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Well-worn tools of the trade

Comets/Minor Planets

Web Download TheSky5 fix

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Software Bisque strongly recommends backing up the Registry BEFORE making any changes!

NOTE: TheSky 6 users need not be concerned with this.

[Just get the latest HotFix to TheSky6.](#) First time users must create their own account to download files.

Back up the Registry first!

[Please see the knowledge base article here](#) for more details

WARNING! If you are not careful performing this action you can cause irreversible damage to the system. Always backup the Registry BEFORE making any changes just in case. I cannot stress this enough.

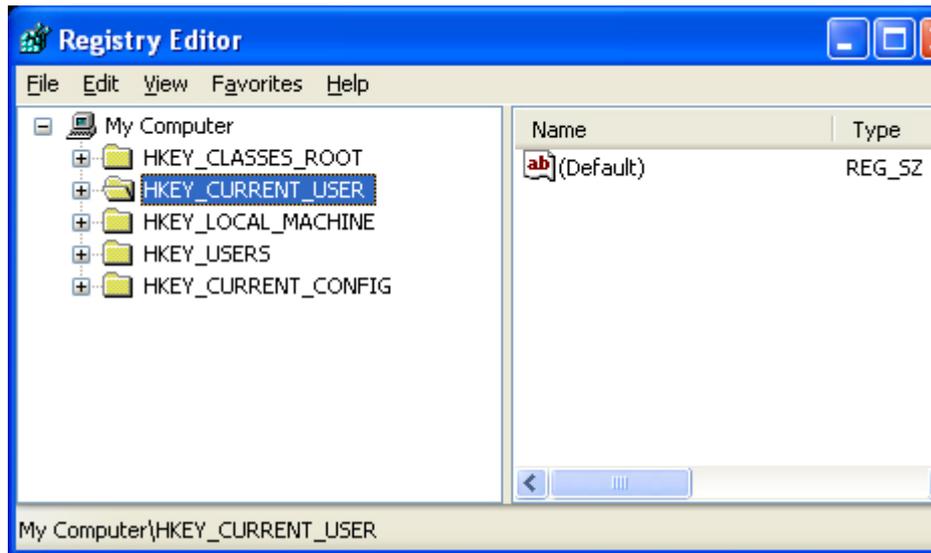
To backup the Registry use File | Export and give it a name. Using a date in the filename each time you make changes.

To access the Registry needed to create the new "KEY" named URL use Start | Run and enter "REGED" in the Run dialog box and press OK. See below.



