts but not all. This problem only occurred with Dynamic option "Start of Month" set.
- * Modified, Data Entry, in the Time field added ability to allow user to enter "a" or "p" for "am" or "pm" respectively, like Solar Fire Gold, as well as "a.m." or "p.m." or "a.m" or "p.m".

Changes for v2.2.1.9 11 Feb 2008

- * Fixed, Error messages were generated after users updated to v2.2.1.8, mainly in Europe. Default for some settings was 1,0 instead of 1,0 where the dot was used instead of the comma.

Changes for v2.2.1.8 13 Dec 2007

- * File Manager / Popup list of chart file locations - added SF7 charts folder.
- * Timezones - timezone abbreviation "CEDT" was not recognised, and in some cases this could also cause the timezone hour value to be incorrectly reset to zero. This timezone has now been added to the list of recognised zones, and the incorrect zone reset has been remedied.

Changes for v2.2.1.7 23 May 2007

- * Norwegian language - minor correction for Norwegian dynamic reports.
- * Astrological Summary - List of chart points in the astrological summary was omitting Ascendant and Midheaven even if these were already switched on as displayed chart points. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.1.6 04 May 2007

- * Norwegian language - added support for Norwegian dynamic reports.
- * Chart Printing - when printing a chart page from the main menu, the chart caption was in a very small font size. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.1.5

- * Windows Vista - help file converted to HTML Help format as WinHelp format not supported by Vista by default.
- * French language - added support for French language reports.

Changes for v2.2.1.4

- * Windows Vista - reports generated and viewed in Solar Writer's Report View window have blank graphics and illustrations, although still works normally when viewed as PDF. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.1.3

- * Astrological font problems with European Windows - due to misinterpretation of Windows version as Win NT prior to SP3, and hence incorrectly used WinNT fonts. Now fixed.
- * Email PDF option caused freeze in Outlook Express. Now fixed.
- * Classical report - some tables have spurious <BOLDON> and <BOLDOFF> text, and bulleted lists were incorrectly displayed with <LISTON> <LISTOFF> <BULLET> text fragments. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.1.2a

- * Built-in ACS Atlas updates - new timezone date changes for USA, Canada and Western Australia.

Changes for v2.2.1.2

- * Fixed Stars report - the full starset descriptions were not always being included in the reports ie. only the text specific to planets in that starset were being included. Now fixed.
- * Goddess report - the asteroid calculation range is limited to 1500CE to 2100CE. Attempting to calculate a chart outside this range resulted in a bug report being generated. This has now been replaced with a warning message, but then allows the program to continue normally instead of generating a bug report.
- * File Manager - Folder button now has associated pop-up menu which contains a list of commonly needed folders ie. Solar Writer's own folder, plus all Solar Fire version folders. This makes it easier for users to connect to Solar Fire's folders without having to navigate to find them.
- * PDF - charts and essential dignities tables are now drawn in native PDF format when possible, providing better quality presentation.
- * Occasional crash - when generating an astrological summary page where the summary table is more than one page long. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.1.1

- * Goddess report - PDF version of report showed incorrect positions of asteroids in summary table, although report was still based on correct positions. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.1.0

- * Goddess report - minor enhancements to deal with special features of this report.
- * Preferences dialog - now opens on Report tab instead of Wheel tab.

Changes for v2.2.0.9

- * Swiss Ephemeris - has been updated to v1.70.2. All relevant IAU resolutions up to 2005 have been implemented,

including:

- the "frame bias" rotation from the JPL reference system ICRS to J2000. The correction of planetary positions ≈ 0.0068 arc sec in right ascension.
- the precession model P03 (Capitaine/Wallace/Chapront 2003) The correction in longitude is smaller than 1 arc second from 1000 B.C. on.
- the nutation model IAU2000B
- corrections to epsilon
- corrections to sidereal time
- * Extra points - Wheel styles with extra ring points may now be selected, in order to display the extra point positions (such as asteroids) in the wheel for reports which use such extra points. The wheel style uniex1.wh1 has been included for this purpose, and this is the default wheel style for these reports. The wheel style selected for this report applies only to these reports. All other reports still use the normal wheel style.

Changes for v2.2.0.8

- * Health & Wellbeing report - added some new keyword types required by this report.
- * I/O Error 103 - could occur if a required files has its "read-only" attribute set (eg. aspect set file). This has been circumvented by allowing all such files to be opened whether or not they are set to "read-only". However, this type of error message could still occur if a required file has become corrupted.
- * Automated bug reports - did not have tech support email address by default. Now fixed.
- * Sending Reports by Email - Modified MAPI email routines to avoid problems with some email clients which hang or prevent Solar Writer from continuing before the email was sent.
- * Chart wheel - added small margin around displayed chart to improve aesthetic appearance.
- * Synastry report - if a chart has Venus in 7th house, then this paragraph appears twice in succession in the section "Individual Traits" for that chart. This occurs due to a duplication of the paragraph headed "*Venus in 7th House" in the source text file "Individ.txt", and can be fixed by the user by deleting this second occurrence of this paragraph in that file, and then recompiling the report.
- * Humors report (Medicus) - when sent to PDF, some tables were incorrectly formatted. Now fixed.
- * Screens with Large fonts - chart glyphs were larger than intended when producing reports on computers with large fonts. Now fixed.
- * Chart wheel in report - was sometimes slightly elliptical, depending on screen dimensions. Now fixed.
- * Medicus report - the day and hour planet were swapped, affecting keyword lines where "PlanetaryHourRuler" was used. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.0.7

- * Synastry report - "Individual Traits" section describing house and sign placements of 2nd chart was actually just restating placements for 1st chart. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.0.6

- * Compiling report - if user entered compile file path and name into text box instead of selecting it using Browse button, the compile file name was not saved, so when running the report the old compile file name was accessed instead. Now fixed.
- * South Node - if calculation engine being used was Swiss Ephemeris, then the south node was being displayed at 29Ar. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.0.5

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- * Installation - minor modifications to adapt to new installation system, affecting first program startup only.

