

# MACROMEDIA® FREEHAND® TO ADOBE® ILLUSTRATOR® CS3 MIGRATION

## FAQs for Macromedia FreeHand Users

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### Adobe's Plans for FreeHand

#### Q. What are Adobe's plans for the future development of Macromedia® FreeHand®?

A. Adobe does not plan to develop and deliver any new feature-based releases of FreeHand. Adobe will, however, continue to sell FreeHand MX, and will offer technical and customer support according to our support policies. While we recognize that FreeHand has a dedicated user base, we encourage you to migrate to Adobe® Illustrator® CS3. As a loyal FreeHand customer, you're entitled to special pricing for Illustrator CS3, along with free access to special resources to help you make this move.

#### Q. Will Adobe provide ongoing maintenance releases for FreeHand MX?

A. At this time, Adobe has no plans to provide maintenance releases, patches or updates for FreeHand MX.

#### Q. Does Adobe plan to deliver a FreeHand MX release to support Intel®-based Mac computers?

A. Adobe has no plans to deliver Universal versions of FreeHand that natively support Intel-based Mac computers. While FreeHand MX can be installed and run on Intel-based Mac computers, it must run under Rosetta, which Apple has built into Mac OS X to dynamically translate PowerPC-based applications to work with Intel-based Macs. For more information on running Adobe professional applications under Rosetta, please see the document *Support for Intel-based Macs* at [www.adobe.com/products/pdfs/intelmacsupport.pdf](http://www.adobe.com/products/pdfs/intelmacsupport.pdf)

#### Q. Does Adobe plan to provide an update to FreeHand MX that will support Microsoft® Windows® Vista™?

A. Adobe has no plans to deliver a FreeHand MX release that supports Windows Vista.

#### Q. Will FreeHand install and run on Windows Vista?

A. The last version of FreeHand released by Macromedia was delivered more than three years before Windows Vista was released and does not officially support this new operating system. However, we are not currently aware of any major issues that would adversely affect customer use of FreeHand on Windows Vista. Technical Support plans to document any known issues in the Adobe knowledgebase, which customers can access at [www.adobe.com/support](http://www.adobe.com/support). Enter the keyword "Vista."

**Q. How long will FreeHand MX be sold and supported by Adobe?**

A. Adobe plans to continue selling and supporting FreeHand MX for the foreseeable future. We understand that customers have significant investments in their current production work flows and may need to replace or add seats of FreeHand. While we encourage customers to evaluate Illustrator CS3 (free 30-day trials are available for testing on Adobe.com), we know that it takes time to plan and prepare for any major transition and we will continue to sell and support FreeHand while that demand lasts.

**Migration Options for FreeHand Owners**

**Q. What options do I have to migrate to Illustrator CS3?**

A. Adobe has developed a specially priced upgrade offer for any registered user of FreeHand to migrate to Illustrator CS3 for \$199 (U.S.). This special upgrade can be purchased directly through the Adobe Store, [www.adobe.com/store](http://www.adobe.com/store), or from any Adobe Authorized Reseller. All that's needed to take advantage of this special offer is a valid FreeHand serial number from any version of FreeHand.

**Q. Is there an upgrade path from FreeHand to the Adobe® Creative Suite® 3 family?**

A. Adobe does not offer a direct upgrade from FreeHand to any Creative Suite 3 editions. However, FreeHand owners who also own specific versions of Adobe Creative Suite, Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® InDesign®, Macromedia® Studio® Macromedia® Flash®, Macromedia® Dreamweaver® or Adobe Illustrator are eligible to upgrade to certain editions of the Creative Suite 3 family. For detailed information on upgrade paths and costs, choose the Product Selector tab from the Illustrator main page, [www.adobe.com/illustrator](http://www.adobe.com/illustrator).

