



Installation Guide for Avid® Editing Applications

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1 Installation Guide for Avid Editing Applications

Thank you for purchasing an Avid Editing System. This guide assists you with downloading, installing and starting your application. You will also find information on how to activate your software and how to install any third party software. Additionally, instructions on how to deactivate and uninstall your Avid product can be found in this guide. You can always find the most current information in the online version of the ReadMe, and should check there for the most recent release notes. The online version is updated immediately after new information becomes available. You can find the ReadMe on the [Knowledge Page](#) by clicking ReadMe under the Help menu in your application. The ReadMe can also be found on your [Account Page](#).

Downloading the Avid Editing Application

You can either buy the Avid editing application from the Avid web store, or through an Avid reseller.

To buy through the Avid web store:

1. Go to shop.avid.com.
2. Choose the applicable product and subscription model.
3. Add your product to the cart and continue with the onscreen directions.
4. Once your order is complete, you will receive an order confirmation e-mail with links to download the application.

To buy through an Avid reseller:

1. Purchase an Avid editing application registration card or code from the reseller.
2. Access the website indicated on the card: www.avid.com/register
3. Enter your Registration Code. This number is on your registration card.
4. Continue with the onscreen prompts to download your editing application.

Before Installing

It is recommended that you read through the procedures prior to starting your installation in order to familiarize yourself with the process. To begin, please close any unnecessary windows or programs to ensure best performance. You will have to restart your computer in order to complete the installation process.

It is important that you check the ReadMe on the Knowledge Page to make sure your system is properly configured to work with your new software.

New Users

If you are a new Avid customer or have never installed this program before, the following instructions will help guide you through the process.

Returning Users

If you are upgrading from a previous version of the editing application, you must first uninstall the previous version before you install and activate your new software. You will need your original System ID to activate your upgraded product. After you uninstall your old application, the installation process will be identical to the standard installation.

Installing the Avid Editing Application

For all Avid editing applications, log in as an OS user with administrative privileges and launch the installer. After installation and after the required system reboot, you need to run the application as a user with administrative privileges. If you are working in a shared storage environment, mount your workspaces. You can then run the Avid Editing Application as a standard user.

(Windows) To install the Avid software:

1. Access your editing application download.



If you move or remove the folder containing the Media Composer installer and then later try to uninstall the application, you will get a message during uninstall asking you to point to the folder containing the installation package. Avid recommends that you leave the installer folder in the default location.

2. Double-click Install Media Composer.exe. A window will open with instructions as well as options for choosing file locations and other custom settings.
3. Follow the on screen instructions.
 - If the FilesInUse dialog box appears, you can safely select Ignore and continue.

- If you receive user access warnings during the installation, select Continue Anyway to continue your installation.
4. When prompted, choose to restart the computer.
The installation process adds a Desktop icon (Windows) or Dock icon (Macintosh) and a pointer to your Avid editing application in the Start menu (Windows). The installation process also adds an Avid Link icon to the Toolbar menu (Windows) or Dock (Macintosh). Avid Link allows you to view the installed Avid application and license the application.
 5. Once you restart, Avid Link launches. You will use Avid Link later when you are activating your software. Minimize Avid Link and continue with [“Starting the Avid Editing Application” on page 7.](#)

(Macintosh) To install the Avid Editing application software:

1. Access your editing application download.
2. Double-click the .pkg file with the editing application name.
3. Click to launch the installer.

A window will open with instructions as well as options for choosing file locations and other custom settings.

4. Follow the on screen instructions.
5. When prompted, choose to restart the computer.


The installation process adds a Desktop icon (Windows) or Dock icon (Macintosh) and a pointer to your Avid editing application in the Start menu (Windows). The installation process also adds an Avid Link icon to the Toolbar menu (Windows) or Dock (Macintosh). Avid Link allows you to view the installed Avid application and license the application.

6. Once you restart, Avid Link launches. You will use the Avid Link later when you are activating your software. Minimize Avid Link and continue with [“Starting the Avid Editing Application” on page 7.](#)

Starting the Avid Editing Application


On Windows, upon launch, a dialog box might open with a message about incompatible power management schemes or will automatically switch you to the “Windows 7 Basic color scheme”. Avid recommends you use the “High Performance” power option for Windows 7 when you work with the Avid editing application. After installing and opening your application for the first time, you will have to activate and license your new software.

(Windows) To start your Avid editing application, do one of the following:

- ▶ Click Start > All Programs > Avid > *Avid editing application*.
-  ▶ Double-click the Avid editing application desktop icon.

The Welcome window opens.

(Macintosh) To start your Avid editing application, do one of the following:

- ▶  Click the alias icon for your Avid editing application on the Dock.
- ▶ Select Go > Applications, and double-click the Avid editing application folder. Then double-click the Avid editing application file.

The Welcome window opens.



The Welcome window prompts you to activate your software. Until you activate your software, the Welcome window will open each time you launch the application. You activate your software using Avid Link. For details on activating and deactivating your software, see the *Avid Link User's Guide* on the [Avid Link Documentation page](#).

Additional Options and Features

In addition to activating the Avid Editing Application, there are several editing options or features that can be activated through the Avid Link. You can purchase these additional products by going to the [Avid web store](#) and clicking on [Software Options for Video Editing](#).

Below are descriptions for some of the additional options and features available for your product.

Symphony Option

Symphony options allow you to access features such as advanced color correction and Universal Mastering without having to install additional software.

NewsCutter Option

(Windows Only) NewsCutter options allow you to access the Newsroom Computer System (NRCS) tool.

Running the 30-Day Trial

Before you purchase an Avid Editing Application or any additional options, you can test each product for a 30-day trial period. Please note that any bins or projects you create during the 30-day trial will only be usable when you activate a full editing license. To purchase the Avid Editing Application during the or after the 30-day trial, simply go to the [Avid web store](#).

After your trial expires, you will no longer be able to use the product or feature. The system will keep you informed of how many days you have left before the trial ends.

To use your Avid editing application for a 30-day trial period:

1. Start your Avid editing application.
The Welcome window opens.
2. Select “I want to run a fully-featured, trial version of *the Avid editing application* for 30 days.”
3. Click Continue.

Your software has been temporarily activated. At any time during or after the 30-day trial period, you can choose to purchase a copy of your Avid editing application from the [Avid web store](#). If you choose not to purchase the software, your Avid editing application is deactivated when the 30-day trial expires.

Uninstalling the Avid Editing Application

For all Avid editing applications, log in and initially start the application as a user with administrative privileges. If you are working in a shared storage environment, mount your workspaces. You may then subsequently run the Avid editing application as a regular User.

(Windows) To uninstall the Avid editing application software do one of the following:

1. Quit all active applications.
2. Access the Control Panel and select Programs and Features. Then select the editing application and click Uninstall.

(Macintosh) To uninstall the Avid editing application software:

1. Quit all active applications.
2. Go to Applications/Avid_Uninstaller/*AvidEditingApplication*.
3. Double-click the *AvidEditingApplication* uninstaller.
4. Follow the on-screen prompts.