

Steinberg Download Assistant Version History

1.40.1 (27.08.2026)

Features:

- Run natively on Apple Silicon and Intel Macs without Rosetta: SDA, Installer, Update Helper, Web Launcher and Aria2 are now universal
- Show a warning for products that require Rosetta when Rosetta is not installed on the Apple Silicon mac
- Verify if download choices are outdated and refresh products also for Application and VST Sound updates
- Show an error dialog with a link to the download page when a security certificate cannot be updated automatically
- Update the SDA icon on mac to match the new size and style
- Add TikTok button and use another icon for the YouTube button

Bugfixes:

- Use the first free port within the configured range for Aria2 instead of a fixed port, and show a specific error message if no port is free
- Open the support page in the browser when SDA cannot start because of corrupt fonts on macOS
- Keep PRAs that are entered with a different letter case than the configured ones

Maintenance:

- Update JDK to Azul Zulu JDK FX 8.0.492
- Update Aria2 on macOS to 1.37.1 (universal build of 1.37.0)
- Update InstallBuilder to 26.5.1
- Remove obsolete AlphaSSL intermediate certificate
- Include the Mac processor architecture in the User-Agent

1.39.3 (03.11.2025)

Hotfixes:

- Disable verification if download choices are outdated for combined action button of the Application and VST Sound update products

1.39.2 (30.10.2025)

Features:

- Support displaying download choices in groups with the corresponding combined action buttons
- Verify if download choices are outdated and refresh products before triggering download/install/continue action for download choice, group and product

Bugfixes:

- Disable async dns for aria if a related error occurs (automatically and per configuration)

Maintenance:

- Update InstallBuilder to 25.6.0
- Add a new AlphaSSL intermediate certificate
- Update EULA to 2.2

1.38.1 (16.05.2025)

Features:

- Make eLicenser Control an optional runtime component in SDA and inform user about it
- Handle redemption of DACs with the strategy "verified-legacy-upgrade" to allow upgrading from registered eLicenser licenses to Steinberg Licensing licenses without involving the eLicenser
- Handle redemption of ACs with automatic exchange and redemption of the related DAC
- Move product categories under "Other Products" category
- Remove X button in social media bar
- Process beta keys also for runtime components

Maintenance:

- Automatically update copyright year during the build process

1.37.4 (09.04.2025)

Hotfixes:

- Fix determination of the Windows Platform
- Automatically disable IPv6 and restart aria if related networking issue was detected

1.37.3 (07.02.2025)

Features:

- Add support for WINARM64 platform
- Use optimized endpoint when loading product downloads

Bugfixes:

- Use newest version for content update when several versions are configured

Maintenance:

- Update InstallBuilder to 24.11.1
- Update spring-boot-starter-parent to 2.7.18
- Update commons-io to 2.18.0
- Update oauth2-oidc-sdk to 11.21.3
- Update dependency-check-maven to 10.0.4

1.36.4 (25.11.2024)

Hotfixes:

- Prepare for certificate exchange on server-side
- Introduce configuration option to disable ipv6 to prevent aria errors
- Improve handling of unexpected input from server

1.36.3 (23.10.2024)

Features:

- Add support for update of Aria2 as a runtime component
- Delete "3rd Party" directory with Aria2 when SDA is uninstalled
- Add Steinberg ASIO driver as Runtime Component
- Ensure that Steinberg Library Manager is installed before MediaBay
- Make confirmation message in SDA uninstaller dialog more specific
- Provide a link to Steinberg downloads page on the error dialogs for failed connection to Aria2 and for failed connection to download server
- Remember and restore SDA size and position when it is restarted
- Refine success dialog for redemption of Steinberg Licensing DAC
- Replace Twitter logo with X and reorder social media icons in footer
- Support PRA-protected self-update

Bugfixes:

- Show correct updates for products that use the same identifier as older versions: GrooveAgent 5, GrooveAgent SE 5, HALion Sonic 7, Padshop 2, Retrologue 2
- Fix download bar to show correct progress for large download choices with multiple artifacts
- Allow launching of .pkg installers from Downloads directory on mac
- Clicking a button to select download directory in settings, when no system default download directory can be determined, leads to directory selection dialog instead of exception
- Show only one error dialog when Install/Download All is clicked and download dir doesn't exist
- Show correct error message when DAC redemption fails because the DAC is blocked

