SQL Server: What can I do if I get an error about MSXML 6.0 during SQL Server installation?

This applies only to Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3). To find out how to check your Windows version, click here.

From the Start menu, select **Programs** (or **All Programs)** and see if you can find **Microsoft SQL Server 2005** (it should be a yellow folder, and may be toward the end of **All Programs**)

If you cannot find **Microsoft SQL Server 2005**, then the error you are experiencing is related to installing SQL Server 2005 Express on a system with Windows XP SP3. This error was introduced with Service Pack 3 and there is no corresponding fix for the SQL Server 2005 installation from Microsoft.

Following is a workaround:

1. Open the **Windows Control Panel** and select **Add/Remove Programs**
2. Remove all components that start with Microsoft SQL Server
3. Try to remove **MSXML 6.0 SP2 (KB4954459)**. This will probably fail. If it removes OK, proceed to Step 9
4. Download and install the Microsoft cleanup utility at:
   http://www.horticopia.com/updates/msicuu2.exe
   If available, you can choose "Run" from the download menu instead of "Save".
5. From the **Start** menu, **All Programs**, run the **Installer Clean-up Utility**
6. Highlight the file **MSXML 6.0 SP 2** and click on **Remove** button
7. Click on Exit
8. Reinstall the Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express as described in
   http://horticopia.com/support/OnlineHelp/Version5SQLManualInstall.htm
9. If necessary, reinstall HORTICOPIA Professional. When prompted for Update or New Install, choose **Update**

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