To access the Registry Editor

The Registry Editor

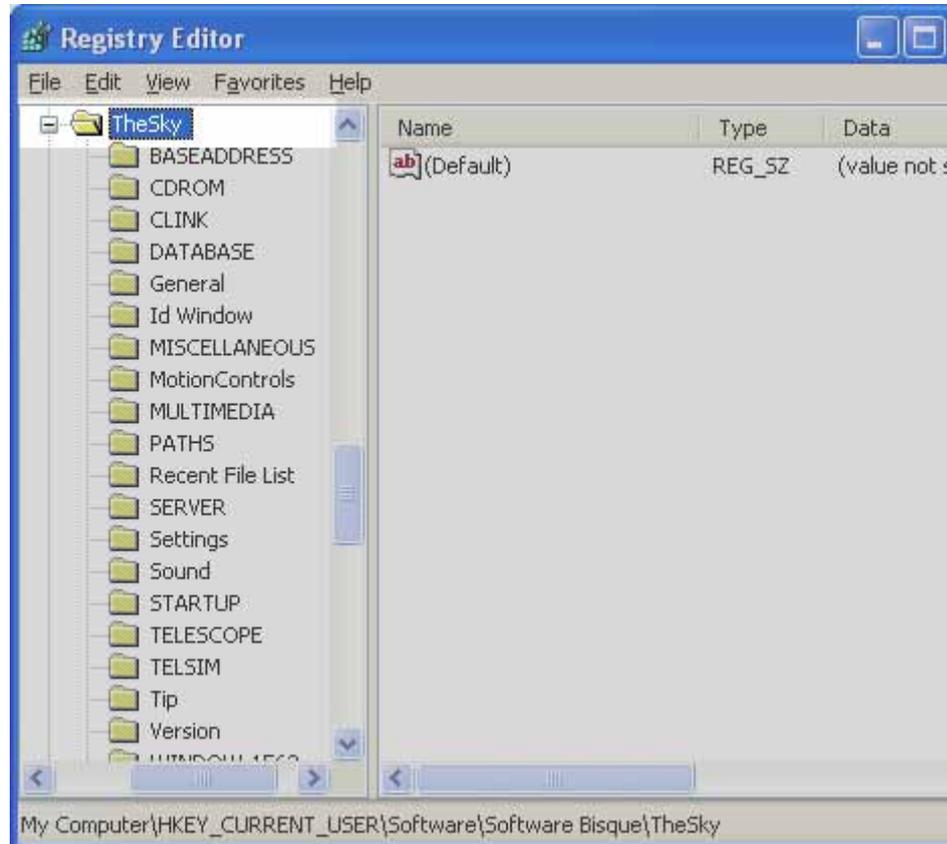


Expand HKEY_CURRENT_USER

Under HKEY_CURRENT_USER - Expand Software then Expand Software Bisque and finally Expand TheSky. The URL needed for the fix. You must create the new KEY called URL. When this is created it will be at the

NOTE: MAKE SURE you are creating the new URL key under TheSky heading, no where else

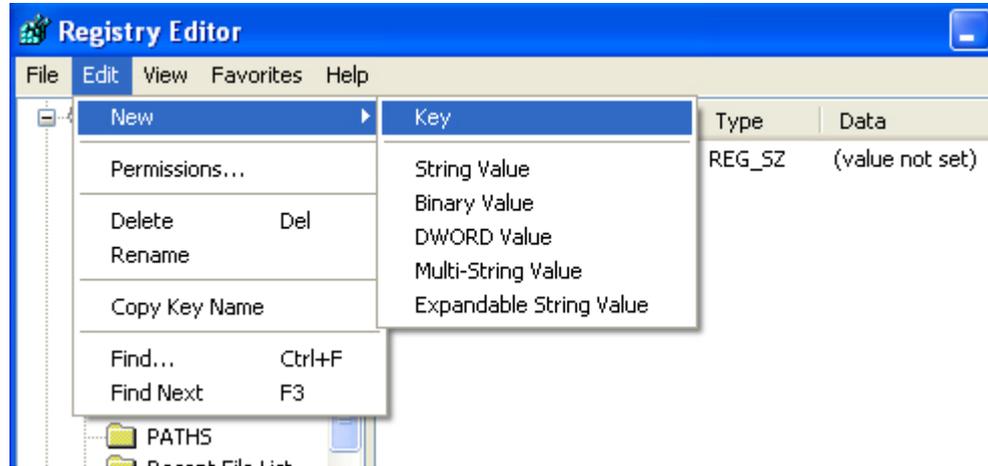
Make sure TheSky is highlighted



Before making the NEW KEY

Now under TheSky use Edit | New | Key as shown below.

