



Sibelius® Installation Guide

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Installing and Authorizing Sibelius Software

Welcome to Sibelius® music notation software from Avid®. This guide provides instructions for installing and authorizing (or “activating”) Sibelius software on Mac and Windows systems. For detailed information on configuring your Sibelius and for complete information about system capabilities and functionality, see the *Reference Guide* (available from the **Help** menu in Sibelius).

Sibelius | First, Sibelius, and Sibelius | Ultimate

The Sibelius software product line consists of three tiers of feature functionality ranging from beginner to professional: Sibelius | First (perfect for beginners), Sibelius (great for students and skilled amateurs), and Sibelius | Ultimate (a must for professionals). Throughout this guide, “Sibelius” generally refers to all three—Sibelius | First, Sibelius, and Sibelius | Ultimate—for the sake of readability.

Sibelius software is installed using a single installer and runs the same application regardless of which tier is authorized. Your software license determines which tier of Sibelius software functionality is authorized to run on your computer.

Sibelius | First Runs when no license for either Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate is activated on your computer.

Sibelius Only runs when a Sibelius license is activated on your computer.

Sibelius | Ultimate Only runs when a Sibelius | Ultimate license is activated on your computer.

If you require a more advanced version of Sibelius for your music notation needs, you can easily upgrade at any time.

System Requirements and Compatibility

An Internet connection is required to download the installer and sound sample libraries for Sibelius. You must also have an online connection (though it need not be on the computer on which you are installing Sibelius) to create your online Avid Master Account and retrieve the System ID and Activation ID needed to authorize your version of Sibelius.

The following are required to run Sibelius software:


- A qualified Windows or Mac computer
- A qualified audio interface (or built-in audio capability) is required for audio playback
- A qualified MIDI interface is required for MIDI input and output

Avid can only assure compatibility and provide support for hardware and software it has tested and approved. For complete system requirements and a list of qualified computers, operating systems, hard drives, and third-party devices, visit:

www.avid.com/compatibility

Installing Hardware Drivers

Before installing Sibelius software, install the latest drivers for your audio and MIDI hardware. Refer to the documentation that came with your hardware for more information. For Avid audio and MIDI interfaces, download and install the drivers for your Avid hardware from www.avid.com/drivers.


 *Sibelius will not recognize your audio or MIDI interface if its drivers are not installed.*


Creating Your Avid Master Account

An Avid Master Account is required to download and activate Sibelius software. If you don't have an Avid Master Account, visit my.avid.com to create your account.

Subscription and Perpetual Licenses for Sibelius and Sibelius | Ultimate

Sibelius and Sibelius | Ultimate are available with a perpetual license, or with a monthly or annual subscription. A perpetual license lets you use that version of Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate indefinitely, but you will not be eligible for updates and support after the date specified in your license contract (though there are options for renewing your support contract). Subscription plans provide continual updates and support as long as you maintain your subscription.

 For more information about Sibelius purchase, licensing, and subscription plans, visit the Avid website at www.avid.com.

 *Sibelius | First is available for free from Avid. You just need to create an Avid Account, and then register and download the installer to get started.*

System ID and Activation ID for Sibelius and Sibelius | Ultimate

Sibelius and Sibelius | Ultimate are each authorized with a unique System ID and a unique Activation ID. These are not required for Sibelius | First (see [Registering Sibelius | First](#)).

If you purchased a boxed version of the Sibelius | Ultimate Media Pack, you receive a Registration code on a physical download card included in the box. Use this code after you create your online Avid Master Account to register and authorize your copy Sibelius | Ultimate. You will receive your System ID and Activation ID codes through your online Avid Master Account.

When you purchase Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate through the Avid Store, you receive your Registration code, and your System ID and Activation ID codes online through your Avid Master Account.

To access your software downloads, and System ID and Activation ID codes:

- 1 Visit www.avid.com/register.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions and enter your Registration code when prompted.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process and access your software downloads, and System ID and Activation ID codes.


Registering Sibelius | First

To register Sibelius | First:

- 1 Visit <https://my.avid.com/sibfirst>.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instruction to register. Once you are registered, you will receive an email with download links. These links are also available through your Avid Master Account.


Avid Application Manager

When you install Sibelius, the Avid Application Manager is also installed. Use the Avid Application Manager to activate your copy of Sibelius. The Avid Application Manager is used to manage your software and entitlements related to your Avid Master Account. The Avid Application Manager helps you maintain the most current software and plug-in updates that you are entitled to when new versions become available.

 For more information about the Avid Application Manager, refer to the *Avid Application Manager Guide* (available online through the Avid Knowledgebase).

Installing Sibelius

After you have installed the drivers for your audio and MIDI interface, you are ready to install Sibelius.

 *Before installing Sibelius, refer to the Known Issues on the Avid Knowledgebase linked from your Avid Master Account.*

Installing Sibelius on Mac

To install Sibelius on Mac:

- 1 Download the Sibelius Installer from your online Avid Master Account.
- 2 Double-click the downloaded disk image file.
- 3 Double-click the Sibelius installer.
- 4 Follow the on-screen instructions to continue installation.
- 5 You are given the option to uninstall Sibelius 7 (this is disabled by default) and to Copy supporting files from Sibelius 7 (this is enabled by default). The Scores options let you install or update example scores in various languages. The Avid Application Manager is also installed.
- 6 Click Continue.
- 7 Once the installation is complete, click Close.


