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RASTERINO

Introductory Manual
for
Version ①

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Visit
www.astutegraphics.com/products/rasterino/movies.html

Installation

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

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

Unified installer

Rasterino 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.

Upgrading on Windows

If upgrading your plugin on Windows systems, it is first necessary to manually remove or uninstall any existing version which may be present on your system. To do so, please use the standard uninstall procedure for your particular version of Windows, typically via the Control Panel.

Important!

You may require computer administrator rights to install Rasterino.

Mac OS 10.5 and above

1. Quit Illustrator.

2. Open the "Rasterino.dmg" disk image

3. Start the "Rasterino" 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 Rasterino… (Cancel closes the window).

Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8

1. Quit Illustrator.

2. Open the *.zip* archive and extract the "Rasterino 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 Rasterino…

Notes

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

Trial period and licensing

When installed for the first time, Rasterino operates in a Trial period for a nominal period. When in this mode, you have access to all tools.

Upon expiry of the Trial period, the tools are no longer active and an information window stating that the Trial has expired will be displayed in the tool's panels or when attempting to switch to one of the tools via the Illustrator toolbar.

To continue using the tools, you will need to purchase a license, which will result in a license key being sent by email. To purchase a license key, please visit www.astutegraphics.com/buy/
Keep this information safe for future reference.

The license key allows you to install on all computers for the number of concurrent users determined by the number of licenses purchased. Confirmation of the number of concurrent users permitted is displayed when a license key is successfully applied.

Notes

- The Astute Graphics licensing system applies valid license keys for the whole computer, not just individual installations of Adobe Illustrator. It's therefore possible to simultaneously operate licensed copies of the plug-in on more than one installation of Adobe Illustrator simultaneously.

- **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 Rasterino and received your license key following purchase, follow:

Illustrator » About Rasterino... (Mac OS)
Help » About Rasterino... (Windows)
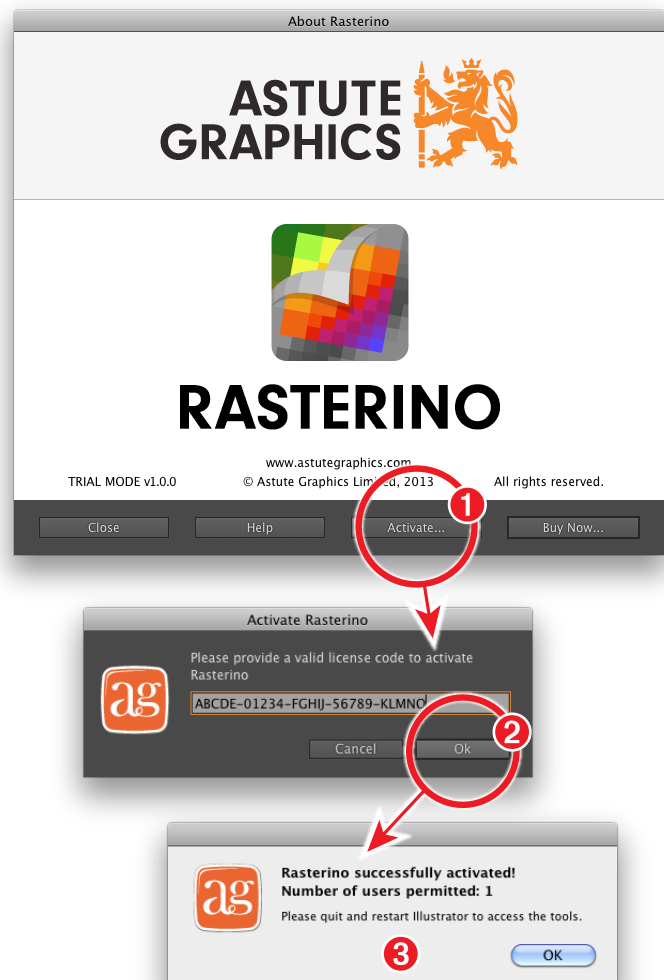
To license Rasterino, take the following steps:

1. Click on the Activate button

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

   You may be asked to enter your, or your administrator, password; please do so

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

4. Click OK and further confirmation of the plug-in version/level 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

It is also possible to gain direct access to the Activate / Deactivate window by following Help » Astute Graphics » Rasterino » Licensing...

The activation process may be repeated on all computers to be used by the concurrent user(s).