Maintenance:

- Update Aria2 to 1.37.0 in SDA installer
- Update JDK to Azul Zulu JDK FX 8u402b06 (allows SDA to work on macOS VMs)
- Use certificate pinning, and include correct User-Agent header and user authentication for all requests from SDA
- Send all requests through Client Access Gateway
- Use redirect provider for all links
- Provide more information in SDA logs
- Enable optional aria logging using aria2c.loggingEnabled property
- Automatically create application.properties file with initial content during SDA startup if it doesn't exist
- Update EULA in installer
- Handle additional system platforms gracefully

1.35.0 (16.11.2023)

Maintenance:

- Add new AlphaSSL intermediate certificate

1.34.3 (09.02.2023)

Features:

- Add "Download" sub-menu option to the "Install" button
- Add "Download All" sub-menu option to the "Install All" button
- Always show "Install All" button if product has at least one silent-installable download choice
- Add "Download All" button to the products that do not have silent installable downloads or when different OS is selected
- Add support to "Pause All", "Continue all", "Cancel all" for the "Download All" and "Install All" buttons
- Let the user choose a base download directory on missing default directory on Windows
- Remove 32bit entry from OS dropdown
- Don't show "Updates" category when user selects different OS
- Use https protocol in links instead of http
- Improve security of aria download client
- Cache downloaded images
- Add MediaBay as runtime component and install it after SAM
- Automatically cleanup obsolete/invalid PRAs
- SDA installer prevents installation on Windows 7 and older

Bugfixes:

- Recreate the file with the state of downloads if it is corrupt and show a proper error dialog, instead of crashing

Maintenance:

- Update Kotlin to 1.8.0
- Remove obsolete options for supportInstallAll, elevatedInstaller and moreInfoLink
- Remove PACT tests

1.33.2 (25.08.2022)

Features:

- Application Update
- Refresh updates on login
- Refresh updates on reload
- Added a red dot at the update Category
- Make it possible to use SIA for runtime component installation
- Improve error messages
- Increase text width for products so that longer words aren't split into 2 lines
- Remove redundant "update" word in product names of Updates category

Bugfixes:

- Stop loading images on closing SDA
- Improve error handling for silent installations
- Increase minimum height of the application to 768px

Maintenance:

- Update Kotlin to 1.7.10
- Spring boot starter parent to 2.7.2
- Java Native Access to 5.12.1

1.32.1 (06.04.2022)

Features:

- Pass User-Agent header on DAC redemption
- Provide more descriptive error message when SDA fails to load redeemed products
- Provide hints to the user about how to proceed in the entitlement information dialog

Bugfixes:

- Fix memory leak when reloading products

Maintenance:

- Update Kotlin to 1.6.10

1.32.0 (23.02.2022)

Features:

- Support the upgrade scenario for Steinberg Licensing with one and multiple eligible grants
- User can now see and install updates for VST Sound Content in a dedicated category

Bugfixes:

- Fix update of runtime components on Win32 systems

1.31.1 (11.01.2022)

Features:

- Support for Steinberg Licensing:
 - Handle redemption of a retail DAC
 - Handle redemption of a migrating upgrade DAC
 - Install new runtime component: Steinberg Activation Manager (SAM)
 - Update EULA

Bugfixes:

- Show error message if system download directory is not found

Maintenance:

- Use Azul Zulu 8u312b07 JDK for all builds
- Update Kotlin to 1.4.32

1.30.0 (21.12.2021)

Hotfixes:

- Use Azul Zulu 8u312b07 JDK for mac builds to solve crash on macOS Monterey (see [JDK-8275723](#))

Bugfixes:

- SDA works now on macOS VMs (fixed in Azul Zulu 8u312b07, see [JDK-8235627](#))

1.23.1 (08.09.2021)

Features:

- Rename "Redeemed Products" category to "My Products"
- Retrieve user's redeemed products on SDA start and show them in "My Products" category
- Redeemed products in the "My products" category are shown in alphabetical order
- Products without category are shown exclusively in "My products" category after they have been redeemed (for example VST Rack)
- Show "Download" button instead of "Install" for Download Choice when configured OS differs from the local OS
- During update of runtime components show details about which component is updated and its size
- Decrease spacing between product rows

