Using UPStart and PulseWorx-EZ on Apple Mac computers

UPStart and PulseWorx-EZ were designed for the Windows operating system and we recommend that you install and use these software products on computers that use that operating system. If, however, you do not have a Windows computer it is possible to install and Run UPStart and PulseWorx-EZ on an Apple Macintosh computers using a Windows emulator called “Wine”.

The best reference we have found on how to run Windows programs on a Mac is at this site linked to below. Follow the instructions in the sections on How to download Wine on a Mac and How to Run Windows Software on a Mac with Wine Bottler.


We have tested the Wine Bottler approach and found that it works well. The only helpful piece of advice we can provide beyond what is on the page, is in the Wine Bottler advanced screen. You must choose as the “System Version Info” any OS version that isn’t XP. We tested with “Windows 7” and that allowed UPStart to install and work.

Change the “XP” to something else for UPStart and PulseWorx-EZ to install. All the other options in the dialog can stay as they are.

By using the Wine Bottler approach and turning the program into an OS X application bundle will make it easier to use UPStart on a day-to-day basis.

If you are using a serial PIM, you will need a “widget” that makes a serial port out of a USB port. Unfortunately, not all seem to work on all Macs and with all MacOS versions so if the one you have doesn’t work you may need to try another. We have used the ones from IOGear and they seem to work well.

As you use UPStart on a Mac please remember that it was designed and tested under Windows – Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10 – and not for this emulation mode so there may be “glitches” in how the program operates.

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