MyStars! Version 2.6

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum requirements:
- 16 bit version (mystars.exe)
        386DX with 8 Megs of memory. Coprocessor not required. Windows 3.1, 95/98 or NT.
- 32 bit version (mystar32.exe)
        486 with 16 Megs of memory. Windows 95/98 or NT 4/5

2.0 WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES:

MyStars! is a fun and educational windows program that shows the position of stars, the sun, the planets, comets and the Messier objects as they would be seen from any position on earth. It also allows you to vary the time of view (what did the stars look like the day that I was born?). Various options allow you to view the planet names, constellation names, and several celestial coordinate grids as well.
An animation option generates a series of views separated by fixed intervals of time.

3.0 WHATS NEW SINCE V2.5:

For users of previous versions, note that the zoom keys and the effect of clicking on the projection area have changed.

- left click provides positional information (What's This?) about objects near pointer
- right click now has a pop-up for full-screen, center here and "What's This?"
- in full screen mode, right click also has the main menu available from the popup
- moved zoom keys to + and - keys
- added alt/azi scrollbars to main projection, and appropriate cursor keys

- removed dialogs that re-request permission to change your view
- added local effect menu for refraction, scattering and scintillation
- allow parallax to be disabled in effects menu
- moved extinction to effects menu
- dsos in projection are now green circles
- size of stars decreased slightly for brighter stars.
- modified toolbar icons (use letters) add symbols to planets
- added view reset to toolbar
- asteroid and comet lists are now sorted
- deep sky object list now shows type of deep sky objects (galaxy, nebula, etc.)

- startup dialogs no longer required on 32bit registered version
- added JDN and MJDs to View/At dialog
- changed format of DSO and Star files

4.0 INSTALLATION

If you received this as a .ZIP file, you can install it using a product such as WINZIP by selecting the install button.

OR:
- unzip it to a temporary directory.
- Then (for the 16 bit version) run the INSTALL.EXE program from the temp directory using FILE RUN from the program manager in windows.
- Or, From Window 95 run the INSTALL.EXE using START/RUN.
- When installation is complete you can remove the files from the temporary directory.

If you received this as an .EXE file, you can simply run the executable in order to install it.

Note that you cannot run two copies of this program at the same instant.

5.0 TROUBLESHOOTING:

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