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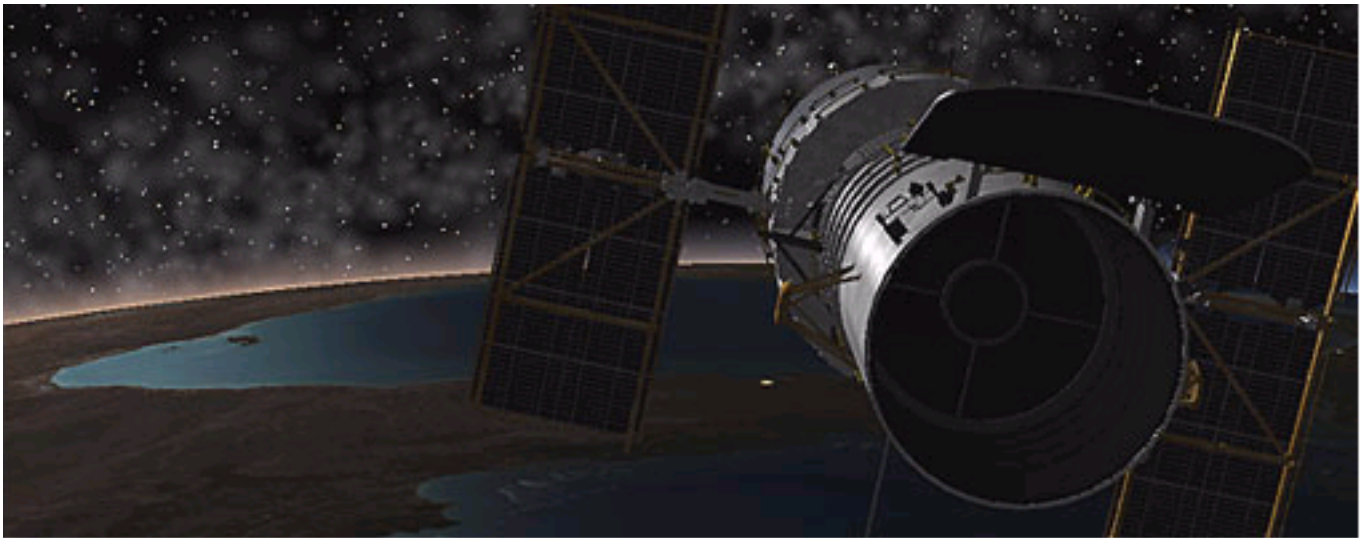
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Application: Celestia 1.5.1, Windows xp

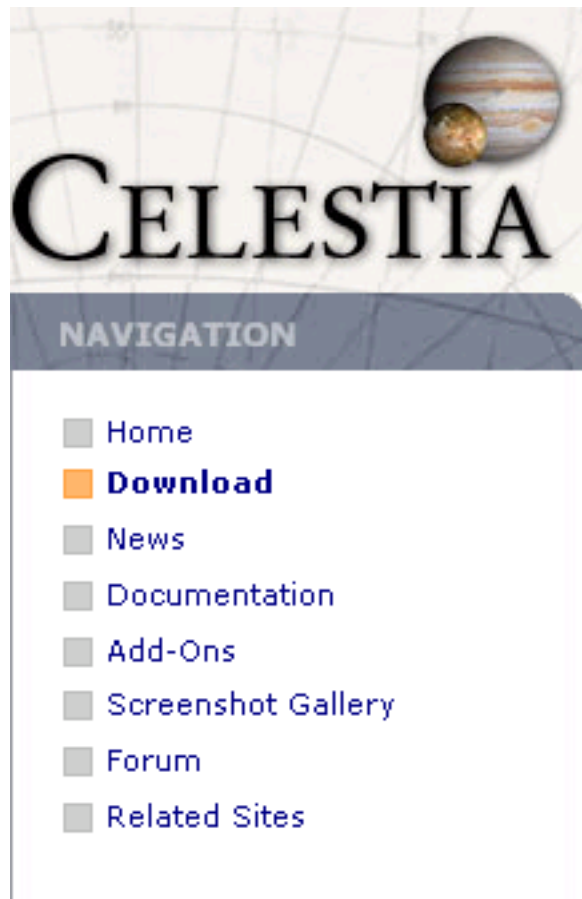
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Celestia: What is it?



Celestia is a free piece of planetarium software that can be downloaded from the internet for free. It is a space simulation that lets you explore our universe in three dimensions instead of only from the surface of the earth. The exponential zoom feature lets you explore space across a huge range of scales, from galaxy clusters down to a spacecraft only a few meters across. It is also equipped with a "search" and "go-to" interface that makes it simple to navigate through the immense universe to the object you want to visit.



Installing Celestia is quite simple. Just follow the direction below.

- 1) Log-on to <http://www.shatters.net/celestia/> This will bring you to the Celestia homepage
- 2) On the right side of this page, you will see a list of options. Click on the second option from the top called **Download**
- 3) This will take you to another page which will have several operating system options. Select the appropriate operating system.
- 4) This will take you to one more page. At the top of this page, you will see the option **Download Celestia**. Click on this option.
- 5) A new small window will appear which will ask you if you want to run the program or save it. Select **Save**.
- 6) Another window will appear which will allow you to access your computer files. Select the file you would like Celestia to be saved in, and select **Save**.
- 7) Once the download is complete, select **Run**.
- 8) A series of windows will appear in order to install the program. Each window will have a prompt at the bottom which will either say "next" "I agree" or "finish". Follow the prompts to install the program.
- 9) Now that Celestia is installed, you may use the program by selecting it from the file you saved it in earlier.