

# LiveCode 8.1.1 Release Notes

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## Overview

LiveCode 8.1 provides important improvements for delivering high-quality cross-platform applications!

- LiveCode Indy and Business editions now come with the tsNet external, which supercharges LiveCode's Internet features and performance. LiveCode 8.1 also introduces mergHealthKit, for accessing activity, sport and health data on iOS devices.
- The standalone builder now has a greatly-improved user experience for including externals, script libraries and LiveCode Builder extensions in your cross-platform application. Usually, it'll now do the right thing automatically, but you can still select the specific inclusions you need.
- The IDE has lots of other upgrades, too: a keyboard-navigable Project Browser that highlights any scripts that failed to compile, an improved dictionary user interface, and

access to the message box just by starting to type.

- The player control can be used in Windows application without any need for users to install any additional libraries or dependencies, thanks to a brand new player implementation based on DirectShow. For most apps, it should now be unnecessary to install or use QuickTime at all.
- The LiveCode Builder programming language has had some enhancements as part of the Infinite LiveCode project. Variables now get initialised by default, unsafe blocks and handlers can be used to flag sections of code that do dangerous things, and you can even include raw bytecode if necessary.

## Known issues

- The installer will currently fail if you run it from a network share on Windows. Please copy the installer to a local disk before launching on this platform.
- The browser widget does not work on 32-bit Linux.
- 64-bit standalones for Mac OS X do not have support for audio recording or the revVideoGrabber external.

## Platform support

The engine supports a variety of operating systems and versions. This section describes the platforms that we ensure the engine runs on without issue (although in some cases with reduced functionality).

### Windows

LiveCode supports the following versions of Windows:

- Windows XP SP2 and above
- Windows Server 2003
- Windows Vista SP1 and above (both 32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows 7 (both 32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Server 2008
- Windows 8.x (Desktop)
- Windows 10

**Note:** On 64-bit Windows installations, LiveCode runs as a 32-bit application through the WoW layer.

### Linux

LiveCode supports the following Linux distributions, on 32-bit or 64-bit Intel/AMD or compatible processors:

- Ubuntu 14.04 and 16.04

- Fedora 23 & 24
- Debian 7 (Wheezy) and 8 (Jessie) [server]
- CentOS 7 [server]

LiveCode may also run on Linux installations which meet the following requirements:

- Required dependencies for core functionality:
  - glibc 2.13 or later
  - glib 2.0 or later
- Optional requirements for GUI functionality:
  - GTK/GDK 2.24 or later
  - Pango with Xft support
  - esd (optional, needed for audio output)
  - mplayer (optional, needed for media player functionality)
  - lcms (optional, required for color profile support in images)
  - gksu (optional, required for privilege elevation support)

**Note:** If the optional requirements are not present then LiveCode will still run but the specified features will be disabled.

**Note:** The requirements for GUI functionality are also required by Firefox and Chrome, so if your Linux distribution runs one of those, it will run LiveCode.

**Note:** It may be possible to compile and run LiveCode Community for Linux on other architectures but this is not officially supported.

## Mac

The Mac engine supports:

- 10.6.x (Snow Leopard) on Intel
- 10.7.x (Lion) on Intel
- 10.8.x (Mountain Lion) on Intel
- 10.9.x (Mavericks) on Intel
- 10.10.x (Yosemite) on Intel
- 10.11.x (El Capitan) on Intel
- 10.12.x (Sierra) on Intel

## iOS

iOS deployment is possible when running LiveCode IDE on a Mac, and provided Xcode is installed and has been set in LiveCode *Preferences* (in the *Mobile Support* pane).

Currently, the supported versions of Xcode are:

- Xcode 4.6 on MacOS X 10.7
- Xcode 5.1 on MacOS X 10.8
- Xcode 6.2 on MacOS X 10.9
- Xcode 6.2 and 7.2 on Mac OS X 10.10

- Xcode 8.0 on MacOS X 10.11
- Xcode 8.0 on MacOS 10.12

It is also possible to set other versions of Xcode, to allow testing on a wider range of iOS simulators. For instance, on OS X 10.10 (Yosemite), you can add *Xcode 5.1* in the *Mobile Support* preferences, to let you test your stack on the *iOS Simulator 7.1*.

We currently support deployment for the following versions of iOS:

- 6.1 [simulator]
- 7.1 [simulator]
- 8.2 [simulator]
- 9.2
- 10.0

## Android

LiveCode allows you to save your stack as an Android application, and also to deploy it on an Android device or simulator from the IDE.

Android deployment is possible from Windows, Linux and Mac OSX.