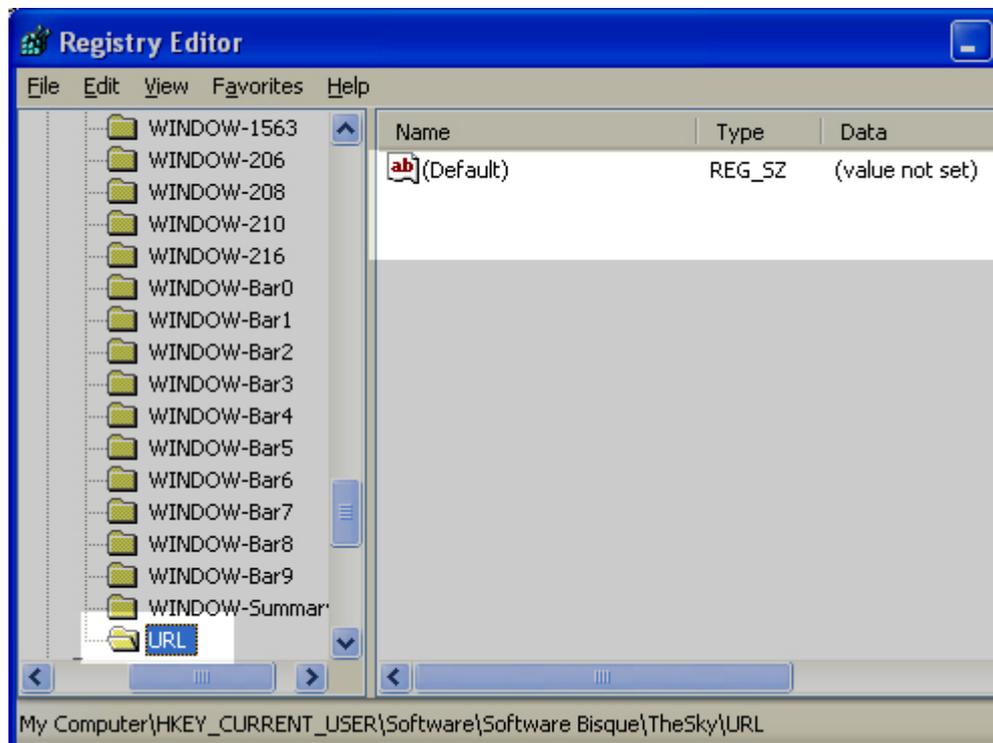
Edit | New | Key



Name the new KEY "URL" without quotes!

HINT: You can also use RIGHT MOUSE Click on TheSky and select New | Key from there!
Here is what the new EMPTY key looks like.

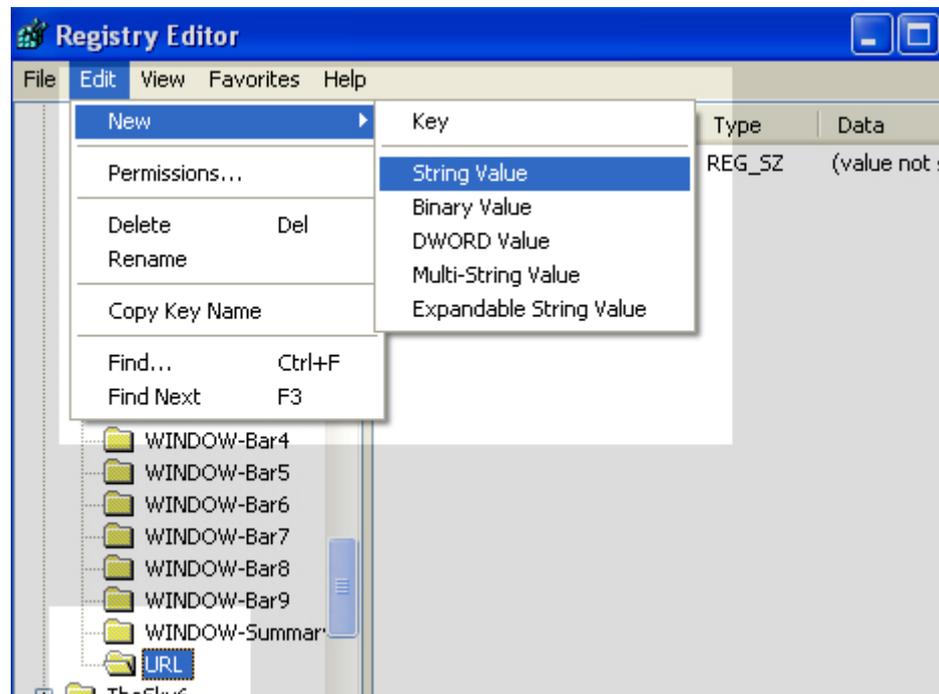
New KEY named URL under TheSky!