Mac OS: pasting your license key

If you experience difficulties pasting your license key into the activation plugin window, paste by right-clicking in the entry box and opting for "Paste". Alternatively use the alternative license activation window found via Help » Astute Graphics » Rasterino » Licensing...
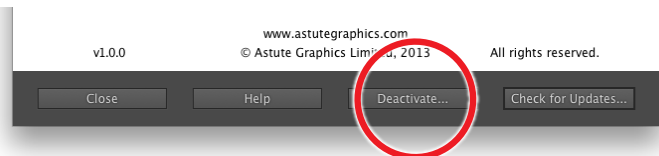
De-activating your computer

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 following:
     Illustrator » About Rasterino… (Mac OS)
     Help » About Rasterino… (Windows)

1. Click on the Deactivate button

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

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 » Rasterino » menu also contains entries for the following services:

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

• Buy/Upgrade: if you are still operating in the Trial period, this will take you to the online purchase web page. If you are already operating a licensed version of Rasterino, you will be taken directly to the upgrade page. If your license number is available, you can proceed immediately with the upgrade process without need of the original invoice number.

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

Introduction

Rasterino allows work with embedded images directly within Illustrator to be simple, fast and a joy. Commonly demanded operations such as in-line editing with Photoshop (or other image editing software), re-linking of multiple images, cropping and trimming are now all possible without having to leave the artwork.

Get more from Rasterino - Movies

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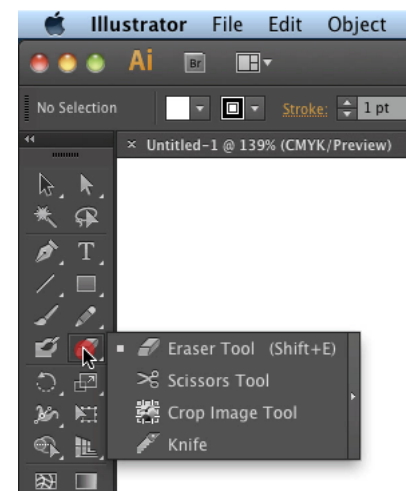Visit www.astutegraphics.com/products/rasterino/movies.html

Accessing Rasterino's Tools

Once the Rasterino plugin is installed, the various tools are accessed using the following menus and/or windows:
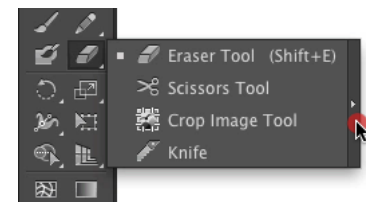
Crop Image Tool

Once the Rasterino plugin is installed, Rasterino places the Crop Image Tool under the Erasor Tool. (It is placed as such to help ensure the vertical size of the Illustrator Toolbox doesn't exceed what laptop screens are able to display.)

To access the tools in Illustrator CS4 and above, click and hold down on the Erasor Tool icon to reveal the Crop Image Tool. Release the mouse over the tool's icon to enable it.

Permanently displaying the Crop Image Tool

If you wish to quickly access the Crop Image Tool, it is possible to "rip off" the sub-toolbox icons into a separate dockable panel by releasing the mouse over the right-hand vertical bar as shown right.

It is possible to position the resultant panel by dragging its top bar, including docking to Illustrator's panel system.

In Illustrator CS6 and above, it is also possible to make this panel vertical by clicking on the top bar's double-arrow on the right.
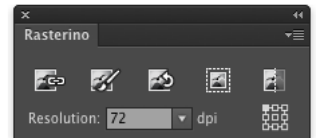
Keyboard Shortcut to the Crop Image Tool

Illustrator also provides the ability to quickly access any tool, including the Crop Image Tool via Edit » Keyboard Shortcuts...

Rasterino Panel

All other Rasterino functionality may be easily accessed through a panel. To open the panel, opt for Window » Rasterino » Rasterino Panel… The resultant panel, shown right, may be repositioned and docked as per all standard panels.

Supplemental menu entries

The three functions Edit, Update and Link Image found in the Rasterino Panel are all replicated in the sub-menu Edit » Rasterino » …

This allows these functions to be automated via Illustrator's Actions system.

Crop Image Tool Options

The Crop Image Tool's Options window is accessed in a non-conventional way due to the Return keypress whilst in the tool being adopted for actioning the crop function. Therefore, to open the Crop Image Tool's options, either CMD-double-click (Mac) or Ctrl-double-click (Windows) on the Crop Image Tool toolbox icon. Alternatively, the Rasterino Panel's fly-out menu offers access to the tool's options.

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