Bugfixes:

- After products are reloaded, product selection is preserved and correct category is expanded

1.22.3 (25.05.2021)

Features:

- Download and install states are now persistent
- "Install Again" action button is shown for download choice that was installed before
- SDA now provides a possibility to download a download choice again when user tries to access it from SDA after manually deleting it
- Downloads for different operating systems are handled separately
- User can now switch between products and change OS type when all downloads are paused
- User can now configure download speed limit and max amount of parallel downloads
- User cannot close modal dialog for update of runtime components while update is still running

Bugfixes:

- Disable double-clicking on Login button within 2 seconds
- If user still opens multiple tabs with login, all tabs will be workable for authorization

1.21.6 (10.03.2021)

Bugfix:

- Fix self update on macOS 11 (Big Sur)

1.21.5 (02.03.2021)

Summary:

- Increase timeout for silent installation and improve logging

1.21.4 (26.02.2021)

Bugfix:

- Clicking on Install All doesn't lead to error when Downloads/Steinberg dir doesn't exist yet

1.21.3 (19.02.2021)

Summary:

- Runtime component version numbers are now shown on the about page

1.21.2 (18.02.2021)

Summary:

- SDA supports now download and installation in one click
- Add Install All button
- SDA installs Steinberg Install Assistant on Windows as runtime component
- Prevent closure when installation of product is running

Bugfixes:

- Beta page doesn't change styling after entering beta code
- Do not replace ambiguous characters in AC

1.20.2 (24.11.2020)

Summary:

- Replace invalid characters in DAC with most likely counterpart
- Provide error dialog when login fails due to time difference
- Improve loading speeds of products and images
- Fix self-update on older mac versions
- Improve dialogs and translations

1.19.10 (13.10.2020)

Summary:

- Login/logout functionality
- SDA automatically installs and updates runtime components

- Steinberg Library Manager
- eLicenser Control Center
- Steinberg Install Assistant on Mac
- SDA supports redeeming of DAC and launching eLC to activate AC
- Add category for Redeemed Product
- Support for basic silent installation

Bugfixes:

- SDA should not crash when connection to aria fails
- Show error message when selected target directory does not exist anymore
- Warning for keystroke capturing does not appear on 10.15+ anymore
- Chinese language can now be set via properties
- SDA doesn't ignore System's Proxy Settings anymore

1.16.3 (06.11.2019)

Bugfixes:

- Update BitRock InstallBuilder to fix Japanese and Chinese translations on macOS 10.15 Catalina
- Properly determine download state when some artifacts are stopped and some are finished
- Fix SDA title on macOS 10.10, win 8.1 and win 10

1.16.2 (17.10.2019)

Features:

- Application properties can be created and opened with Ctrl+Shift+Alt+p / Cmd+Shift+Alt+p

Bugfixes:

- Fix fallback to default language

1.16.1 (09.10.2019)

Features:

- Provide missing translation for macOS 10.15 Catalina keystrokes warning
- Provide missing translation for "invalid beta key" error message

1.16.0 (02.10.2019)

Summary:

- Migrate to different tech stack
- Add basic support for macOS Catalina
- Multiple improvements and bugfixes

Features:

- Installer for macOS is signed with hardened runtime and notarized
- Use 64 bit installer

- Don't allow changing of settings while downloads are active
- Update list of team members
- Enable line break in download choice name
- Uninstaller will properly cleanup aria sources
- Select previously selected product and category after reload
- Show scrollbar in DownloadView only when needed
- Allow to reset a download location in settings
- Use up to date Steinberg logo in update helper
- Maintenance and technical improvements

Bugfixes:

- Show error message when read-only download location is used
- Don't cut off product names in last row
- Don't show error when removing the beta key of a selected product
- Allow changing of download location if download fails
- Show proper error message when attempting to download a large file on a FAT32 partition
- Allow overriding a locale to English on non-English operating systems
- Adding beta key and clicking on Settings icon will reload products now
- Changing download folder will update path in UI
- Fix icon for macOS with resolutions 256x256 and 512x512
- The installer on windows offers a choice to launch download assistant after installation
- Show warning regarding keystrokes monitoring on macOS 10.15 Catalina

