

M2R Program

Installation Guide

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1. Before You Begin

Please review these requirements before running the installer. Meeting all of them ensures a smooth installation with no unexpected errors.

Supported Operating Systems

M2R runs exclusively on 64-bit Windows. The following versions are supported:

Windows Version	Supported
Windows 11 (64-bit)	☒ Yes — Fully supported
Windows 10 (64-bit)	☒ Yes — Fully supported
Windows 8, 8.1, or 7	☒ Not supported
32-bit Windows (any version)	☒ Not supported

Hardware Requirements

Your computer should meet or exceed the minimum requirements below. The recommended specifications will provide a noticeably better experience.

Component	Minimum	Recommended
Processor	1 GHz, 64-bit	2 GHz+ multi-core
RAM	2 GB	4 GB or more
Free Disk Space	1 GB	2 GB
Display Resolution	1024 × 768	1920 × 1080

Permissions

Administrator Rights Required for Installation

You must be logged in as an Administrator (or run the installer as Administrator) to install M2R. Once installed, you can run the application day-to-day as a standard Windows user — no admin rights needed at runtime.

2. What Gets Installed

The installer places files in the following locations on your computer. You do not need to change these defaults.

Item	Default Location
Application Files	C:\Program Files\M2Reporter\
User Data Folder	C:\Users\{username}\AppData\Local\M2Reporter\
Database File	C:\Users\{username}\AppData\Local\M2Reporter\m2reporter.db
Backup Files	User-chosen location — saved via File > Backup & Restore as a .zip file

Installed size is approximately 600 MB. The installer file itself (M2R_Setup_x.x.x.exe) is 150–200 MB.

3. Running the Installer

Step-by-Step

1. **Download the M2R installer file** (`M2R_Setup_x.x.x.exe`, where **x.x.x** is the current version number).
2. Right-click the file and choose **Run as administrator** — or double-click if you are already logged in as an Administrator.
3. If Windows shows a “Windows protected your PC” prompt, click **More info** then **Run anyway**. (See Section 5 for details.)
4. Follow the on-screen prompts to complete the installation.
5. Optionally choose to create a Desktop shortcut and/or launch the application when the installer finishes.

Installation Options

During installation you will be offered these choices:

Option	Default / Notes
Desktop Shortcut	Off by default — check this box if you want quick access from your Desktop.
Start Menu Group	Created automatically. Use Start Menu > M2Reporter to launch the app.
Launch After Install	Optional. Launches M2Reporter immediately when the installer closes.

4. Optional Dependencies

Most users will not need to install anything extra. The two components below are only required for specific features.

Component	Only Needed If...	Where to Download
Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable 2015–2022	You see a “DLL load failed” error on launch.	Microsoft — aka.ms/vs/17/release/vc_redist.x64.exe
Microsoft Access Database Engine (ODBC)	You need to import legacy .mdb files.	Microsoft Download Center — ID 54920

5. Troubleshooting

— “Windows protected your PC” appears when launching the installer

This is a standard Windows SmartScreen warning that appears for software that is not code-signed. M2R is safe to install. To proceed:

1. Click “More info” in the SmartScreen dialog.
2. Click “Run anyway.”
3. The installer will continue normally.

— “DLL load failed” error when starting the application

A required Windows system library is missing from your PC.

Fix: Download and install the Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable 2015–2022 (x64).

Download link: aka.ms/vs/17/release/vc_redist.x64.exe

After installing, restart your computer and try opening M2Reporter again.

⊖ Application won't start at all

Verify your Windows version: M2R requires Windows 10 or Windows 11 (64-bit).

Verify your architecture: 32-bit Windows is not supported.

Check your antivirus software: it may be quarantining a file. Add M2Reporter to your antivirus exclusions list and try again.

6. Uninstalling M2R

You can remove M2Reporter using either of these methods:

Method A — Windows Settings

1. Open the Windows Start menu and click the gear icon (⚙ Settings).
2. Go to Apps.
3. Find M2Reporter in the list and click it.
4. Click Uninstall and follow the prompts.

Method B — Start Menu

1. Open the Windows Start menu.
2. Browse the M2Reporter folder.
3. Click Uninstall M2Reporter.
4. Follow the prompts.

ℹ Your data is preserved after uninstalling

The uninstaller removes the application files only.

Your database and personal data remain in: C:\Users\{username}\AppData\Local\M2Reporter\

To completely remove all data, manually delete that folder after uninstalling.