The Android engine supports devices using ARMv6, ARMv7 or ARMv8 processors. It will run on the following versions of Android:

- 2.3.3-2.3.7 (Gingerbread)
- 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich)
- 4.1-4.3 (Jelly Bean)
- 4.4 (KitKat)
- 5.0-5.1 (Lollipop)
- 6.0 (Marshmallow)

To enable deployment to Android devices, you need to download the [Android SDK](#), and then use the 'Android SDK Manager' to install:

- the latest "Android SDK Tools"
- the latest "Android SDK Platform Tools"

You also need to install the Java Development Kit (JDK). On Linux, this usually packaged as "openjdk". LiveCode requires JDK version 1.6 or later.

Once you have set the path of your Android SDK in the "Mobile Support" section of the LiveCode IDE's preferences, you can deploy your stack to Android devices.

Some users have reported successful Android Watch deployment, but it is not officially supported.

## HTML5

LiveCode applications can be deployed to run in a web browser, by running the LiveCode engine in JavaScript and using modern HTML5 JavaScript APIs.

HTML5 deployment does not require any additional development tools to be installed.

LiveCode HTML5 standalone applications are currently supported for running in recent versions of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari. For more information, please see the "HTML5 Deployment" guide in the LiveCode IDE.

## Setup

### Installation

Each version of LiveCode installs can be installed to its own, separate folder. This allow multiple versions of LiveCode to be installed side-by-side. On Windows (and Linux), each version of LiveCode has its own Start Menu (or application menu) entry. On Mac OS X, each version has its own app bundle.

On Mac OS X, install LiveCode by mounting the .dmg file and dragging the app bundle to the Applications folder (or any other suitable location).

For Windows and Linux, the default installation locations when installing for "All Users" are:

Platform	Path
Windows	<x86 program files folder>/RunRev/LiveCode <version>
Linux	/opt/livecode/livecode-<version>

The installations when installing for "This User" are:

Platform	Path
Windows	<user roaming app data folder>/RunRev/Components/LiveCode <version>
Linux	~/.runrev/components/livecode-<version>

**Note:** If installing for "All Users" on Linux, either the **gksu** tool must be available, or you must manually run the LiveCode installer executable as root (e.g. using **sudo** or **su**).

### Uninstallation

On Windows, the installer hooks into the standard Windows uninstall mechanism. This is accessible from the "Add or Remove Programs" applet in the windows Control Panel.

On Mac OS X, drag the app bundle to the Trash.

On Linux, LiveCode can be removed using the `setup.x86` or `setup.x86_64` program located in LiveCode's installation directory.

### Reporting installer issues

If you find that the installer fails to work for you then please report it using the [LiveCode Quality Control Centre](#) or by emailing support@livecode.com.

Please include the following information in your report:

- Your platform and operating system version
- The location of your home or user folder
- The type of user account you are using (guest, restricted, admin etc.)
- The installer log file.

The installer log file can be located as follows:

Platform	Path
Windows 2000/XP	<documents and settings folder>/<user>/Local Settings/
Windows Vista/7	<users folder>/<user>/AppData/Local/RunRev/Logs
Linux	<home>/.runrev/logs

## Activating LiveCode Indy or Business edition

The licensing system ties your product licenses to a customer account system, meaning that you no longer have to worry about finding a license key after installing a new copy of LiveCode. Instead, you simply have to enter your email address and password that has been registered with our customer account system and your license key will be retrieved automatically.

Alternatively it is possible to activate the product via the use of a specially encrypted license file. These will be available for download from the customer center after logging into your account. This method will allow the product to be installed on machines that do not have access to the internet.

## Command-line installation

It is possible to invoke the installer from the command-line on Linux and Windows. When doing command-line installation, no GUI will be displayed. The installation process is controlled by arguments passed to the installer.

Run the installer using a command in the form:

```
<installer> install noui [OPTION ...]
```

where `<installer>` should be replaced with the path of the installer executable or app (inside the DMG) that has been downloaded. The result of the installation operation will be written to the console.

The installer understands any of the following `OPTIONS`:

Option	Description
<code>-allusers</code>	Install the IDE for "All Users". If not specified, LiveCode will be installed for the current user only.
<code>-desktopshortcut</code>	Place a shortcut on the Desktop (Windows-only)
<code>-startmenu</code>	Place shortcuts in the Start Menu (Windows-only)
	The folder to install into. If not specified, the <code>LOCATION</code> defaults to those

**-location** **OPTION**  
LOCATION

described in the "Installation" section above.

**-log** **LOGFILE**

The file to which to log installation actions. If not specified, no log is generated.

**Note:** the command-line installer does not do any authentication. When installing for "All Users", you will need to run the installer command as an administrator.