1.15.2 (24.05.2019)

Bugfixes:

- Fix issue that prevented downloading a file that has newlines in it's name

1.15.0 (22.01.2019)

Improvement:

- Fetch list of categories from server
- Category sections are closeable

1.14.8 (26.11.2018)

Improvement:

- Products are categorized based on product family

1.14.5 (22.10.2018)

Bugfixes:

- Fix crash when running on macOS 10.10 (Yosemite)

1.14.4 (15.10.2018)

Summary:

- Make window resizable
- Use native look and feel for window
- Introduce categories for products

Features:

- Make window resizable
- Use native look and feel for window
- Improve server communication
- Remove link to Google+
- UI improvements
- Introduce categories for products

Bugfixes:

- Fix crash when Beta Key contains a space
- Fix scaling problem with high resolutions screens on Windows
- Fix wrong target folder settings
- Prevent text truncation
- Fix failing downloads on external drive on macOS

1.12.1 (11.04.2018)

Summary:

- PRAs can now be entered via the gui
- Add a hint to prompt for the final download location

1.11.7 (06.03.2018)

Summary:

- Open commands for Download Choices

1.10.0 (07.02.2018)

Summary:

- Use new Product Download Provider
- Pre-release authorization (PRA) on Download Choices and Products
- Undocumented reload shortcut

1.9.1 (23.01.2018)

Bugfixes:

- Fix windows executable signing

1.9.0 (22.01.2018)

Summary:

- Dynamic Product List

Features:

- SDA fetches products to be shown from server

1.8.3 (10.11.2017)

Summary:

- Cubase 9.5 Support
- VST Connect Pro Support
- Minor improvements

Features:

- Add Cubase 9.5 product family
- Add VST Connect Pro
- Update bundled JRE on macOS
- Downloads are now sorted alphabetically

Bugfixes:

- Download errors are now properly displayed
- Large downloads on macOS High Sierra work again (but preallocation is slower)
- Adjust UI to display greater amount of products correctly
- Prevent blank page when rapidly switching views

1.7.9 (27.10.2017)

Summary:

- (still) Iconica Beta Support
- Fix non-working Windows installer

Bugfixes:

- fix problem that Windows installer did not install any payload

1.7.8 (26.10.2017)

Summary:

- Iconica Beta Support
- Minor UI Improvements

Features:

- add Iconica Ensemble as product
- add Iconica Sections and Players as product
- Improve scrollbar handling

1.7.1 (24.10.2017)

Summary:

- WaveLab 9.5 Support
- Graphical improvements
- Minor bugfixes

Features:

- add WaveLab Pro 9.5 as product
- add WaveLab Elements 9.5 as product
- update team members
- update program icons
- update version of Bitrock install builder
- add splash screen and company graphics to installer
- update bundled JRE

Bugfixes:

- improve wording of some translations
- improve readability of help view
- improve readability in installer screens

1.6.2 (05.07.2017)

Summary:

- Graphical improvements
- Minor bugfixes

Features:

- use a crossfade animation instead of a flip animation when switching pages in the left pane
- add crossfade animations for the starting screen and mainwindow
- support switching pages in the left pane arbitrarily
- add hover effect to application title to indicate that it can be clicked on
- add hidpi support for all ui elements except the product banners
- add instagram social media button
- add download speed indicator for each download
- add support for selfupdate without aria
- the settings and help button now have a larger click area and their label changes color on hover
- do not depend on macOS system `unzip` command anymore
- transmit used aria2 version in user agent
- add "The Grand 3" as dedicated product

Bugfixes:

- improve rendering of the Windows titlebar buttons
- improve rendering of the page close buttons
- improve russian translation

- style the download button dark to better match the download view background
- do not scroll text in help dialog to the end when opening the help page
- fix typo in german translation
- increase width of toolbar buttons so translation does not get truncated
- panes now have the same size and are not off by 1px
- the current download state is now correctly displayed and not delayed
- translate "About" in about screen
- hide refer link in the help page and show link it refers to

1.5.4 (25.01.2017)

Summary:

- Multi product version
- Operating system for which to download is selectable

Features:

- improve detection of 64 bit version of Windows 10
- revamp marketing view to act as product selection panel
- add option to chose operating system for which to download products
- update about screen
- new application icon matching Steinberg's visual theme since Cubase 9 / HALion 6
- configure fixed set of product lines:
 - Absolute 2
 - Absolute 3
 - Dorico 1
 - HALion 6
 - HALion Sonic 3
- update bundled JRE
- display a message if a product is not available for 32 bit

Bugfixes:

- improve rendering of social media icons
- show only one error when not enough space left for a multi-part download
- improve styling of macOS minimize and close buttons

1.4.6 (17.10.2016)

Summary:

- Version for Dorico 1
- Capability to self-update

Features:

- reformulate texts to be independent of product (#3785)
- localize to full Steinberg language set (#3791)
- add check for updates on start

- update about screen
- use Pathfinder as server-side entry point
- improve operating system identification on Windows 10
- brand UI for Dorico
- set product line to Dorico 1 Full

Bugfixes:

- prevent display of product / os platform combinations without and download choices

Known Issues:

- This version overwrites earlier versions upon installation

1.3.6 (29.04.2016)

Summary:

- Version for HALion 6 Beta

Features:

- brand UI for HALion 6 Beta
- set product line to HALion 6 Beta

1.2.0 (22.09.2015)

Bugfix:

- SDA bei Anzeige von Fehlerdialogen aus der Windows-Taskbar wiederherstellen, um Deadlock zu verhindern (Bug #3224)
- Behebung von Formatierungsfehlern im Hilfedialog (Bug #3228)
- Behebung von u.U. zu Abstürzen führenden Grafikfehlern im Hilfedialog (Bug #3287)
- Behebung von abgeschnittenen französischen Texten in GUI-Elementen (Bug #3227)
- Der SDA-Uninstaller entfernt jetzt auch den SDA-Desktop-Shortcut (Bug #3288)

1.1.0 (24.08.2015)

Features:

- SDA erst schließen, wenn Aria beendet ist (PBI #3221)
- Produktdownload, der wegen Speicherplatzmangel fehlschlägt, muss auf Downloadpfadänderungen reagieren (PBI #3223)

Bugfix:

- Splash-screen hat keine französische Übersetzung (Bug #3225)

1.0.0 (28.07.2015)

Rebuild of 0.7.1

0.7.1 (22.07.2015)

Features:

- Download-Verzeichnis auswählen (PBI #3034)
- Möglichkeit, aria2-Installation im Installer abzuwählen (PBI #3104)
- Hilfe-Seite (PBI #3162)
- Vor dem Download prüfen, ob die Artefakte schon da sind (PBI #3206)
- Root-REST-Interface auf plm nutzen (PBI #3184)
- About-Screen (PBI #3218)

Bugfix:

- Merkwürdiger "Start in"-Eintrag in der Startmenü-Verknüpfung (Bug #3205)

0.6.2 (07.07.2015)

Features:

- Download Links im Standard-System-Downloader öffnen (PBI #2900)
- Alte Versionen abknipsen (PBI #3032)
- Installer für SDA (PBI #2896)
- UI-Design übernehmen (PBI #3100)

0.5.1 (16.06.2015)

Features:

- Progress Bar (PBI #3083)
- Download-Verzeichnis öffnen (PBI #3086)
- Pause-Resume (PBI #2889)

0.4.0 (19.05.2015)

Features:

- Download Verification (PBI #2912)
- Nachfrage beim Beenden des Programms (PBI #2898)
- .part-Renaming (PBI #3037)
- Downloads in Unterordnern (PBI #3038)
- Download nach Neustart des ADC fortsetzen (PBI #3036)

0.3.1 (05.05.2015)

Features:

- Certificate Pinning (PBI: #2907)
- Download Choice herunterladen (PBI: #3013)

0.2.2 (21.04.2015)

Features:

- User Agent für ADC (PBI: #2903)
- Download Choice herunterladen (PBI: #2885)

Known Issue:

- Download Choice herunterladen hängt beim herunterladen

0.1.3 (02.04.2015)

Features:

- Basisansicht (PBI: #2948)
- Konfigurierbarer Server (PBI: #2947)
- Anzeige der herunterladbaren Produkte (PBI: #2946)