**Illustrator CS3 Features for FreeHand Users**

**Q. Are there new features in Illustrator CS3 specifically targeted to FreeHand users?**

A. Yes. The Illustrator development team took a hard look at improving tools and drawing controls, integration, and file import, and for Illustrator CS3, delivered a number of enhancements for FreeHand users:

- Improved operating performance—More responsive drawing and editing, with improvements in essential operating performance, including faster screen redraws, object moving, panning, scaling, and transformations.
- Flash integration—Now import native Illustrator files into Flash CS3 Professional, or copy/paste artwork from Illustrator to Flash with paths, anchor points, gradients, clipping masks, and symbols intact. Layers, groups, and object names are also preserved.
- Eraser tool—Remove areas of artwork with the Eraser tool as easily as you erase pixels in Photoshop, with complete control over the width, shape, and smoothness of the erasure.
- Path editing—Remove, connect, and split paths, and convert anchor points, using options that are now displayed in the Control panel. Rolling the mouse over curve handles provides an enlarged view of points for easier selection.
- Point alignment—Align and distribute anchor points with one click via the Control panel, just as with aligning and distributing objects.
- Color controls—Live Color provides in-depth control over color, including the ability to add used colors from any artwork selection to the Swatches panel, remove all unused colors, and find and replace colors.
- FreeHand File Import—Ability to import FreeHand files from all versions from FreeHand 7 to FreeHand MX. See *Importing FreeHand Files Into Illustrator* on page 4 of this FAQ for details.

## Benefits of Migrating to Illustrator CS3

**Q. What are the benefits of migrating to Illustrator CS3 compared to staying with FreeHand?**

- A.** Migrating from FreeHand to Illustrator CS3 offers a number of compelling advantages:
- Assured compatibility with new operating systems and hardware, such as Intel-based Macs and Microsoft Windows Vista.
  - Deep integration with Adobe professional products: design applications, such as Photoshop, InDesign, and Adobe Acrobat<sup>®</sup>; Adobe web and interactive applications including Flash and Dreamweaver; and Adobe video and motion graphics applications such as Adobe Premiere<sup>®</sup> Pro and Adobe After Effects<sup>®</sup>.
  - On-going product development, with tighter workflow integration, improvements to existing functionality, and new capabilities.
  - Rich and reliable support of PDF work flows, including the latest PDF file formats and standards, (e.g., PDF/X).

**Q. FreeHand is my primary application, so product integration is not that important for me, and I've never learned Illustrator. Why should I move to Illustrator CS3?**

- A.** First, your experience working with FreeHand will make the migration to Illustrator easier than you may think. Illustrator and FreeHand have similar approaches to basic drawing tools and operations, (e.g., pen tool, bézier curves, stacking of objects), and if you've any experience with another Adobe application, such as Photoshop or InDesign, your move will be even easier because all Adobe graphics applications share common commands, panels, and keyboard shortcuts. But Illustrator CS3 also delivers a number of capabilities that FreeHand users will appreciate:

### **An efficient workspace**

- Flexible workspace—The revised Adobe user interface, common to Illustrator CS3, Photoshop CS3, InDesign CS3 and Flash Professional CS3, lets you view the toolbar in one column instead of two, dock self-adjusting panels conveniently out of the way as icons when not in use, and use Maximized Screen mode to keep panels from overlapping the document window.
- Control panel—Discover options faster and free up screen real estate by accessing anchor point controls, clipping masks, envelope distortions, and more from the context-sensitive Control panel.
- Custom workspaces—Work more efficiently and optimize your screen area using custom workspaces that display only the panels you need for a specific task. Save, share, or access any workspace at any time or use workspace templates.

### **Creative power**

- Live Trace—Quickly and accurately convert photos, scans, or other bitmap images to editable and scalable vector paths.
- Live Paint—Apply color to any area of your artwork and use overlapping paths to create new shapes with Live Paint, which intuitively colors artwork and automatically detects and corrects gaps.
- Live Color—Explore, apply and control color in a completely new color environment. Select any artwork and interactively edit the colors with live feedback, and use the Color Guide panel to quickly choose tints, shades, or harmonious color combinations.

### **Beautiful typography**

- OpenType<sup>®</sup>—Simplify cross-platform font management and take advantage of alternate glyphs and extended character sets. More than 100 OpenType fonts are included free with Illustrator CS3.

- Character and Paragraph Styles—Apply formatting to individual characters, lines of type, or entire paragraphs with a single click.
- Paragraph composition—Optimize line breaks throughout an entire paragraph with minimal hyphenation and better word and letter spacing.
- Transparent text effects—Expand your typographic options using ghosted text, transparent drop shadows with soft edges, and other effects for transparent text.

