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<td>The Avid Subscription offering allows you to buy or rent Avid software and tools and pay on an annual or monthly basis. You can also purchase support, receive software and maintenance updates, and manage entitlements and purchases.</td>
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<td>Avid Media Composer with NewsCutter option (Windows Only)</td>
<td>The NewsCutter editing application is no longer sold as a separate application. You can purchase the Media Composer editing application with the NewsCutter Option. This enables the Newsroom Computer System (NRCS) Tool.</td>
<td>See Avid Media Composer with NewsCutter Option for information about the NRCS tool. See Menu, Tool, Command Palette and Settings Changes for information on what has changed due to the merging of the NewsCutter Option into the Media Composer editing application.</td>
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<td>Floating Licenses allow customers to purchase “packs” of licenses to use at a single site. One system ID and one license can run any number of systems simultaneously. Licenses are consumed only when in use, so that additional clients can connect and use a license as it becomes available.</td>
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Subscription Options

With Media Composer v8.0, you can purchase Subscriptions (memberships) from the Avid Web Store. You can choose to rent the software by the month or annually. Or if you prefer, you can still buy the software outright. Simply go to shop.avid.com to choose the option that fits your environment best.

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4. Continue with the on screen prompts.
5. Once you have entered your payment information and have received your Order Confirmation page, note the redemption code, click the download link and continue with installing your software.

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Avid Media Composer with NewsCutter Option

With this release of the editing application, the NewsCutter editing application is no longer sold as a separate application. You can buy Media Composer with the NewsCutter option. This allows you to access the NRCS tool in the Media Composer editing application. The Newsroom Computer System (NRCS) tool lets you use one computer to view stories and rundowns located on an Avid iNEWS® server or on an Electronic News Production System (ENPS®) server and to edit sequences in your Avid editing application.

You use the NRCS tool to connect to an iNEWS server to access story scripts and to edit stories on Avid NewsCutter. When you open a story in the NRCS tool, you can make formatting and content changes to the story instead of moving to an iNEWS workstation to do the editing. After you have made changes to the story, you can save the changes and make the story available to others using the same server. You can also access stories on the ENPS server from the NRCS tool, but you cannot make formatting or content changes to the stories.

Using the duration of the story, you can build a sequence. Once you have the duration of the story in the Timeline, you can add footage to match the scripted story. After some quick video editing, the story is ready to air. For details, see “Using the NRCS Tool” in the Help.

The NRCS Tool and the NRCS Workspace only appear in the Media Composer application if you have purchased the NewsCutter option.
Menu, Tool, Command Palette and Settings Changes

Media Composer and NewsCutter are no longer two separate editing applications. Due to the merging of these editing applications, some menus are in different locations and some buttons and settings have been added. The tables below, describe these changes.

**Menu Changes**

Use the following table as a reference for menu locations.

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**New Features to Media Composer**

The following options are familiar to NewsCutter users, but are now standard options with the Media Composer editing application:
### Option | Description
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Quick Record Mode | Quick Record mode allows the deck to control the capture of media into Avid editing systems. In Quick Record mode, your Avid editing application starts capturing automatically whenever the servo-lock signal is detected from the deck. When Servo Lock mode is detected (the deck is playing), capturing begins and continues until play is stopped, at which point it will wait for the next servo-lock signal. See “Working in Quick Record Mode” in the Help.
Satellite Mode | LTC (longitudinal or linear timecode) from an external source lets you capture from multiple sources at the same time while recording to tape. This is called satellite Mode. If your facility has a central timecode generator you can use that clock to send identical timecode to all systems. You can run this timecode output directly to your Avid system through the LTC IN connection available on some Avid input/output hardware. Satellite mode using external timecode is especially useful for live events, dramatic multicamera shows, and video material coming in on routers that do not support timecode. You can start editing immediately after the shoot without waiting to capture from the backup reference tapes. See “Capturing in Satellite Mode” in the Help.
Recording Voice Over Narration Using the Capture Tool | The Capture tool lets you record up to two channels of audio directly into the Timeline for voice-over narration. See “Recording Voice-Over Narration Using the Capture Tool” in the Help.
J-K-L Trim | The J-K-L keys on the keyboard let you play, step (jog), and shuttle through footage at varying speeds. When you have transitions selected for trimming, you can use the J-K-L keys to play, step, shuttle and trim frames at the same time. See “Trimming with J-K-L Keys” in the Help.
Alternate Edit | Using Alternate Edit mode allows you to overwrite a selected clip in a sequence with several clips located in a special bin called Alternate Edits. To do this, you place the position indicator on a clip in the Timeline and click the Alternate Edit button. Each Alternate Edit replaces the clip where the position indicator is located with a clip from the Alternate Edits bin. See “Performing an Alternate Edit” in the Help.
Source/Record Toggle button | This button allows you to switch between the Source and Record Monitor. This is helpful when working on a laptop and you have resized the Source/Record monitor to one monitor. Use the Source/Record toggle button on the top left of the monitor to switch between Source and Record monitors.
New to a NewsCutter User

