

Adobe® Illustrator CS2

Frequently Asked Questions

Vector Graphics Reinvented

Q. What is Adobe Illustrator CS2?

A. Adobe Illustrator CS2 is the latest release of Adobe Illustrator, the industry-standard vector graphics software. Illustrator CS2 gives designers new creative freedom so they can realize ideas quickly and powerfully. Users can instantly convert bitmaps to vector artwork with Live Trace, paint intuitively with Live Paint and save time with the new context-sensitive Control palette and optimized workspaces. Plus, tight integration with other software, both within the new Adobe Creative Suite 2 and with other applications, lets designers produce extraordinary graphics for print, video, the Web, and mobile devices.

Q. Who is the audience for Adobe Illustrator CS2?

A. Illustrator CS2 is the essential tool for creative professionals, Web designers, video professionals and professionals in other industries who use graphics to communicate ideas visually in print, on the Web, in motion graphics, and via mobile devices.

Q. What is the Adobe Creative Suite 2?

A. Adobe Creative Suite 2 is the next generation upgrade to Adobe's creative professional software. It's a unified design environment that combines full new versions of Illustrator® CS2, Photoshop® CS2, InDesign® CS2, GoLive® CS2, and Acrobat® 7.0 Professional software; enhanced Version Cue® CS2 file manager; new Adobe Bridge visual file browser; and new Adobe Stock Photos. New features also include the ability to manage color settings centrally and share common Adobe PDF settings across all Suite applications.

Q. Can you still buy Illustrator CS2 as a standalone product?

A. Yes, Illustrator CS2 is available as an individual product, both as a new product or as an upgrade. For additional information on pricing and available upgrades, see the *Pricing and Availability* section of this document or go to <http://www.adobe.com/illustrator>.

Q. Are there differences between the version of Illustrator CS2 sold as a standalone product and Illustrator CS2 included in the Adobe Creative Suite 2 Standard/Premium editions?

A. There is no difference between the versions of Illustrator CS2 included in the Creative Suite 2 and Illustrator CS2 purchased separately. Both versions include the same features, functionality and additional content, including the new Adobe Bridge application.

Q. What is Adobe Bridge?

A. Adobe Bridge, which is included with Illustrator CS2 as a standalone product as well as a component of Adobe Creative Suite 2, is a visual file browser and the hub for productivity in Adobe Creative Suite 2. Accessible from within Illustrator CS2, Photoshop CS2, InDesign CS2, and GoLive CS2 as well as independently, Adobe Bridge allows designers to efficiently organize, browse, and locate the assets they need to create content for print, the Web, and mobile devices. Adobe Bridge also includes access to the new Adobe Stock Photos.

Q. What is Adobe Stock Photos?

A. Adobe Stock Photos, accessible from within Adobe Bridge, is an exciting new service to help get designers' creative juices flowing. Offering designers one-stop shopping for high-quality, royalty-free stock images from within the familiar Adobe interface, Adobe Stock Photos is a convenient way for creative professionals to view, try, buy, and manage stock images from some of the world's leading image libraries— or to simply get inspired.

New features

Q. What is the new Live Trace feature in Illustrator CS2 and how is it different in tracing functionality from that available in Adobe Streamline™?

- A.** Live Trace is a new integrated tracing capability in Illustrator CS2 that lets users turn bitmap images into editable vector graphics in seconds. As with the introduction of Adobe Streamline in September 1989, Live Trace presents a completely new approach to the common creative challenge of tracing bitmap images into vector form. But any similarities between Live Trace and Streamline end there. Live Trace approaches bitmap to vector conversion from a new perspective, based on new technology, and is seamlessly integrated into Illustrator CS2.

Users can now take sketched art or photographs and, in a single click, quickly turn those pixels into Illustrator artwork they can edit. What makes Live Trace “live” is that it preserves the link between the source bitmap image and the traced vector result, so users can experiment with tracing presets and individual settings while leaving the original bitmap untouched. Live Trace is not only live, it is also smart—its efficient and economical creation of paths and anchor points rivals that of a skilled Illustrator artist.

Q. Can I still buy Adobe Streamline?

- A.** Yes. Adobe Streamline is still sold and marketed as a standalone product on the Adobe Store and through typical Adobe sales channels.

Q. What is Live Paint?

- A.** Live Paint in Illustrator CS2 presents a completely new way of working with objects. Instead of the classic “stacked” model, where objects overlay each other in different levels or layers, in Live Paint objects can be overlaid and still exist in a single layer. Where object regions overlap, a third region is created. In addition, Live Paint objects maintain a dynamic relationship with each other: when objects are moved, the overlapping area between them changes shape accordingly. This behavior allows designers to create and color objects intuitively, rather than painstakingly working with strokes and fills to create complex filled shapes.

