

# Macromedia® Director® and Adobe® Shockwave® Player

## Macromedia Director

Macromedia Director, the leading multimedia development tool, and Adobe Shockwave Player, the leading web content player, are uniquely suited to creating online or downloadable games, training and educational content, and desktop-based applications.

### Q: When is the next version of Director software expected to be released?

A: Adobe has not published an official time frame for the next release of Director and generally does not disclose details of new releases more than 30 days before a product is expected to ship. However, our current planning assumption is that the next major release of Director will be in the second half of 2007.

### Q: What features are included in the next version of Director?

A: Adobe is in the process of determining which features will be included in the next version of Director. Some of the features being planned include multiuser support, user interface and workflow improvements, support for Intel® based Mac computers, and Unicode support.

### Q: What are Adobe's long-term plans for Director?

A: Director is a market-leading product with a loyal and substantial user base. Adobe will continue to invest in Director and develop new releases targeting current and future innovations in multimedia development. Future versions will be rebranded as "Adobe Director." Adobe plans to make Director the preferred environment for games creation and to increase the use of Shockwave Player on computers, consoles, and mobile devices. Adobe maintains a dedicated engineering team devoted to the ongoing development of Director.

### Q: How can I participate in shaping the next version of Director?

A: Adobe monitors user forums and support logs for input on its software. Events and shows provide great opportunities for customers to meet Adobe staff members and directly discuss their requirements. You can submit new feature requests for all Adobe products, including Director and Shockwave Player software, using the Feature Request and Bug Report submission form found at [www.adobe.com/cfusion/mmform/index.cfm?name=wishform](http://www.adobe.com/cfusion/mmform/index.cfm?name=wishform).

### Q: How can I upgrade from a previous version of Director?

A: Macromedia Director 8.5 and Macromedia Director MX users can upgrade to the currently available Macromedia Director MX 2004 version, available either through our online store, at <http://store1.adobe.com/cfusion/store/html/index.cfm?event=displayStoreSelector>, or through distributors such as CDW, PC Connection, PC Mall, and Zones, for their respective upgrade prices. When the next version of Director is released, Macromedia Director MX and Macromedia Director MX 2004 users will be able to upgrade for the listed upgrade price.

**Q: Where can I find technical support for Director?**

**A:** Adobe provides a range of free and fee-based technical support services. Details can be found at [www.adobe.com/support/programs](http://www.adobe.com/support/programs). For additional Director support information, visit the Director Support Center at [www.adobe.com/support/director](http://www.adobe.com/support/director).

**Adobe Shockwave Player**

**Q: Where can I find technical support for Shockwave Player?**

**A:** For Shockwave Player support information, visit the Shockwave Player Support Center at [www.adobe.com/support/shockwave](http://www.adobe.com/support/shockwave).

**Q: How is the Google Toolbar connected to Shockwave Player?**

**A:** As part of a recent distribution agreement with Google, Adobe will offer its customers the option to install the free Google Toolbar as part of the Shockwave Player installation process. Only customers who accept the Google Toolbar offer will download the Google Toolbar. Those who decline the offer will download and install only Shockwave Player.

**Q: What is the Google Toolbar?**

**A:** The Google Toolbar is a free download that adds a Google search box to the Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser. It also includes innovative features that make browsing more efficient, such as a web form filler, a spelling checker, a word translator, and a pop-up blocker.

The Google Toolbar provides customization features that enable users to personalize their browsing experience and share information with friends. Users can add buttons to the Google Toolbar to search their favorite websites, stay up to date on their favorite feeds, and more.

The Google Toolbar enables users to create bookmarks that are accessible from any computer, query suggestions as they type, and easily share content from web pages with other users via Gmail and SMS (U.S. phone numbers only), or by posting directly to a blog. Learn more about the Google Toolbar at <http://toolbar.google.com>. The Google Toolbar is available on Internet Explorer. Adobe no longer offers the Yahoo! Toolbar.

**Q: Why is the Google Toolbar being distributed with Shockwave Player?**

**A:** Google and Adobe are interested in providing our customers with the best possible user experiences. The Google Toolbar is being offered as part of the Shockwave Player install process as an option to enhance the web browsing experience, making it easier, more engaging, and more efficient. With the toolbar installed, users can access Google search capabilities from any website without visiting the Google home page. Customers who do not wish to take advantage of this offer can easily opt out of the installation.

**Q: Does the Google Toolbar contain spyware?**

**A:** The Google Toolbar does not contain spyware, nor is it a spyware application. Adobe is committed to protecting customers' privacy and does not distribute software that is considered spyware. For more information on Google's privacy policy with respect to its Toolbar product, visit [www.google.com/support/toolbar/bin/topic.py?topic=938](http://www.google.com/support/toolbar/bin/topic.py?topic=938).

**Q: Is it possible to uninstall the Google Toolbar once it has been installed?**

**A:** You can find instructions on how to uninstall the toolbar in the Google Toolbar help, or you can uninstall it using Microsoft® Windows® Add or Remove Programs. For more information, visit [www.google.com/support/toolbar/bin/answer.py?answer=9231&topic=915](http://www.google.com/support/toolbar/bin/answer.py?answer=9231&topic=915).

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