



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 card from the reseller.
2. Access the website indicated on the card: www.avid.com/activationcard
3. Choose the product you want to download and click Download now.
4. When prompted, enter the number from the back of the card you received from the reseller to download the 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.
2. Click to launch the Avid Editor Suite installer to install the editing application and Avid helper applications or an individual product. 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 Application Manager icon to the Toolbar menu (Windows) or Dock (Macintosh). The Application Manager allows you to view the installed Avid application, license the application, subscribe to a support plan and try new offerings.



The Application Manager tool uses Port 1696. If Application Manager does not update applications and feeds, the Port may be blocked. To solve this problem, please contact your System Administrator.



To work with the Application Manager tool, Java 1.7 must be installed in your computer:

- (Windows) Java is installed along with the Application Manager tool.
 - (Mac OS X) To find out the Java version, in the command prompt type `java -version`.
5. Once you restart, the Application Manager launches. You will use the Application Manager later when you are activating your software. Minimize the Application Manager and continue with [“Starting the Avid Editing Application” on page 8](#).

(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 Application Manager icon to the Toolbar menu (Windows) or Dock (Macintosh). The Application Manager allows you to view the installed Avid application, license the application, subscribe to a support plan and try new offerings.

6. Once you restart, the Application Manager launches. You will use the Application Manager later when you are activating your software. Minimize the Application Manager and continue with [“Starting the Avid Editing Application” on page 8](#).


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 the Avid Application Manager. For details on activating and deactivating your software, see the *Application Manager User's Guide* on the [Application Manager 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 Application Manager. 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.

AVCHD Dolby AC-3 import or link to AMA

The AVCHD Dolby AC-3 feature only appears if you use this format. This feature is used to import or AMA link to AVCHD transport stream (.mts) files. If you are not connected to the Internet for the first time you import or AMA link to .mts files, the system opens a dialog box and then the Application Manager. Follow the onscreen instructions to activate this feature. If you are connected to the Internet, activation is automatic.

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.