



## Flash® CS3 Professional Read Me

Welcome to Adobe® Flash® CS3 Professional software. This document contains late-breaking product information, updates, and troubleshooting tips not covered in the Flash® CS3 Professional documentation.

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### Minimum system requirements

Flash CS3 Professional system requirements are located [here](#).

### Install your software

1. Before you install, close all applications currently running on your system—including other Adobe applications, Microsoft Office applications, and browser windows.
2. Do one of the following:
  - **Windows:**
    - Insert the DVD in your drive, and follow the on-screen instructions. If the installer does not launch automatically, navigate to the Adobe CS3 folder found at the root level on your disk and double-click Setup.exe to start the installation process.
    - If you downloaded the software from the web, open the folder, navigate to the Adobe CS3 folder, double-click Setup.exe, and then follow the on-screen instructions.
  - **Mac:**
    - Insert the DVD in your drive, and follow the on-screen instructions. If the installer does not launch automatically, navigate to the application folder found at the root level on your disk and double-click Setup Mac OS® to start the installation process.
    - If you downloaded the software from the web, open the folder, navigate to the application folder, double-click Setup, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

*Note: In order to install additional components or reinstall your software after your original installation, you will need access to the original installer (CD, DVD or the download from the web). Before you begin additional installations or reinstallations, please make sure the installer is in the same drive or location it was during the original installation.*

### Uninstall your software

1. Before you uninstall, close all applications currently running on your system—including other Adobe applications, Microsoft Office applications, and browser windows.

## 2. Do one of the following:

- In Windows XP, open the Windows Control Panel and double-click Add or Remove Programs. Select the product that you want to uninstall, click Change/Remove, and then follow the on-screen instructions.
- In Windows Vista, open the Windows Control Panel and double-click Programs and Features. Select the product that you want to uninstall, click Uninstall/Change, and then follow the on-screen instructions.
- **IMPORTANT:** Mac OS has new uninstall functionality. **DO NOT** drag applications to the trash to uninstall them. To safely uninstall on Mac OS X, double-click the product installer in Applications\Utilities\Adobe Installers Applications/Utilities/Adobe Installers. Authenticate as an administrator, then select Remove Components and follow the on-screen instructions.

### Note:

1. If Acrobat® software was installed as part of a Suite installer, it will not be uninstalled by using the Creative Suite® software Uninstall utility. In Windows, use Add/Remove programs to uninstall Acrobat separately. In Mac OS, use the Uninstall utility in the Applications/Acrobat folder.

2. Uninstalling Flash CS3 Professional Windows takes a significant amount of time due to the great number of Help files. The progress bar appears to hang for much of the uninstall process. To avoid this, be sure to delete the Help files before you uninstall Flash. The uninstall process, without the Help files, takes about 10 minutes. The Help files are in the following locations:

- WinXP: C:\Documents and Settings\All User\Application Data\Adobe\Flash CS3\en\Configuration\HelpPanel\
- Vista: C:\ProgramData\Adobe\Flash CS3\en\Configuration\HelpPanel\

## Purchase from a trial

1. Choose Activate from the Help menu and follow the on-screen instructions.

*Note: If you decide to purchase a different product than you installed for the trial, you may need to uninstall and reinstall the software. For example, if you download and install a trial of Adobe® Creative® Suite 3 Design Premium, but you decide to purchase only Adobe® Illustrator®, you will need to uninstall the trial version of the Suite before installing the standalone version of Illustrator that you purchased. For more detailed information, visit [www.adobe.com/go/tbinfo](http://www.adobe.com/go/tbinfo)*

*Volume licensing customers cannot purchase from a trial directly. After evaluating a Creative Suite 3 product, you must uninstall the trial and install the product using the volume licensing media and serial number. Refer to the “[Uninstall your software](#)” section of this document for instructions. Please contact your reseller or authorized Adobe licensing center to place an order for a volume license. To find a reseller in your area, go to <http://partners.adobe.com/resellerfinder/na/reseller.jsp>.*

## Electronic licensing

Adobe software may include electronic license (e-license) management technology to ensure compliance with the Product License Agreement. When present, this technology prompts you to verify the license of your product within 30 days after you start it for the first time. If prompted, verification is mandatory.

The on-screen prompt may ask you to activate the software. This verification process does not collect, transmit, or use any personally identifiable information. To learn more, visit the Adobe web site at <http://www.adobe.com/activation>.

### Activate software:

1. If the Activation dialog box is not already open, choose Help > Activate.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions.

*Note: If you want to install the product on a different computer, you must first deactivate the software on your computer. To deactivate, choose Help > Deactivate.*

## Registration information

When you install your software, be sure to register to get up-to-date product information, training, newsletters, and invitations to Adobe events and seminars. You will also receive a complimentary benefit such as the new Hypatia Sans font and a Dreamweaver Plug-In.

## Font installation

The installation disk contains “miniml” fonts in the Goodies/Fonts folder. To use the fonts, copy them to your system. For installation information, see [http://www.adobe.com/go/learn\\_fontinstall\\_en](http://www.adobe.com/go/learn_fontinstall_en).

miniml fonts are vector-based pixel font emulations that are designed to remain aliased in Flash and Fireworks. Aliased fonts improve legibility because of their high contrast.

You must use the fonts according to specific guidelines to maintain their crispness. See the “miniml Read Me.html” in the Goodies/Fonts folder for more information about using these fonts.

## Known issues

The online [Read Me](#) contain late-breaking information and known issues about Flash CS3 Professional.

## Customer care

### Customer Service

Adobe Customer Service provides assistance with product information, sales, registration, and other non-technical issues. To find out how to contact Adobe Customer Service, please visit [Adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) for your region or country and click on Contact.

### Support Plan Options and Technical Resources

If you require technical assistance for your product, including information on free and paid support options and troubleshooting resources, more information is available at <http://www.adobe.com/go/support/>. Outside of North America, go to <http://www.adobe.com/go/intlsupport/>. Free troubleshooting resources include Adobe’s support knowledgebase, Adobe user-to-user forums and more.

If you are having any issues with installing or uninstalling any of your Creative Suite 3 applications, please try rebooting your system prior to contacting Support.

## Other resources / information

### Documentation

[Flash Documentation Center](#)

Order printed documentation at [http://www.adobe.com/go/buy\\_books](http://www.adobe.com/go/buy_books)

### Online Resources

[Flash Product Home](#)

[Flash Design Center](#)

[Flash Developer Center](#)

[Flash End User License Agreement](#)

[Flash Exchange](#)

[Flash Player Product Home](#)

[Flash Player Release Notes](#)

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The files found in the directory [Windows: C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe Flash CS3\en\Configuration\ActionScript 3.0\Classes\fl; Macintosh: /Applications/Adobe Flash CS3/Configuration/ActionScript 3.0/Classes/fl] following installation of the Flash Professional software may be used and distributed as a part of your product, subject to the terms found here [[http://www.adobe.com/products/eula/third\\_party/](http://www.adobe.com/products/eula/third_party/)] You do not need to agree to these terms, however nothing else grants you the right to use or distribute the files with your own application.

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