New KEY named URL has been created

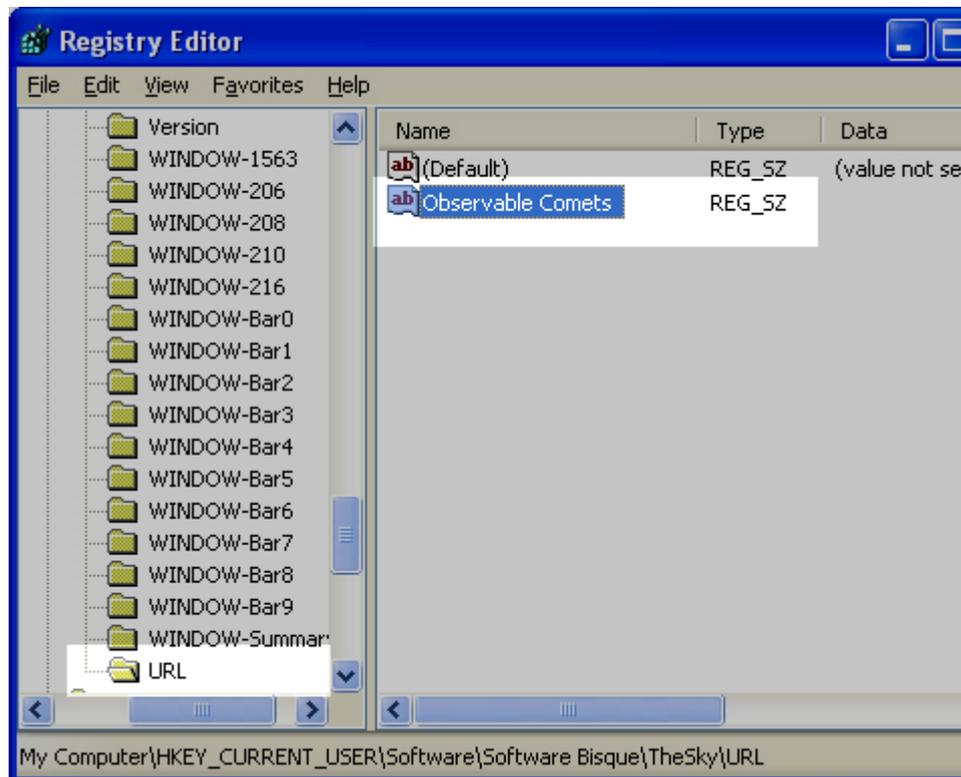
Almost there!

New String Value under new KEY named URL



Make sure you are on new KEY URL first!

New String Value "Observable Comets"

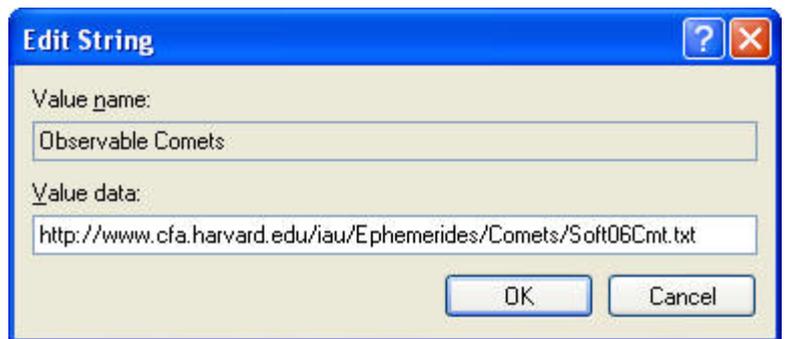


Under KEY URL

HINT: You can also use RIGHT MOUSE Click on URL and select New String Value from there!

Now double mouse click the OBSERVABLE COMETS String Value to EDIT the String.

Edit new string value Observable Comets



Enter URL here

HINT: Just highlight the following URL with a mouse left button down drag then RIGHT MOUSE Click

`http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/iau/Ephemerides/Comets/Soft06Cmt.txt`

Then just RIGHT MOUSE Click and Edit | Paste the text into the Edit String dialog. Easier than typing

Done! This is how it looks. The comets can now be downloaded via the web.

The new "KEY" "URL" under TheSky. Under "URL" a new STRING VALUE called "Observable Comets" and

<http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/iau/Ephemerides/Comets/Soft06Cmt.txt>

On to the Minor Planets!

To fix the links for the Distant, Critical and Unusual Minor Planets the procedure is the same!
Make the following NEW String Values under key named URL you already created.

