

# Upgrading BoardMaker to BoardMaker Plus!

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One of the problems when upgrading from BoardMaker to BoardMaker Plus! is that it's not as easy as just sticking the CD in the drive and running the installer....although it should be. What you may find after installing the new version is that the icon and splash screen show BoardMaker Plus but when you run the program it is your old version.

For success follow these steps:

- Uninstall the old BoardMaker program;
- Delete the Windows Registry entries for the program;
- Install the new BoardMaker Plus! software.

## Step 1: Uninstall the old BoardMaker program

1. Start>Control Panel>Add or Remove Programs;
2. Select BoardMaker in the list and click on the **Remove** button;
3. You will be alerted with a message: '**This program can not be uninstalled unless the program is set to use the English language**'. Click the **OK** button and it will start up BoardMaker;
4. Now shutdown BoardMaker and the uninstall process will continue.

## Step 2: Delete the Windows Registry entries for the program

The Windows Registry is a hierarchical database that stores configuration settings and options on your operating system. So, **please be careful** not to delete any other entries as this may cause problems on your PC!!

1. **Start>run**;
2. Type in **regedit** in the box and click on the **OK** button;
3. Select **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE** folder and expand it by clicking the plus sign to its left;
4. Select Software folder and expand it by clicking the plus sign to its left;
5. Browse the list for the Mayer-Johnson folder;

6. Now,if you **ONLY** have one Mayer Johnson program on your PC, i.e. BoardMaker then simply right click on the **Mayer-Johnson** folder and select Delete. It will warn you that you are about to delete the folder and its entries so just click the **Yes** button. If you have other Mayer Johnson programs then you need to expand the folder and only delete the BoardMaker entry, i.e. **BM\_SDP**;
7. Close down regedit (Registry Editor): File>Exit.

### **Step 3: Install the new BoardMaker Plus! Software**

Your old version of BoardMaker will now be deleted and you can insert the CD into the drive and follow the instructions on screen to install the new version of BoardMaker Plus!.