Installing the Character Builder

Go to this link https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UYCR17DsXuGhU4YLw500OOFvE9awEwSZ

Download the zip file, open it, look for 2 folders, CBLoader and Dungeons&Dragons Character Builder, put both on the desktop for now, open up the character builder folder, there'll be a bunch of .exes, ignore the one that's called 700 DDI, look for ddisetup.exe, run it, it'll ask by default to be installed in your Program Files (x86) folder, which is fine, but you could put it literally anywhere else you want (I keep mine on my desktop in a series of folders called Desktop>Mega Folder>D&D Stuff>D&D Tools>D&D 4E Offline Character Builder), just be mindful where you put it. After the setup you will want to run all 15 of the CB .exes, those are all the updates, do them one at at time, from 1-15, make sure you get the popup that says installation complete, also make sure they install the to the same location you installed the character builder. Once that's done, open the CBLoader folder, drag all the contents (should be a total of 7 files) into the folder where everything's been installed to. Right click CBLoader, *make a shortcut of it*, pin the shortcut to your start menu/taskbar/slap it on your desktop, right click the shortcut and go to properties, a window will open, make sure it is on the shortcut tab, look for a text field labeled "Target", and go to the end of it and after the "add a space and a -d (it should look like "wherever the hell you installed it\D&D 4E Offline Character Builder\CBLoader.exe" -d) THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE PROGRAM WILL BREAK AND YOU'LL **HAVE TO REINSTALL**. Now run the shortcut, some command line will pop up, let it do its thing, it's installing the updates, eventually the character builder will pop up, if you've done it right, there should be a bunch of classes to choose from. Make sure to USE THE SHORTCUT EVERYTIME YOU WANT TO USE THE CHARACTER BUILDER, otherwise you'll have a bad time

Have fun.

Installing the Portable Compendium

Go to this link https://drive.google.com/open?id=10yWQSdn5c2nC2AbmRDA5EIEoUWQEPJBS

It contains the Portable Compendium (an offline program that lets you literally look up everything in 4E, monsters, powers, items, races, etc), just download the entire folder, the program has already been installed and to run it just click the Portable Compendium application.

Takes a bit getting used to, but it's quite powerful when you want to look all magic items of a specific level, or all feats for 1 class, etc.