

Getting MechWarrior 4 Mercenaries to work on windows 10

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Getting MW4 Mercs to work with Windows 10 is fairly easy. Follow the procedure below.

Enable Directplay.

<https://windowsreport.com/enable-directplay-windows-10/>

Change your network settings from Public to Private.

<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/change-network-profile-public-private-windows-10/>

Open ports needed for the game on your router, make sure you forward them to a computer with a internal IP address that is static (does not change on reboot).

<https://portforward.com/mechwarrior-4-mercenaries/>

In some instances, internet providers have blocked old ports needed by DirectX, to work around this use a VPN software call Radmin. Installing and using Radmin is simple.

<http://mechwarriorleagues.com/uc/radmin.html>

Download the game. The version in the link is fully patched to the latest MekTek release and includes the Hi-Def patch and most maps made for the game. The file is 5.7 GB in size.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lafsYMLeeoXtVQew5XUr_zu5BojBP7O/view?usp=sharing

Once downloaded, extract to root area of your hard drive (ex. C:\), it already has a subdirectory called MW4.

Navigate to the game directory and run autoconfig_MERCS.exe as administrator. Make sure to select your video card in the drop list. Set resolution to 1920x1080x32 and save.

Run MW4Mercs.exe as administrator. Go to the Options menu and make sure that the screen resolution is the same, if not, change it to the resolution above and save.

***** In some instances, you may have to set the compatibility of autoconfig_MERCS.exe and MW4Mercs.exe to Windows 7***

In the multiplayer menu, set your connection preferrence. Then click the CONNECT button, not the MEKMATCH button. Servers should now be listed.

**** If the game refuses to start or shows a black box that disappears, unhook any USB devices that are connected except keyboard and mouse (i.e. headset) and try to start the game again. Once that game has started, you can plug the devices back in again.**

You can also try to add the following command line to the game launcher:

`-32 -gl -GameTime.MaxVariableFps 60 /gosnojoystick`

Example: `C:\MW4\MW4Mercs.exe -32 -gl -GameTime.MaxVariableFps 60 /gosnojoystick`

You may try leaving the /gosnojoystick off the commandline if you are using a joystick.

Video Issues:

If you can not get the video resolution to adjust using the AutoConfig.exe, using a text editor:

Open options.ini in the game folder,
set videodriverindex=0

Then farther down, set resolution to 1920 x 1080

Then change from 16 bit to 32 bit.

Save and relaunch game.

If you are having problems, join us on our Discord channel. There are plenty of people that are willing to help fix any issues that you may have. The Discord link is:

<https://discord.gg/NCHv6qSx>