

SUNDER II MAP UPDATER PAGE

Only for the
MechWarrior4 Mercenaries Free Version

The MapUpdater was created specifically to install the custom mission maps used in the Sunder II server onto your computer and makes no other changes to any MechWarrior folders or files. The MapUpdater program has been in use by the Sunder II players new and old since July, 2009.

The MapUpdater program must not be run while MechWarrior 4 Mercenaries is running. Make sure that all files and directories in your Mercs folder are not marked as "Read-Only". If you are using Windows Vista, or Windows 7 you must run the Map Updater as administrator, see Technical and Trouble Shooting section below.

- 1) Download the MapUpdater program here: [MapUpdater](#)

Unpacking the files

- 2) The MapUpdater.rar file is a compressed file and must be un-compressed before use. Windows cannot unpack this file without an unpacking program. If you do not have an unpacking program, you can get one free here > <http://www.7-zip.org/download.html>
You may unpack the MapUpdater files into any folder, except your desktop. See compression/un-compression details included with program.
- 3) When unpacked, a new MapUpdater folder will appear. In the new MapUpdater folder there are two files; "MapUpdater.exe" & "Instructions.txt" and a folder named "VersionUpdater" with "VersionUpdater.exe" inside.
DO NOT rename these files or folders.

Pre-run info

- 4) In XP, NET Framework 3.0 (or newer) is required for the MapUpdater program to work. The MapUpdater program will let you know if NET Framework needs to be installed. You can come back and get NET Framework 3.0 for XP here: [Net Framework 3.0](#) if you get that message. (If your XP is up to date, you will not get the message)

Running the MapUpdater

- 5) Make sure MechWarrior is not running, then start the MapUpdater by (double clicking) the file "MapUpdater.exe" located in the new MapUpdater folder created in step 3.
If you are using Windows Vista or Windows 7 (32-bit or 64-bit), you must run the MapUpdater.exe file (program) as an administrator.
****If are using 64-bit Windows Vista or 64-bit Windows 7, go to the Technical and Trouble Shooting section below****
When MapUpdater.exe is executed, a new window will appear. "Sunder 2 Map Updater Beta Version 2.02". In the program window, you will see the heading "Mechwarrior 4: Mercenaries Directory" The text below this heading to the left of the "Change" button will display the default MechWarrior Mercenaries install folder. (where you originally installed the game) "C:\Program Files\mektek.net\Mechwarrior Mercenaries - Mektek Mekpak".
****If are using 64-bit Windows Vista or 64-bit Windows 7, see the Technical and Trouble Shooting section below****
- 6) Click on the "Generate Map List" button. A list of the mission maps used in Sunder II will be listed in the MapUpdater program.

Map installation

- 7) Click on a map(s) name in the MapUpdater program OR hold down the control key to highlight multiple maps. (the box(s) that that map name(s) are in will become highlighted) Now click on the "Download Selected Maps" button. Depending on your Internet speed and the speed of your PC, it will take between a few seconds to a few minutes to download the selected map(s). After the map(s) are successfully downloaded, a new box will open stating that the downloads have completed successfully. Click the "OK" button.

Repeat the above for any maps displayed in the MapUpdater that have not been highlighted. (It is suggested that you update one map at a time). After a map (or maps) are successfully downloaded, a new box will open stating that the downloads have completed successfully. **If the MapUpdater program seems stuck on a single map, wait a few minutes. On some maps, the updating process is long. Be patient. If after waiting the MapUpdater program still seems to be stuck, stop the map updater, and then re-run the MapUpdater program and update just the map that was giving you trouble. See the Technical and Trouble Shooting section.** Click the "OK" button.
- 8) To exit the application click on "File" in the upper left hand corner, and then click "Exit".
- 9) The Sunder II mission play maps are now installed. "WOOT" < More about that later.

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How to run a program as an administrator

Locate the program icon or a shortcut in Windows Explorer.

Right-click the program icon or shortcut, and then click Run as administrator.

When the UAC message is displayed, do one of the following:

If you are logged on as a standard user, or if UAC is configured to always require credentials, enter the appropriate administrative credentials, and then click OK.

If you are logged on as an administrator and UAC is not configured to always require credentials, click Yes to start the application.

MapUpdater other

In some cases, maps that seemed to have updated OK will not work in Sunder II. If this happens, run the map updater again, and re-download the map in question. This usually fixes this problem.

The Status Updater will inform you of what the application is currently doing in the box to the right of the "Status Updater:" text. Most of the time, it will process downloads fairly quickly.


The MapUpdater generates a log file called ActivityLog.txt when it tries to do any major tasks. If there are errors, please read the log. This log file will be located in the MapUpdater folder "after" the MapUpdater program file has been run.

The MapUpdater program has been tested with Windows XP (32-bit), Windows Vista (32&64-bit) and Windows 7 (32&64-bit)

It is not known if it will work with Windows XP 64-bit.

Special procedures for Windows Vista 64-bit and Windows 7 64-bit

Not sure what version of Windows Vista or Windows 7 you have?

Click the Start button , type winver in the search box, and then press Enter.

Folders & MechWarriors location

Reference to #5 above:

When installing the MapUpdater for the first time, the default directory will be:

C:\Program Files\mektek.net\Mechwarrior Mercenaries - Mektek Mekpak

However, if you are using Windows Vista 64-bit or Windows 7 64-bit, the default folders for MechWarrior4 Mercenaries will not be in the C:\Program Files folder. To fix this you must do the following:

When using Windows Vista 64-bit or Windows 7 64-bit with the MapUpdater, you will have to change the folder used by the MapUpdater by pressing the "Change" button in the MapUpdater program, then select "My Computer", select "Local Disk (C:)", select "Program Files (x86)", select "mektek.net", select "Mechwarrior Mercenaries - Mektek Mekpak", then select the "OK" button. The text below this heading (to the left of the Change button) should now display:

C:\Program Files (x86)\mektek.net\Mechwarrior Mercenaries - Mektek Mekpak

Now proceed to step 6

Need more help?

Please visit the forums at <http://bb.evilgeniuses.us/forum/index.php> for technical support. While you can email the creator of this program, more people will be around to assist there.

Any further questions about the MapUpdater can be e-mailed to the MapUpdaters creator: lord_magnus101@yahoo.com

Special thanks from all of the Sunder II players to Lord Magnus!