

1 Before Installation

- a For **general information**, refer to the supplied Quick Start Guide or insert the DVD and – at the Studio Welcome Screen – click “Open Studio Manual” . There are also numerous free video tutorials on how to use Studio available at www.avid.com/studio/s15-tutorials.
- b Make sure your computer meets the **system requirements** (see box or product page on the web).
- c It is recommended that virus scanners are disabled before installing Studio.
- d Have your Studio **serial number** available. You can find it located on your DVD case/sleeve or – if downloaded – in your Avid customer account (account.avid.com – My Products).
- e Studio 15 may be installed on the same system where a previous Studio version installation exists – both versions will **coexist**.
- f Studio requires Windows components such as **.NET Framework**. If necessary, they will be installed automatically. This process requires some time and a system restart (wait for the prompt). The Studio installation will continue automatically.

2.1 Regular Installation

2.1.1 DVD

- a Insert the DVD. The Welcome Screen is displayed. Alternatively, double-click the welcome.exe file in the DVD root folder.
- b Follow the on-screen instructions.
- Continue to **Step 3**.

2.2 Upgrade Installation

2.2.1 Previous version on computer

- a The installer will automatically detect valid previous versions on your computer.
- b For disc versions: **see 2.1.1**
- c For download versions: **see 2.1.2**

2.1.2 Download

- a Studio Downloads from the Avid Store are saved in your “Documents” folder or custom location as a *.exe file.
- b Extract the *.exe file and in the created folder double-click the Welcome.exe to open the Studio Welcome Screen for installation.
- c Follow the on-screen instructions.
- d With the Avid Store, you can re-download Studio or retrieve your serial number anytime: simply log on to account.avid.com with your credentials and click on My Products.
- e It is recommended to save a backup of the downloaded Studio files, e.g. on a DVD or external hard disc.
- Continue to **Step 3**.

2.2.2 Previous version not on computer

- a During the installation, Studio will automatically request the proof of purchase of a valid previous version: please have the serial number of your previous version prepared.
- b For disc versions: **see 2.1.1**
- c For download versions: **see 2.1.2**

3 Add-on Installation

3.1 Plug-ins Studio Ultimate/Ultimate Collection only

- a **Studio HD users**: proceed to **Step 3.2**.
- b After the Studio installation, you will be prompted to install the exclusive Red Giant Plug-ins.
- c If you skip the plug-in installation at this point, you may still install them later using the Plug-ins button in the Studio Welcome Screen.
- d For further information on Studio plug-ins in general, visit: www.avid.com/studio/support/s15-content-plugins

3.2 Bonus Content

- a You will also be prompted to start the installation of the additional Bonus Content for Studio (on the Studio Welcome Screen):
 - > Hollywood FX Vol. 1, 2, 3 (Studio HD/Ultimate/Ultimate Collection)
 - > Premium Pack Vol. 2 (Studio Ultimate/Ultimate Collection)
 - > Creative Pack Vol. 1 (Studio Ultimate Collection)
 As these specific content packs are now part of Studio 15, there is **no transfer** of these volumes from previous Studio versions necessary – they are identical.
- b You may always install it later using the Bonus Content button in the Studio Welcome Screen.
- c For further information on Studio content in general, visit: www.avid.com/studio/s15-content

- First time customers:
You are all set! Enjoy editing with Pinnacle Studio!

- Existing customers:
Continue to **Step 4**.

4 Transfer Content

Not necessary for users coming from Studio 12 or 14

- a If you do not have previous content, or if you had installed the content already with **Studio 12** or **14**, proceed directly to **Step 5**.
- b Transferable content includes titles, DVD menus, sounds, video FX and audio FX purchased for Studio 10 or 11, and coming from:
 - > Bonus DVDs of Studio 10/11
 - > Premium Pack Vol. 1, 2
 - > VideoSpin
 - > RTFX Vol. 2
- c To transfer this content, please run the **Content Transfer Wizard** which you can find on the Studio 15 Welcome Screen, or in the Windows Start menu under Pinnacle Studio 15
- > Tools.
- d Please follow the on-screen instructions.
- e Additional information can be found at: www.avid.com/studio/s15-ctw
- Continue to **Step 5**.

If you need further assistance with your installation, please visit:

www.avid.com/studio/support

5 Activation Keys

For codecs, content and plug-ins

- a Certain functions, such as codecs or content, which were activated or unlocked in a previous Studio version, can easily be re-activated in Studio 15: Go to the **Help Menu** in the Studio Menu bar and select **Regenerate Activation Keys**.
- b For more information on this topic, go to: www.avid.com/studio/S15-activation

You are all set!
Enjoy editing with your new version of Pinnacle Studio!

STUDIO v15 Installation Step by Step