#### **Reliable output compatible with the latest standards**

- PDF/X support—Create reliable, press-ready layouts using ISO-standard and ANSI-standard PDF/X formats.
- Near-universal graphic file format support—Work with almost any type of graphic file, including AI, PDF, EPS, SVG, Photoshop (PSD), TIFF, GIF, JPEG, SWF, and more.
- DeviceN colorspace—Place duotone or separated Photoshop images in Illustrator and preserve the file’s native color space with DeviceN support. Use multi-component and HiFi color, raster effects, transparency, and gradient meshes with confidence that your artwork will separate correctly.
- LAB spot colors—Create LAB spot colors and use predefined spot colors from the Toyo, PANTONE®, DIC, and HKS libraries.
- Intuitive printing interface—Enjoy consistent results with an intuitive, comprehensive printing interface that provides optimized presets for a wide variety of devices.

#### **Multipage Support**

- Q. One FreeHand feature that is important to me is the ability to produce multi-page documents. Will Illustrator CS3 support the creation of multi-page documents?**
- A.** Illustrator CS3 follows a single-page-per-document model. However, you can use the Illustrator page tiling feature to simulate multiple pages in a single PDF document. Once a page is set up with page tiling, you can automatically convert all page tiles to individual pages within the resulting PDF file. In addition, the new Crop Area tool in Illustrator CS3 provides a fast and intuitive way to export pages from a large artboard containing artwork for multiple and/or different-sized pages for output as PDF files, for printing or for export to other formats. For professional multi-page document creation capabilities, Adobe offers InDesign, with features that can handle any page design project, with detailed indexing, easy table creation, character styles, and state-of-the-art printing controls.

#### **Importing FreeHand Files Into Illustrator**

- Q. What about the large library of FreeHand files that I have? How will I be able to use them with Illustrator CS3?**
- A.** Illustrator CS3 includes the new ability to import FreeHand 10 and MX files directly and with higher fidelity than in previous releases. But there are several ways to get FreeHand files into Illustrator CS3 by using different file types. Determining the best way to move files depends on the type of illustration and whether you plan to edit the text in the file. Adobe has created a technical resource that provides a side-by-side comparison of different file types, along with a detailed discussion for each. This guide, *Migrating from FreeHand to Illustrator, a Technical Resource*, is available on the Illustrator product pages of Adobe.com at: [www.adobe.com/illustrator/switch](http://www.adobe.com/illustrator/switch).

**Q. Specifically, what improvements have been made for importing FreeHand files into Illustrator CS3?**

A. Improved FreeHand file import for Illustrator CS3 includes:

- Support for FreeHand 10 and FreeHand MX (v. 11) formats.
- The ability to import multi-page FreeHand files into Illustrator CS3 with separate crop areas for each page. This helps users print individual FreeHand pages, since Illustrator CS3 allows printing of individual crop areas. Users also have the option to import only a specific page from a FreeHand file.
- Import of FreeHand swatches, defined in the swatches palette in FreeHand, as swatches in Illustrator CS3.
- Import of FreeHand symbols as symbols in Illustrator CS3.
- Import of FreeHand raster effects—drop shadow, basic and feather transparency—as Live Effects in Illustrator CS3.
- Import of FreeHand Envelopes as Envelope effects in Illustrator CS3.
- Import of FreeHand custom guides as Illustrator CS3 guides.
- The ability to outline text upon import so that text appearance in FreeHand is preserved in Illustrator CS3.
- Proper positioning of FreeHand text, including text alignment, text wrap, vertical text and text inset, upon import into Illustrator CS3.

**Pricing and Availability**

**Q. When will the special upgrade from FreeHand to Illustrator CS3 be available and what is the cost?**

A. The special upgrade is currently available from the Adobe Store and from Adobe Authorized Resellers for English versions of Illustrator. For other languages, the upgrade will be available when Illustrator CS3 ships, which varies by language. Cost of the special upgrade is show in the table below.

	<b>U.S. and Canada</b>	<b>Europe (Int'l English)</b>	<b>Europe (Localized)</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Rest of World</b>
<b>Illustrator CS3 full version</b>	\$599 (U.S.)	€689	€719	¥80,000	\$599 (U.S.)
<b>FreeHand Illustrator CS3 upgrade</b>	\$199 (U.S.)	€199	€249	¥24,762	\$199 (U.S.)