As the installer is actually a GUI application, it needs to be run slightly differently from other command-line programs.

On Windows, the command is:

```
start /wait <installer> install noui [OPTION ...]
```

## Command-line uninstallation

It is possible to uninstall LiveCode from the command-line on Windows and Linux. When doing command-line uninstallation, no GUI will be displayed.

Run the uninstaller using a command of the form:

```
<uninstaller> uninstall noui
```

Where is *.setup.exe* on Windows, and *.setup.x86* on Linux. This executable, for both of the platforms, is located in the folder where LiveCode is installed.

The result of the uninstallation operation will be written to the console.

**Note:** the command-line uninstaller does not do any authentication. When removing a version of LiveCode installed for "All Users", you will need to run the uninstaller command as an administrator.

## Command-line activation for LiveCode Indy or Business edition

It is possible to activate an installation of LiveCode for all users by using the command-line. When performing command-line activation, no GUI is displayed. Activation is controlled by passing command-line arguments to LiveCode.

Activate LiveCode using a command of the form:

```
<livecode> activate -file LICENSEFILE -passphrase SECRET
```

where **<livecode>** should be replaced with the path to the LiveCode executable or app that has been previously installed.

This loads license information from the manual activation file **LICENSEFILE**, decrypts it using the

given SECRET passphrase, and installs a license file for all users of the computer. Manual activation files can be downloaded from the [My Products](#) page in the LiveCode account management site.

It is also possible to deactivate LiveCode with:

```
<livecode> deactivate
```

Since LiveCode is actually a GUI application, it needs to be run slightly differently from other command-line programs.

On Windows, the command is:

```
start /wait <livecode> activate -file LICENSE -passphrase SECRET
start /wait <livecode> deactivate
```

On Mac OS X, you need to do:

```
<livecode>/Contents/MacOS/LiveCode activate -file LICENSE -passphrase SECRET
<livecode>/Contents/MacOS/LiveCode deactivate
```

## Engine changes

### Added support for Xcode 8 and iOS 10 (8.1.1-rc-1)

It is now possible to use LiveCode with Xcode 8 to deploy iOS standalones for iOS 10 simulator and devices.

Standalone deployment to iOS 8.2 using Xcode 6.2 is no longer supported.

### Specific engine bug fixes (8.1.1-rc-2)

[18542](#) Fix crash on iOS 10 when the app tried to access privacy-sensitive data

### Specific engine bug fixes (8.1.1-rc-1)

- [17804](#) Check if the proxy is enabled before set http proxy on Windoes
- [17825](#) Make sure printing in color on Mac works
- [17884](#) Fix stacks not fully drawn if windowshape and size set while hidden.
- [18130](#) Fix crash on Linux systems lacking GLib 2.0 or newer
- [18132](#) Ensure complex unicode scripts render correctly to PDF.
- [18135](#) Clear extended file attributes from iOS app bundle
- [18217](#) Allow Java SDKs newer than v1.6 to be used to build android

- 18272 Ensure scripts are unencrypted when setting the stack to script only
- 18285 Sign tsNet external for OS X
- 18306 Allow Android externals without java classes to be loaded
- 18315 Fix invalid Linux standalone executables
- 18332 Add support for launching apps in the iOS 10 simulator
- 18333 Added support for Xcode 8 and iOS 10
- 18336 Fix error in filter keys example
- 18338 Make sure "duration" and "playableDuration" are reported in millisecs on iOS player
- 18376 Fix slow performance of trueWord chunk on large strings
- 18380 Fix empty URLResponse when using PUT requests with tsNet libUrl wrapper
- 18414 Make sure resources are copied in the app bundle on iOS 10 simulator
- 18419 Code sign iOS external simulator builds
- 18422 Fix crash when launching the iOS 9.2 simulator
- 18429 Fix build error when creating a standalone with multiple stack files
- 18445 Ensure DataGrid is included in standalones correctly
- 18461 Make sure iOS 10 simulator can be launched

## IDE changes

### Specific IDE bug fixes (8.1.1-rc-2)

- 18494 Set the default iOS min version to "6.0 or later"
- 18507 Permit standalone deployment with minimum iOS version > 9
- 18528 Find Next/Previous in the SE now respects current cursor location

### Specific IDE bug fixes (8.1.1-rc-1)

- 15887 Make sure arrowKey left in Script Editor is not stuck at begin of line
- 18303 Don't show unnecessary dialog after creating a script only stack
- 18375 When saving script only stacks only warn of data loss if overwriting a binary stackFile
- 18386 Add entry field for button menuName stack name
- 9652 Ensure script editor does a case sensitive check to confirm the script has changed

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