- [Critical Minor Planets](#)
- [Distant Minor Planets](#)
- [Unusual Minor Planets](#)

The corresponding links are as follows,

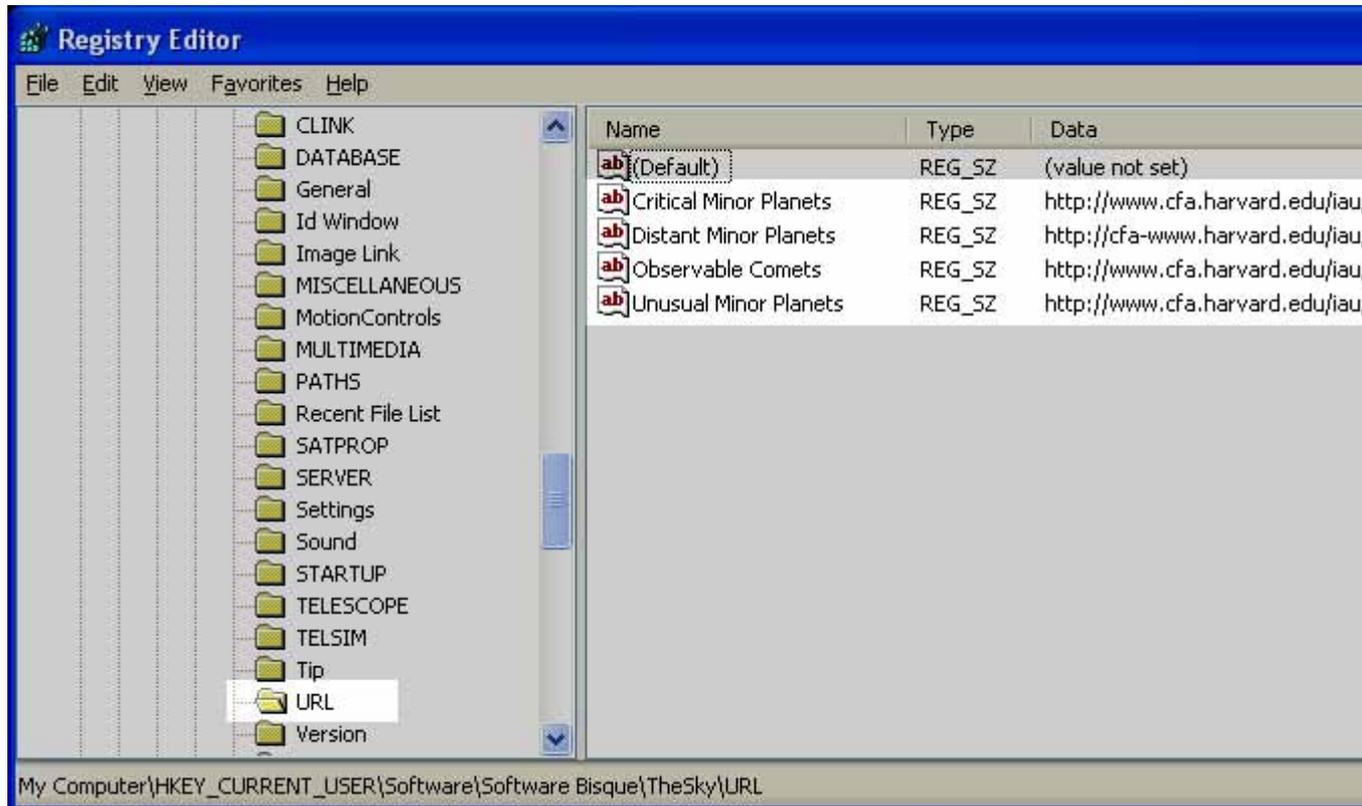
`http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/iau/Ephemerides/CritList/Soft06CritList.txt`

`http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/iau/Ephemerides/Distant/Soft06Distant.txt`

`http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/iau/Ephemerides//Unusual/Soft06Unusual.txt`

Again, just Edit | Copy then Edit Paste the proper url's into their respective keys. Voila! See below.

This is exactly how it looks in the end!



Ready to check!

Exit the registry saving the changes and you are done.

Hint: To test a link just edit paste it into your web browser. If the link doesn't work there it won't in T get it right. Better yet Edit Copy and Edit Paste my tested links above!

Summary: Quick and dirty

Here is the procedure.

Right Mouse Click the entry named TheSky under HKEY_CURRENT_USER | Software | Software Bisque the menu. Name the new key "URL". Right Mouse Click on the "URL" newly created key and choose the menu. Type in "Observable Comets" no quotes. Double left mouse click on Observable Comets and

<http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/iau/Ephemerides/Comets/Soft06Cmt.txt>

Should take no longer then about 5 minutes!



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