**Q. What versions of FreeHand are eligible for this upgrade?**

A. Any registered version of FreeHand is eligible for this special upgrade offer.

**Q. Do I need to prove that I qualify for this special upgrade?**

A. You can simply purchase your upgrade and verify that you have the qualifying FreeHand product during the installation process. During product activation you will be prompted to enter the serial number for the FreeHand version you own. Issues with serial number verification will be handled by Adobe Customer Service. For contact information and hours, please see:

[www.adobe.com/support/programs/illustrator/?tab:contact=1](http://www.adobe.com/support/programs/illustrator/?tab:contact=1)

**System Requirements**

## System requirements

### Macintosh

- PowerPC® G4 or G5 or multicore Intel processor
- Mac OS X v.10.4.8
- 512 MB of RAM (1 GB recommended)
- 2.5 GB of available hard-disk space (additional free space required during installation)
- DVD-ROM drive
- 1024x768 monitor resolution with 16-bit or greater video card

### Windows

- Intel® Pentium 4, Intel Centrino®, Intel Xeon®, or Intel Core™ Duo (or compatible) processor
- Microsoft® Windows XP with Service Pack 2 or Windows Vista™ Home Premium, Business, Ultimate, or Enterprise (certified for 32-bit editions)
- 512 MB of RAM (1 GB recommended)
- 2 GB of available hard-disk space (additional free space required during installation)
- DVD-ROM drive
- 1024x768 monitor resolution with 16-bit or greater video card
- QuickTime 7 software required for multimedia features
- Internet or phone connection required for product activation
- Broadband Internet connection required for Adobe Stock Photos and other services
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## Q. What are the operating system requirements for Illustrator CS3?

A. Illustrator CS3 will operate on both the Macintosh and Windows platforms. For Microsoft Windows, Illustrator CS3 requires Microsoft Windows XP or Windows Vista Home Premium, Business, Ultimate, or Enterprise (certified for 32-bit editions). For the Mac OS, Illustrator CS3 requires Mac OS X v.10.4.8. Adobe Illustrator CS3 will not operate on Mac OS 9 or on Mac OS X in Classic mode. Please see the system requirements sidebar in this document for more information.

## Q. Is Illustrator CS3 available in a Universal version for Intel-based Macs?

A. Yes. Illustrator CS3 will operate in Universal mode on any PowerPC G4 or G5 or multicore Intel processor.

## Q. Why doesn't Illustrator CS3 support Mac OS 9 or other older operating systems?

A. Illustrator CS3 and the other Creative Suite 3 applications only support current Macintosh and Windows operating systems in order to deliver the best software performance and take advantage of new operating system and hardware features, such as multitasking.

## Help for Migrating from FreeHand to Illustrator CS3

Adobe has created a number of materials to help FreeHand users make the transition to Illustrator CS3. All of the resources listed below are available on Adobe.com at no cost. Please see the Illustrator pages at [www.adobe.com/illustrator/switch](http://www.adobe.com/illustrator/switch) to access these materials.

### *FreeHand to Illustrator Migration Guide*—(PDF document)

Learn how to transition from Macromedia FreeHand to Adobe Illustrator, understand the differences in tools and features, and discover the power of integration between all Adobe applications. Written and layout with designers in mind.

### *Migrating from FreeHand to Illustrator: A technical resource*—(PDF document)

Technical resource provides the best way to move your legacy FreeHand content into Illustrator, handle different file formats, outputting files, and other information. Designed for production managers, IT managers and designers.

### *Migrating from FreeHand to Illustrator CS3 with Mordy Golding*—(video training)

Video training produced by lynda.com. The author, Mordy Golding, has been a production artist for print and the web for many years, and is an Adobe Certified Expert and Adobe Certified Print Specialist and is also the author of the *Illustrator CS2 and Flash 8 Integration* video training title published by lynda.com.

## More information

### Q. Where can I learn more about Adobe Illustrator CS3?

A. Detailed product information and a video overview of the new features offered in Illustrator CS3 are available at [www.adobe.com/illustrator](http://www.adobe.com/illustrator).

A free, fully functional 30-day trial of Illustrator CS3 is available for download at <https://www.adobe.com/cfusion/tdrc/index.cfm?product=illustrator>.

The Illustrator Design Center offers tutorials on a wide variety of topics, along with links to blogs, podcasts and other community content is available at

<http://www.adobe.com/cfusion/designcenter/search.cfm?product=Illustrator&go=Go>.

### Q. What third-party plug-ins are available for Adobe Illustrator CS3?

A. An extensive list of third party plug-ins can be found in the plug-in center on Adobe.com at [www.adobe.com/products/plug-ins/illustrator/index.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/plug-ins/illustrator/index.html).



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