Q. What is the Control palette?

- A.** The new context-sensitive Control palette provides access to commonly used tools—what users need for nearly 80 percent of their work—from one compact location. For example, font selection, style, and size can be specified without opening the Character palette. Control palette frees up screen real estate for artwork and simplifies finding the tools needed, without the need to search through multiple menus and palettes.

Pricing and availability

Q. When is Adobe Illustrator CS2 available?

- A.** Adobe Illustrator CS2 is available starting in late April 2005 in the U.S. and Canada. European and Japanese versions of the product will be made available throughout the summer of 2005.

Q. How much does Adobe Illustrator CS2 cost?

- A.** Adobe direct pricing for full and upgrade versions of Illustrator CS2 is as follows (price excludes applicable taxes and shipping):

	U.S. and Canada
Full product	US\$499
Upgrade from any previous version of Illustrator	US\$169
Competitive upgrade for registered users of Macromedia FreeHand and CoreIDRAW (only available from Adobe via the Adobe Store at www.Adobe.com/store)	US\$349

System Requirements**Macintosh**

- PowerPC® processor (G4 or G5)
- Mac OS® 10.2.8, 10.3 to 10.3.9 (10.3.4 or higher recommended)
- 256 MB of RAM (512 MB recommended)
- 960 MB of available hard disk space
- Color monitor with 16-bit or greater video card
- 1024x768 or greater monitor resolution
- CD-ROM drive
- For PostScript printing: Adobe PostScript Level 2 or Adobe PostScript 3
- Internet or phone connection required for product activation

Windows

- Intel® Pentium® class III or 4 processor or equivalents
- Microsoft® Windows® 2000 with Service Pack 4 or Windows XP with Service Pack 1 or 2
- 256 MB of RAM (512 MB recommended)
- 820 MB of available hard disk
- Color monitor with 16-bit or greater video card
- 1024x768 or greater monitor resolution
- CD-ROM drive
- For PostScript printing: Adobe PostScript Level 2 or Adobe PostScript 3
- Internet or phone connection required for product activation

Q. Can I upgrade from Adobe Illustrator 8 to Adobe Illustrator CS2?

- A.** Registered users can upgrade from any previous version of Illustrator to Illustrator CS2. Many new features have been added to Illustrator in the three versions since Illustrator 8. We recommend that you review the Illustrator CS2 *What's New* document to learn about all the new features in this version. *What's New* and other product information about how Illustrator CS2 reinvents vector graphics are available on Adobe.com at <http://www.adobe.com/illustrator>.

Q. Are registered users of Adobe Illustrator able to upgrade to the Adobe Creative Suite 2?

- A.** No. Only registered users of the Adobe Creative Suite and Adobe Photoshop can upgrade to Creative Suite 2. Specific upgrade policies and prices are available on Adobe.com at <http://www.adobe.com/creativesuite>.

System requirements**Q. What are the Operating System requirements for Adobe Illustrator CS2?**

- A.** Adobe Illustrator CS2 will operate on both the Macintosh and Windows platforms. For Microsoft Windows, Illustrator CS2 requires Windows 2000 or Windows XP. For the Mac OS, Illustrator CS2 requires Mac OS X 10.2.8 or Mac OS X 10.3-10.3.9. Adobe Illustrator CS2 will not operate on Mac OS 9 or on Mac OS X in Classic mode. Please see the system requirements sidebar in this document for more information.

Q. Can I use Adobe Illustrator CS2 on Tiger, Mac OS X 10.4?

- A.** At this time, Mac OS X 10.4 has not been released; therefore compatibility testing for Creative Suite 2 applications is not complete. For further updates, please check <http://www.adobe.com/creativesuite>.

Q. Why doesn't Adobe Illustrator CS2 support Mac OS 9 or other older operating systems?

- A.** Illustrator CS2 and the other Creative Suite 2 applications only support the latest Macintosh and Windows operating systems in order to deliver the best software performance and allow the applications and the suite to support productivity-boosting features such as multitasking.

More information**Q. What third-party plug-ins are available for Adobe Illustrator CS2?**

- A.** An extensive list of third party plug-ins can be found in the plug-in center on Adobe.com at <http://www.adobe.com/store/products/plugins/main.jhtml>.

Q. Where can I learn more about Adobe Illustrator CS2?

- A.** A detailed description and a video overview of the new features offered in Illustrator CS2 are available at <http://www.adobe.com/illustrator>.