Changes for v2.2.0.4

- * Error reporting - added new error processing feature which traps any crashes or errors and gives user the option of emailing a bug report.
- * Swiss Ephemeris - Replaced planet calculation code with SwissEph routines.
- * Prefs folder - now shows Ephemeris tab if SwissEph is present. (Previously tab only appeared for reports with dynamic DLL calculations).
- * Timezone abbreviations - abbreviations ending in double numeric were not accepted as valid (eg. UZT12). Now fixed. Also now ensure that +/- in zone string is recognised as a numeric.
- * Text Limits - Increased max words per paragraph to 9999 from 999.
- * ACS Atlas - Replaced ACS Atlas OCX control with FindCity.dll.
- * ACS Atlas lookup - user may now supply Australian state name instead of country name when doing ACS atlas lookups for Australian locations in the Chart Data Entry dialog.

Changes for v2.2.0.3

- * Fixed Star report only - degree ranges for each starset had a 1 minute arc gap between each starset, so on rare occasions a planet would be omitted from the report. Now fixed.
- * Timezone abbreviations - timezone abbreviations ending in numeric caused error (eg. BZT2). Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.0.2

- * Report cross-linking bug - after using print queue, if final report in queue was of a different type than the currently selected report type, then the final report type became cross-linked with the current report type, and when later invoked produced text for the wrong report type. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.0.1

- * Chart save - when saving chart to Solar Fire Deluxe (*.SFcht) chart file, chart file corruption could occur. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.2.0.0

- * Solar Fire Deluxe compatability - added ability to work with Solar Fire Deluxe chart file format (*.SFcht) in addition to older Solar Fire chart files formats (*.cht). If user chooses to create a new chart file, then specifying a file name with a ".SFcht" extension will create a new chart file which uses the new Solar Fire Deluxe chart file format. Otherwise, it will create a new chart file which uses the older Solar Fire v5 chart file format with a ".cht" file extension.
- * ETConv.exe - updated to v2.0.3.0 to be fully compatible with Solar Fire Deluxe chart files.
- * Emailing reports - could sometimes cause Outlook Express to freeze. Now using slightly different method which may prevent such problems.
- * Edit Source Text button - was calling WordPad.exe. Now calls default ".txt" file editor instead.
- * PDF - when italic or bold section of text extended onto a following line, then that styles was incorrectly being applied from the beginning of the line. Now fixed.

- * Dynamic report only - report calculation could "hang" in some rare instances. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.1.0.5

- * Aspect orb in dynamic aspect selection - failed to update if single digit entered (eg. "1"). Workaround is to enter as a decimal (ie. "1.0"). Now fixed.
- * PDF - A topic with multiple paragraphs displayed a spurious small indentation at the start of each following paragraph. Now fixed.
- * PDF - Now avoids orphan astrological headers by making page throw if astrological header would be last line on page.

Changes for v2.1.0.4

- * PDF - When producing a PDF with a chart graphic, Times New Roman font is no longer embedded - hence smaller PDF file size.
- * Astrological summary table layout - sometimes columns were too narrow for text. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.1.0.3

- * Updated on-line help file - with latest changes included.
- * PDF Email - ability to create report as PDF and attach to an outgoing email.
- * PDF Export - ability to export report directly to a PDF file in Adobe Reader instead of viewing/editing in the built-in report editor. This then allows users to email report as PDF with embedded fonts, thus ensuring that recipient can see all astrological chart glyphs correctly.
- * New Toolbar - this is customisable and may also be switched on or off using Options / Customise Toolbar.
- * Menu - addition of glyphs to each menu item for clarity.
- * Dynamic Report - addition of calendar timeline graphic for each transit entry in report. This is an option which may be switched on or off under Options / Dynamic Options / Report.
- * New Help items - Automatic program patch update finder, Registration by email, Getting technical support by email, Sending suggestions by email, Visiting our home page.
- * Chart Open dialog enhancements - addition of list of 10 most recently opened chart files, addition of Search all Files ability to locate a chart in any file.
- * Report Email Option - added some text to main body of email message as possible fix for problem which occurs when using Netscape as default email client.
- * Dual Monitors - Chart graphic in report appeared half-way off right hand side of page. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.0.2.0

- * Modifications for new Spanish language version of Zodiac Child report

Changes for v2.0.1.0

- * Addition of options relating to new Dynamic report

Changes for v2.0.0.2

- * Printing - Range check error - could occur randomly when printing report, due to deficiency in third party component. Now remedied with code work-around.
- * If chart folder or file is deleted by user between sessions, then user gets I/O error 103 and is unable to proceed. Now fixed, so that user can select new directory and file.
- * Wheel styles - After changing wheel styles, it was necessary to either reselect a report type or to restart the program before the new wheel style was displayed on

the main screen. This has now been changed so that any newly selected wheel style is immediately visible on the main screen.

Changes for v2.0.0.1

- * Editing source text failed if source text path contained any blanks. Now fixed.

Changes for v2.0.0.0

- * Embedded ACS Atlas
- * New illustrated versions of Modern and Synastry reports