

Getting Started



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What's new with SOSx Lite 2.0?

- Released July 2017
- New datasets! See [SOSx Lite Content](#) for specifics.
- Compatible with touch screens
- New user interface
- More information buttons - press to access websites, images, and videos that help to explain the topics explored in the datasets.
- Real-time Earthquakes is back.
- Windows download is lighter and more efficient.

Will SOSx Lite work for you?

- Check out this document to find out more about SOS Explorer and SOS Explorer Lite [capabilities and features](#).
- Then, to try out SOSx Lite, make sure your computer meets our [system requirements and download it now!](#)

If you have trouble downloading or installing the program:

- First, make sure your computer meets our [system requirements](#)
- Then, visit our [FAQ](#) page
- Finally, [Contact Us](#), if you are still having trouble.

How to Use SOSx Lite

In order to make best use of SOS Explorer:

- Become familiar with the select collection of [SOS datasets and educational tours](#) included in the package.
- Check out our existing [Education Resources](#).

Once you have SOSx running:

- Take the SOS Explorer Help Tour to learn about the capabilities of the program.
- Click the *Dataset* icon to see a list of the datasets. Select one and then:
 - Click *Load* to see the dataset on the sphere
 - Click *Info* to open a window of the SOS description
- Take a content Tour or all three - Earth System, Plate Tectonics, and Wind & Weather. Tours are scripted presentations that walk a user through the datasets using a storyline and a learning goal. To learn more about the tours and lessons associated them, visit our [Content](#) page.
- Find Help for controls and capabilities by clicking the *Tools* icon and *Help* button.
- Allow time to play with SOSx and analysis tools found in the *Tools* menu. We think you'll find that it is user-friendly and intuitive.
- Send us your feedback. We want to know what you think! Click the *Tools* icon and click the *Feedback* button to send us your ideas.