



Installing Your Software

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Make sure to also review the *Before You Install Final Cut Express* document on the Final Cut Express installation disc. For the latest information about Final Cut Express, go to the Final Cut Express website at <http://www.apple.com/finalcutexpress>.

About the Final Cut Express Installation Disc

The Final Cut Express installation disc contains the files necessary to install Final Cut Express 4 and LiveType 2.1.4, including LiveFonts, templates, objects, and textures for use with LiveType. It also contains the following files and folders:

- *Before You Install Final Cut Express*: This document provides system requirements and things to do before you install the applications. Make sure to read this before installing Final Cut Express.
- *Install Final Cut Express icon*: Double-click this icon to begin the installation process.
- *Documentation folder*: This folder contains PDF documentation for the Final Cut Express and LiveType applications. Many of the PDF documents contain an access page with links to additional documents and related Apple websites.
- *LiveType Extras folder*: This folder contains documentation and sample LiveFont scripts.

Note: This disc contains the files required to install Final Cut Express and LiveType on either PowerPC-based or Intel-based Macintosh computers. The installation process is identical for both.

Upgrading Mac OS X and QuickTime

Before you install Final Cut Express, update your system software to make sure that you have the latest version of Mac OS X installed. You also need to upgrade to the latest version of QuickTime. QuickTime is an industry standard for working with digital video and is required for Final Cut Express.

Note: For minimum software requirements, see the *Before You Install Final Cut Express* document on the Final Cut Express installation disc.

Important: You must purchase Mac OS X v10.4 Tiger or later if you're upgrading from Mac OS X v10.3 Panther or an earlier version.

To update your system software:

- 1 Choose Apple menu > Software Update.
A dialog appears showing new or updated software available for your computer.
- 2 If necessary, follow the onscreen instructions to update Mac OS X and QuickTime to the latest versions.

Installing Final Cut Express

When you install Final Cut Express and LiveType, the applications are placed in the Applications folder on your startup disk. You can choose whether the LiveType media (such as templates) is placed in the default location or in a custom location.

Note: Before you can install the software, you need to log in to your computer with an administrator account, using the administrator password. See Mac Help for more information.

To enter the serial number and install Final Cut Express:

- 1 Insert the Final Cut Express installation disc into your computer's DVD drive.
- 2 Double-click the Install Final Cut Express icon.
- 3 Read the Welcome information, then click Continue.
- 4 Read the Software License Agreement, click Continue, then (if you agree) click Agree.

Note: If your system falls far below the minimum system requirements for the Final Cut Express and LiveType applications (for example, if your computer has a 500 MHz processor and only 512 MB of RAM), a message appears saying that the software cannot be installed. Refer to the *Before You Install Final Cut Express* document on the Final Cut Express installation disc for a list of minimum system requirements.

- 5 Select the startup disk, then click Continue.

Your startup disk must have the latest version of Mac OS X installed.

- 6 In the User Information pane, do the following:
- a Enter your first and last name.
 - b You can optionally enter an organization.
 - c In the Serial Number field, enter the Final Cut Express serial number printed on the Software Serial Number label attached to the back of this document, then click Continue.

Note: If you are upgrading from a previous release of Final Cut Express, the installer looks for the appropriate serial number. If the installer is unable to locate this serial number, the installer asks you to enter the serial number now.

Following are some tips for entering your serial number correctly:

- Make sure you are copying the original serial number that is on the back of this document.
- Make sure you enter the software serial number, not the Support ID number.
- Make sure you enter a zero and not an O, a 1 and not a lowercase L, where appropriate.
- Include dashes in the serial number.
- Don't enter spaces before or after the serial number.
- Verify that you have typed the serial number correctly.

After three incorrect serial number entries, the installer quits. To begin the installation process again, return to step 2.

7 To customize your installation, do the following in the Custom Install pane:

a Deselect items.

You may need to expand the window and drag the edge of the Package Name heading to show the full names of some items.

Some items include a disclosure triangle that, when clicked, reveals additional items you can deselect and reselect. Any items that are not selected and are dimmed cannot be installed because your system does not meet minimum system requirements. Placing the pointer over these items shows which requirements are not met.

Note: If you use the Final Cut Express installer to install selected items later, the process is the same as is described in this task, except you are not required to enter your serial number again.

b To choose a custom location for LiveType media, click the folder icon in the Location column next to it, and then choose Other from the pop-up menu. Navigate to where you want the content installed, then click Open.

8 When you're ready, click Install or Upgrade.

You may see the Upgrade option even on computers that do not have previous versions of the Final Cut Express applications installed. This is because the installer has detected at least one file on your system in common with the files it installs, and is considered normal.

9 A dialog appears requiring you to authenticate yourself by typing your name and password. Click OK when finished.

The installer displays a progress bar to indicate its status.

Once you have finished the installation, you are ready to begin using the Final Cut Express and LiveType applications.

Registering Final Cut Express

The first time you open one of the Final Cut Express applications, the application prompts you for registration information. By default, the Me card information in your Address Book is automatically entered in the appropriate fields.

To register Final Cut Express to a user other than the user listed in the Me card in your Address Book:

- 1 Fill out the Name, Address, Organization, and Email address fields.
- 2 If you want information about Apple news and software updates sent to your email account, select the checkbox.
- 3 If you want to review the Apple Privacy Policy, click Privacy Policy.
- 4 When you have finished, click Register Now.

Final Cut Express is now registered.

Note: If you decide to click the Register Later button, you will be prompted to register again after opening either of the Final Cut Express applications five times.

About Onscreen Help

Onscreen help allows you to access information onscreen while you're working in Final Cut Express and LiveType. Onscreen user manuals are available here, as well as links to other documentation and related Apple websites.

Onscreen User Manuals

Onscreen user manuals for Final Cut Express and LiveType can be accessed from each application's Help menu.

To access the onscreen user manual for an application:

- In the application, choose Help > [Application Name] User Manual.

Release Notes

This document contains information about issues with third-party hardware and software and other known issues.

Note: You must be connected to the Internet to view the Release Notes document.

To access Release Notes for an application:

- In the application, choose Help > Release Notes.

Contacting AppleCare Support

Information about the support options available from Apple is included in your Final Cut Express box. Several levels of support are available.

Whatever your issue, it's a good idea to have the following information immediately available when you contact Apple for support. The more of this information you have to give to the support agents, the faster they will be able to address your issue.

- The Final Cut Express Support ID number found on the back of this document.

Note: The 11-digit Support ID number is different from the product serial number used to install Final Cut Express.

- The version of Mac OS X you have installed. To find the version of Mac OS X, choose Apple menu > About This Mac.
- The version of the application you have installed that you have a question about. To find the version of the application on your computer, choose [*Application Name*] > About [*Application Name*].
- The model of computer you are using.
- The amount of RAM installed in your computer. You can determine this by choosing Apple menu > About This Mac.
- What other third-party hardware is connected to or installed in the computer, and who the manufacturers are. Include hard drives, graphics cards, and so on.

AppleCare Support can be reached online at <http://www.apple.com/support>. You can select an application to see specific information about it.

There is also an item in each application's Help menu that will take you directly to the AppleCare website.

To go to the AppleCare website from within an application:

- Choose Help > [*Application Name*] Support.

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