Steinberg Activation Manager Release Notes

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Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.41.1101

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What is new in this release

- Additional product icons.

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.40.1045

1 August 2023

What is 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 is 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 is new in this release

- Support for additional license types

What is improved in this release

- Stability improvements

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.21.957

22 February 2023

What is improved in this release

- Minor changes to installer

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.4.20.952

9 February 2023

What is 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 is 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 is 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 is 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 is 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

What we plan to improve

- Some text in the localised versions may overflow their UI components

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.3.1.698

6 May 2022

What is improved in this release

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

What we plan to improve

- Some text in the localised versions may overflow their UI components

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.3.0.688

4 May 2022

What is 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 is 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 is 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

What we plan to improve

- Some text in the localised versions may overflow their UI components
- You will need to be connected to the Internet connection to activate/deactivate

Steinberg Activation Manager 1.2.0.527

2 March 2022

What is new in this release

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

What is 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 is 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 is 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 has been fixed in this release

- You will see fewer repeated notifications when no license is available
- 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 is 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.

Known issues and solutions

Frequently asked questions

The latest information about issues and solutions you may encounter when running Steinberg Activation Manager can be found online on the Help Center.

Using older plugins and content sets with recent Steinberg Licensing-based applications

It's important to note that you will still need your eLicenser-based licenses (either using USB eLicenser or soft-eLicenser) for older plugins and content sets when using them in more recent Steinberg Licensing-based host applications.