



Steinberg Activation Manager Release Notes

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Steinberg Activation Manager 1.8.1.1383

16 December 2025

What's improved in this release

- Returning to the hub in Cubase 15 is significantly faster when no internet connection is available
- Licenses are correctly recognised when a large number of VST content is installed
- Web content is now correctly downloaded for Windows accounts with non-ASCII characters in the username.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.8.0.1352

6 October 2025

What's new in this release

- Support for hub content delivery to Steinberg applications
- Support for version check of Steinberg applications
- Support for account registration from within Steinberg applications

What's improved in this release

- Improved detection of the running Steinberg License Engine on Windows. Previously, on some systems, the License Engine process was not found, preventing users from using their HALion plugins in applications such as Cubase until they restarted their computer.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.7.1.1312

13 August 2025

What's improved in this release

- Fixes a crash that occurs when using the offline activation on the command line.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.7.0.1287

27 May 2025

What's new in this release

- The Grace Period check has been removed following the closure of the eLicenser service on May 20, 2025.
- A dedicated Windows on ARM installer has been added to support Steinberg Licensing for native applications.

What's improved in this release

- License list now refreshes only when needed to minimize network queries and speeding up the Activation Manager launch.
- Improved error handling on sign-in

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.6.0.1253

19 February 2025

What's new in this release

- All Users Mode: Allows you to share activated licenses with all users on a single computer in multi-user environments, for example, in a classroom. More information can be found in the Steinberg Multiuser Administration Guide.

What's improved in this release

- Improved handling of error messages
- Improved handling of unstable Internet connections
- Improved support for macOS 10.14 and 10.15

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.5.3.1212

12 November 2024

What's improved in this release

- Fixes an issue where new features added to an active license were not enabled automatically as expected. Now, new features are enabled without user intervention (e.g. Cubase LE 14 is enabled for an active Cubase LE license)

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.5.2.1205

4 November 2024

What's improved in this release

- Fixes a crash that could occur when multiple clients were logging messages while simultaneously connecting or disconnecting.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.5.1.1191

9 October 2024

What's improved in this release

- Fixes a crash in applications which use Steinberg Licensing
- Installer has been updated

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.5.0.1163

2 July 2024

What's new in this release

- The “Auto-activation” switch in the Settings page has been renamed to “Automatic License Management”. If activated, SAM will check your online account for new licences in more situations to keep your licenses up to date. If deactivated, this will prevent the underlying license engine from making any network requests when launching a Steinberg application which uses Steinberg Licensing.

What's improved in this release

- Handling of licence requests which are processed in the background (e.g. for missing vstsound content licenses) has been improved.
- More applications/plugins can connect to the licence engine at the same time.
- The visual style of SAM's UI is more consistent.
- SAM can now offline-activate a new licence even when it replaces an existing one - previously this was only possible from the command line.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.41.1101

31 January 2024

What's new in this release

- Additional product icons.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.40.1045

1 August 2023

What's new in this release

- Files used for diagnostics can now be gathered together and compressed into a ZIP file when required. A new menu item in the account menu called “Create Diagnostics Report” will trigger the action. The action will also be available in a selection of error message dialogs to assist with the support process.

What's improved in this release

- Improved reliability when communicating with eLicenser for older licenses
- When requesting a licence for an application that can support several variants (e.g. Pro vs Elements), SAM will now prefer to activate a more capable variant if it is already aware that a licence exists for it, even if a less capable licence has previously been used.
- Other minor bug-fixes

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.30.1000

24 April 2023

What's new in this release

- Support for additional license types

What's improved in this release

- Stability improvements

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.21.957

22 February 2023

What's improved in this release

- Minor changes to installer

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.20.952

9 February 2023

What's improved in this release

- Licenses will now automatically activate in more circumstances where the user would expect them to.
- A number of stability and performance improvements.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.11.903

2 November 2022

What's improved in this release

- Steinberg Activation Manager now correctly reports the existence of a fallback eLicenser-based license when there is an unactivated Steinberg Licensing-based license for the same product present.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.10.897

26 October 2022

What's improved in this release

- Steinberg Activation Manager makes fewer connections to the Internet to reduce the possibility of slow startup due to poor Internet connectivity
- Offline activation now works more reliably for larger selections of licenses
- Improved reliability

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.0.843

17 August 2022

What's new in this release

- When you activate your product, Steinberg Activation Manager will now associate the name of your computer with the activated license. The computer name is shown in the products section of the Steinberg ID account management website so you can easily see which computers have been activated.
- A new settings dialog allows you to override the default computer name.
- By default, when you launch a Steinberg Licensing product and have a license available, Steinberg Activation Manager will automatically activate that license. You may wish to prevent this behaviour in certain situations. You can now enable and disable this feature by toggling the “Auto-activation” switch in the settings dialog.
- You can now access the offline activation feature via the command line. Documentation on this feature can be found by invoking the Steinberg License Engine binary with the “-h” or “-help” argument

What's improved in this release

- Steinberg Activation Manager starts up faster
- Performance and reliability has improved
- Your Steinberg ID is more prominent in the UI to help our support team assist you more efficiently

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.3.1.698

6 May 2022

What's improved in this release

- You will no longer experience a crash during the offline activation process

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.3.0.688

4 May 2022

What's new in this release

- If you're ever in the situation where you have multiple missing or expired licenses, these will be consolidated and presented to you as a list
- You can now activate a computer that is offline by using Steinberg Activation Manager to generate a license request file on the offline computer, taking the file to an online computer and using Steinberg Activation Manager to generate a license activation file which can be taken back to the offline computer and used to complete the activation of those products. The full process is described within Steinberg Activation Manager

What's improved in this release

- You will receive a system notification on Windows if the sign-in process has completed and the main window of Steinberg Activation Manager is not in focus

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.2.10.548

17 March 2022

What's improved in this release

- If the Grace Period check fails, you will be guided to the appropriate Help Center article to help troubleshoot
- Automatic activation of licenses when you have multiple qualifying licenses will preferentially select permanent licenses, if present
- Performance and reliability has improved

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.2.0.527

2 March 2022

What's new in this release

- You can now check your eligibility for grace period licenses and, if eligible, launch the grace period process

What's improved in this release

- The login mechanism reliability has been improved. **Note: as a result, you will be asked to sign in again**
- A bug which may result in your activation limit being incorrectly reached has been fixed
- Handling of situations when you are not connected to the Internet has been improved
- Performance and stability has improved

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.1.0.496

16 February 2022

What's new in this release

- Beta and Not-for-resale (NFR) licenses are displayed as such
- On activation, time-limited licenses will display their “valid until” date
- You will be notified as you approach the end of your time-limited license

What's improved in this release

- If you have multiple licenses for the same product they are shown – and can be activated/deactivated – separately
- Handling of situations when you are not connected to the Internet have been improved
- Performance and stability has improved

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.0.1.478

24 January 2022

What's improved in this release

- If you have non-English characters in your Windows username you will no longer need to sign in each time you open Steinberg Activation Manager
- If you use a third-party host with Steinberg products protected by eLicenser, the licensing checking process no longer hangs
- Performance and stability has been improved

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.0.0.477

12 January 2022

What's new in this release

- You can sign-in / sign-out using your Steinberg ID
- You can activate and deactivate your Steinberg Licensing-based products on up to three computers
- The user interface is translated into German, Japanese, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese and Russian.