The Sibelius application is installed in /Applications/Sibelius.app.

Installing Sibelius also installs the Avid Application Manager. The Avid Application Manager launches automatically following the installation. Use the Avid Application Manager to activate your copy of Sibelius (see [Avid Application Manager](#)).


Installing Sibelius on Windows

To install Sibelius on Windows:

- 1 Make sure you are logged in as an Administrator for the account where you want to install Sibelius.
- 2 Download the Sibelius Installer from your Avid Master Account.
- 3 Do one of the following:
 - If Windows AutoRun is enabled, a mini-browser appears. Select Install Sibelius to begin installation.
 - If Windows AutoRun is disabled, locate and double-click the Sibelius Installer (.exe), and then select Install Sibelius to begin installation.

 *If the User Account Control dialog appears, click Yes.*

- 4 Follow the on-screen instructions to continue installation.


 *The Avid Application Manager is installed along with Sibelius. If a Windows Security Alert appears, click Allow Access.*

- 5 When the Install Wizard is done, click Finish.

The Sibelius application is installed in C:\Program Files\Avid\Sibelius\Sibelius.exe.

Installing Sibelius Sounds

Sibelius provides an extensive sound library for playing back your scores.

 *Sibelius | First does not provide a sound library. Upgrade to Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate for a comprehensive sound library for score playback.*

To install Sibelius Sounds:

- 1 Download the Sibelius Sounds Installer from your online Avid master account (if you have physical DVDs included with the Sibelius Media Pack you can use those installers, see the *Sibelius Media Pack Guide* for more information).
- 2 Launch the Sibelius Sounds installer.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions to continue installation.
- 4 Once the installation is complete, click **Close** (Mac) or **Finish** (Windows).

Activating Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate

Activate Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate using the Avid Application Manager or when you launch Sibelius.

To activate Sibelius:

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - Launch Sibelius.
 - Activate Sibelius using the Avid Application Manager (see [Avid Application Manager](#) and skip the following steps).
- 2 When launching Sibelius for the first time, the Welcome to Sibelius from Avid dialog prompts you to choose one of the following options:

Continue Sibelius Trial Choose this option if you have not yet purchased your copy of Sibelius and want to try it out first.

Continue Sibelius | Ultimate Trial Choose this option if you have not yet purchased your copy of Sibelius | Ultimate and want to try it out first.

Activate Choose this option to launch the Avid Application Manager and activate Sibelius or Sibelius | Ultimate with the System ID and Activation ID provided with your purchase of Sibelius through your online Avid Master Account.

Sibelius | First Choose this option to launch Sibelius | First.

Specify License Server (Sibelius | Ultimate only) Choose this option if you are authorizing Sibelius | Ultimate using a network shared license. Enter the server name or IP address of the server you are using as the license server and click **OK**.

Exit Choose this option to close the dialog without launching Sibelius.



Welcome to Sibelius from Avid dialog

After launching Sibelius, you can activate or deactivate Sibelius by choosing the corresponding option from the **Help** menu or by using the Avid Application Manager.

Uninstalling Sibelius

If you no longer need to use Sibelius on your computer, you can uninstall the current version of Sibelius. Note that before you uninstall any version of Sibelius, you may want to deactivate your Sibelius license on that computer first (see [Deactivating Sibelius](#)).

You are also given the option to uninstall the currently installed version of Sibelius when installing a newer version of Sibelius.

Uninstalling Sibelius on Mac

To uninstall Sibelius on Mac:

- 1 Drag the Sibelius application icon from the Applications folder to the Trash.
- 2 Empty the Trash.

Uninstalling Sibelius on Windows

To uninstall Sibelius on Windows:

- 1 Launch the Windows System Control Panel.
- 2 Select Programs.
- 3 Right-click Sibelius in the list of Programs and choose Uninstall.

Deactivating Sibelius

If you plan to no longer use a computer with your copy of Sibelius activated on it, you should deactivate your copy of Sibelius on that computer to free up the license for use on another computer. Similarly, if you want to move your copy of Sibelius from one computer to another, deactivate Sibelius on the computer in order to be able to activate it on the other computer.


To deactivate Sibelius on any computer:


- 1 Do one of the following:
 - Launch Sibelius and choose Help > Deactivate Sibelius. The Avid Application Manager launches.
 - Launch the Avid Application Manager.
- 2 In the Avid Application Manager, click the Licensing tab.
- 3 Click Deactivate for Sibelius.
- 4 Quit (Mac) or Exit (Windows) the Avid Application Manager.

Your license for Sibelius can now be activated on any other computer.

Configuring Sibelius

After you have installed, activated, and launched Sibelius, you can configure your Sibelius system to meet the specific needs of your studio.

 For detailed information on configuring Sibelius, refer to the *Sibelius Reference Guide* (available from the Help menu in Sibelius).

 To quickly learn how to use Sibelius, refer to the *Sibelius Tutorials Guide* (available from the Help menu in Sibelius).



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