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Introductory Manual
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This Introductory Manual describes only what's required to get up-and-running with SubScribe—the basic essentials. To get the most out of this Adobe Illustrator plugin, a series of movies has been produced to better illustrate what's possible and how to quickly and easily achieve it.

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Installation

SubScribe are supplied as a single standard Illustrator plugin and are installed using standard Mac OS or Windows installer systems. The license key unlocks the trial version into the full version.

SubScribe requires Adobe Illustrator CS4, CS5, CS6 or Illustrator Creative Cloud version 17 — referred to hereon as "CC(17)" — to operate.

Unified installer

SubScribe is available for Illustrator CS4 to CC(17) via a single unified installer. The installer process should automatically locate each version of Illustrator present on your computer and install the correct plug-in version. Note that Illustrator CS4/CS5, CS6 and CC each require a different plug-in version.

Important!

You may require computer administrator rights to install SubScribe.

Mac OS 10.5 and above

1. Quit Illustrator.

2. Open the "SubScribe.dmg" disk image

3. Start the "SubScribe" installer package and follow the instructions.
    *Note: the installer will attempt to seek all installations of Illustrator CS4, CS5, CS6 and CC and provide options to install for one or more of these. It is also possible to manually specify the target folder for each installation by clicking on the **[…]** button to the right of each entry.*

4. Start Illustrator. You can confirm that the software has been successfully installed, running initially in its Trial period, but following Illustrator » About SubScribe… (Cancel closes the window).

Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8

1. Quit Illustrator.

2. Open the *.zip* archive and extract the "SubScribe Setup.exe" program installer file.

3. Start the installer and follow the instructions.
    *Note: the installer will attempt to seek all installations of Illustrator CS4, CS5, CS6 and CC and provide options to install for one or more of these. The appropriate 32 or 64 bit version will be installed automatically. It is also possible to manually specify the target folder for each installation by clicking on the **Browse** button to the right of each entry.*

4. Start Illustrator. You can confirm that the software has been successfully installed, running initially in its Trial period, but following Help » About SubScribe…
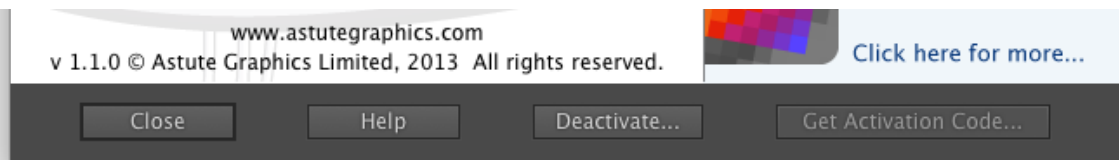
Notes

- If you later wish to install SubScribe for other versions of Adobe Illustrator on the same computer (not virtual machines), simply re-run the installation process.

Licensing

When installed for the first time, SubScribe immediately requests a license code to activate the tools. Due SubScribe license codes being provided freely for use in Illustrator CS4 to CC, access to the tools is not possible without activation and no trial period is offered (unlike all other Astute Graphics products).

To obtain a license key click on the Get Activation Code... button present in the About SubScribe window.

The license key allows you to install on all computers for the number of concurrent users permitted by the license. Confirmation of the number of concurrent users permitted is displayed when a license key is successfully applied (see later).

Notes

> **It is very important that you store your license key safely for both future reference and to ensure that others do not gain improper access to it. As per the license agreement displayed during the installation process, Astute Graphics retains the right to block the use of any licenses which have found to be misused.**
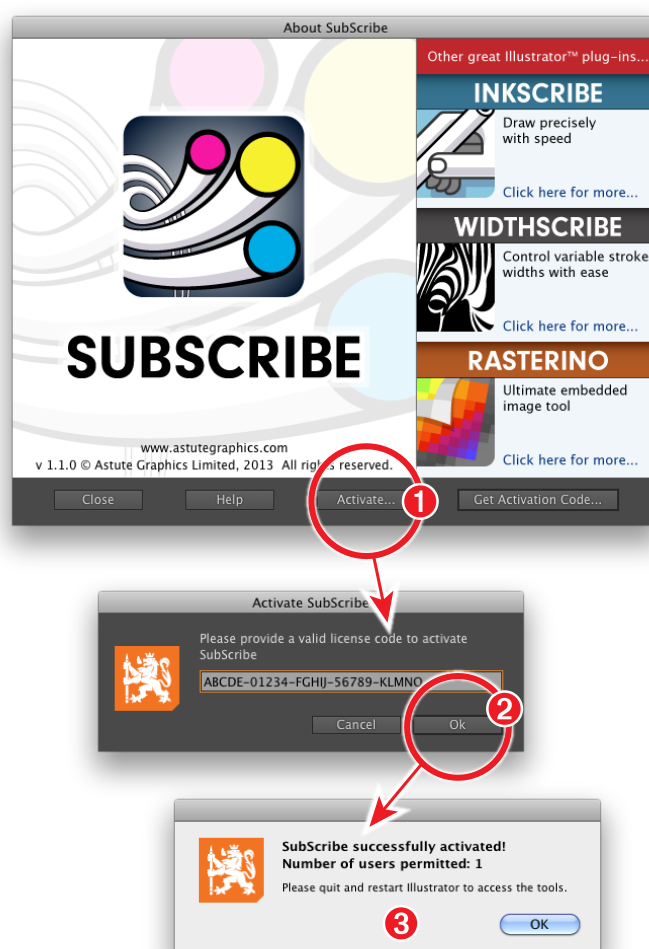
Activating with a license key

Once you have installed SubScribe and received your license key following purchase, follow Illustrator » About SubScribe...

To license SubScribe, take the following steps:

1. Click on the Activate button

2. Copy and paste the license key into the box and click OK

   You will be asked to enter the administrator password; please do so

3. If successful, you will be informed that SubScribe is activated and confirmation of the number of concurrent users permitted will be stated

4. Click OK and further confirmation of the plug-in version licensed may be seen in the About window

5. Click on the Close button to close the About window and restart Illustrator to ensure you have access to the plug-in toolset

The activation process may be repeated on all computers to be used by the concurrent user(s).
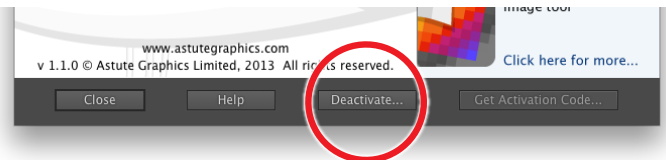
De-activating your computer

If you intend to change computer, discarding your existing licensed computer, it is essential that you first de-activate your license. Failure to do so may result in abuse of your license key which will result in the key being blocked for future use!

When ready to de-activate your computer, open the About window by following Illustrator » About SubScribe… (Mac OS)

1. Click on the Deactivate button

2. Confirm that you intend to de-activate your computer

    You may be asked to enter the administrator password; please do so

3. Following confirmation, close the confirmation and About window

4. Restart Illustrator

It is possible to re-activate the computer at a later date by following the previous activation instructions.

Other online services

The Help » Astute Graphics » SubScribe » menu also contains entries for the following services:

*   Check for Updates: opens a website page detailing the latest public versions of SubScribe ready for download.

*   Tutorial Movies: opens a web window containing a range of movies covering each aspect of using the tools found within SubScribe.

*   Licensing Help: for additional information of the licensing system, including automated assistance tools, this will open the www.astutegraphics.com/licensing/ web page.

For the latest information, please visit the Astute Graphics website: www.astutegraphics.com

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