The following options are familiar to Media Composer users, but are new to NewsCutter users:

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<td>Column Headings in Script View</td>
<td>Selected column headings appear in Script View.</td>
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<td>Go to Transition uses Small Trim Mode</td>
<td>When this Trim Setting option is selected, your Avid editing application enters Small Trim mode only when you click the Go to Previous or Go to Next button. See “Trim Settings” in the Help.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Always use Small Trim Mode</td>
<td>When this Trim Setting option is selected, your Avid editing application enters Small Trim mode when you perform any operation that activates Trim mode. Small Trim mode leaves the Source monitor display, Information Row displays, user tool palettes, and some Monitor menu functions intact.</td>
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<td>Auto focus when entering Trim Mode</td>
<td>When this Trim Setting option is selected, your Avid editing application enlarges the Timeline at the transition selected for trimming if you enter trim mode with no trim editing tools selected on the Timeline palette.</td>
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<td>Render on the Fly</td>
<td>When this Trim Setting option is selected, your Avid editing application displays the results of effects as soon as you create them. This might slow down the editing of the sequence.</td>
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<td>Dual Image Play</td>
<td>When this Trim Setting option is selected, your Avid editing application enables dual-image play (dual-roller trim) while trimming. Outgoing and incoming frames display in real time while you trim your edit (adding or removing the same number of frames on both sides of a transition).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Never Use Small Trim mode</td>
<td>When this option is selected, your Avid editing application enters Big Trim mode when you perform any operation that activates Trim mode. Big Trim mode replaces the Source and Record monitors with displays of outgoing and incoming frames.</td>
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<td>Find Frame button</td>
<td>The Find Frame button, located in the Other tab of the Command palette, lets you trace a captured frame of footage displayed in a sequence or source clip back to its analog source on tape. This is useful for finding frames for color correction or for recapturing specific clips to lengthen them or alter capture parameters. See “Finding a Frame” in the Help.</td>
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<td>Transition Corner Display button</td>
<td>The Transition Corner Display button, located in the Other Tab of the Command palette opens a trim editing interface that shows six frames you can use as reference points when trimming a transition effect. See “Using the Transition Corner Display” in the Help.</td>
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**New Features**

### New to Both Media Composer and NewsCutter Users

The following options have been added to accommodate both Media Composer and NewsCutter users.

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| Bin Setting: Use Border Colors and Icons in Frame View. | When selected, a colored border appears around the following:  
  - Blue - Precomputes and source side motion effects  
  - Green - Master clips  
  - Dark Green - Subclips and Group clips  
  - Red - Sequences  
  - Purple - Media files in the Media Tool |
| Bin Setting: Show local media icons | Clip icons will appear blue to indicate the media is local or pink to indicate mixed resolution. |
| Audio Mix Mode button | An Audio Mix Mode button is now a mappable button from the More tab of the Command Palette. |
| Timeline Settings: Lassoing transitions enters Trim Mode. | Select this option if you want the editing application to enter Trim Mode when lassoing transitions. This is the default. |

The Slip Left and Slip Right buttons, located in the Trim Tab of the Command Palette, allow you to slip a shot in Source/Record mode. See “Performing a Slip or Slide Trim” in the Help.
Floating Licenses

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