

Installer Maker

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Thank you for downloading Installer Maker. Please, read the instructions below to find out how to install Installer Maker and where to obtain support.

Installer Maker

Installer Maker is a software tool, which wraps your own software or files in an installer for Windows or Mac OS X. Installer Maker is ideal for distributing applications created with RAD tools (HyperStudio, MetaCard, Revolution/LiveStudio, SuperCard, RealBasic/RealStudio), movie packs, presentations and other multimedia consisting of large collections of files, presentations with special fonts.

Installer Maker Plugin

The Installer Maker Plugin is a plug-in for Runtime Revolution 3.5 and later and LiveCode 4.5 and later (may also work with Revolution 3.0). You can use the plug-in to wrap your RunRev standalones in an installer for Windows or Mac OS X. There is no need for additional software. All you need is Revolution or LiveCode together with this Plugin (make sure your license allows for building standalones).

Application Installation

To install the Installer Maker application, simply run the installer. You can download the application installer at <http://installermaker.economy-x-talk.com>.

Plug-in Installation

To install the plug-in, open the file "Installer Maker Plugin Installer.rev". After reading the license conditions, click on "I agree..." to enable the Install button. As soon as you click on the Install button, the plug-in will be installed. The plug-in should be available in the Plugins menu of all installed versions of Revolution but can only be opened by RunRev 3 and later and by LiveCode 4.5 and later. You can download the plugin installer at <http://rinstallermaker.economy-x-talk.com>.

Licensing

To use the plug-in, you need to buy a license. If you want to ask any questions before purchasing, feel free to contact support through the Economy-x-Talk website. You can visit our website at <http://rinstaller maker.economy-x-talk.com> to obtain a license.

Please read the license conditions before installing the plugin and buying a license. Additional documentation will be made available soon.

Upgrade

Licenses stay valid for 3 months. This means that you can update Installer Maker for free during 3 months after purchasing your license. Once your license expires, you can still continue to use your copy of Installer Maker, but if you want to upgrade to a new version, you will have to buy a new license.

On the same web page where you downloaded Installer Maker and bought your license, you can also buy an upgrade license. Upgrades are available at a 50% discount. You are eligible for an upgrade during one year after purchase of your license. Once you have upgraded, you will receive free updates during 3 months again and are eligible for an upgrade for another year.

Trial Version

Since version 1.6.1 of the Installer Maker Plugin, it is possible to test the plugin and installers created by it, without having to buy a license first. Evidently, we had to put a number of restrictions on installers created with the trial version.

Installers created with the trial version of the Installer Maker Plugin

- will only run on the computer on which they were created
- will only run during the first 30 minutes after creation

Once you have licensed your copy of the Installer Maker Plugin, you will need to build your installers again to lift these limits.

Standalone versus Plug-in

As of version 1.6.2, we have two versions of Installer Maker. There is one plug-in version, which installs as a plug-in inside LiveCode. The other version can be used without running LiveCode. Both have their own installer and can be used separately, but you need only one license key. You are free to install either one or both.

The standalone version is still work in progress. This means that installers created with the standalone version may differ slightly from installers created with the plug-in version. The compression feature is currently unavailable in the standalone version and all Windows installers created with the standalone version have the same default icon.

If you decide to use the standalone version and the plug-in alternately, please make sure they have the same version numbers. The version number is visible in the bottom-left of the Installer Maker window.

Note: the installers for windows will always have the same default icon, if created with the standalone version of Installer Maker.

LiveCode Community Edition

If you used to have a license for LiveCode but are now moving to the Community Edition of LiveCode, without upgrading your LiveCode license, you can no longer use Installer Maker as a plug-in. You need to use the standalone version of Installer Maker. The standalone version of Installer Maker has the same features as the plug-in version, except of the ability to set your own Installer application icon.

Remaining Issues

Installer Maker Plugin 1.4 was updated to allow for 64-bit installations. This feature is currently being tested. We appreciate your feedback.

Currently, there are two known issues:

- some customers have reported to still see "Chinese" text in the installer but we can't reproduce this problem
- if you are using the LiveCode plug-in, the Windows version of the installer is always accompanied by an empty "Externals" folder, which you can delete safely
- while building the installer (after clicking the Start button), you might see a spurious "Can't find file" message.

If you experience any of these issues, please report it to Economy-x-Talk support.

The current version of the Installer Maker contains all features necessary to make a simple installer for Mac OS X and Windows. If you have an existing project needing a feature that hasn't been included yet, please send us the following:

- the e-mail address where you recieved your license from us
- a clear description of your project for which you need the feature
- a clear description of the lacking feature itself.

Incomplete feature requests are not feasible for consideration.

- all information about your computer and operating system (if this information is no provided, we can only ignore your report or request).

Contact

If you have any comments, questions or feature requests, please use the contact form on our website or send an e-mail to support@economy-x-talk.com.

History

1.8.9 - this is mostly a maintenance release - a menubar has been added - a minor problem with licensing has been solved

1.8.8 - this is a maintenance release, which includes the changes in b01 as well as a fix for the new license codes that were not being accepted

1.8.8b01 - a dialog window listing all applications no longer appears after dropping a file or folder onto the Installer Maker window in Mac OS X - special debugging features have been added

1.8.7 - Installers created with a trial copy on Windows should now start correctly (only on the same computer as on which they were created) - The documentation (on the Help screen) should still show up, even if the httpHeaders were set incorrectly by another script in the IDE - install locations have been extended by a large number of Windows-specific directories - the destination "startup disk" appeared incorrectly - a possibility to create an installer with empty files has been added - the uninstaller is now installed in the executable's folder on Windows, while previously it would end up in a separate folder occasionally - file paths are now included in profile files - if a path in a profile file is not found, you'll be asked if you want to repair all paths - MetaCard/Revolution/LiveCode stacks can be opened and run before or after uninstallation (note: no externals can be used in these stacks) - on Windows, the Uninstaller can now execute LiveCode scripts that have been added on the Scripts pane; this feature will be added for Mac OS X soon

1.8.6 - A language-related bug, causing an error message, has been resolved - other small multi-lingual improvements have been implemented

1.8.5 - LC 7 may report a socket timeout error, preventing the manual from downloading; we now check that this error is genuine - new update checking feature, which can be turned off in the preferences pane - optional language menu, which lets the user change the language; this feature is still in beta stage

1.8.4 - it is now possible to choose the root of the startup disk as destination, which usually allows you to add a path to almost anywhere on the hard disk - the routine that adds items to the OSX dock has been improved - small interface improvements

1.8.3 - Small changes to enhance compatibility with LiveCode 6.6.1 - improved storage of user settings - better license checking (hover mouse cursor over version number in bottom-left)

1.8.2 - we have made a start with a new feature that saves all settings for your project in a profile, which can be imported next time; see the Preferences tab for the two buttons to read and write profiles - it is no longer

possible to enter the .exe file extension for association with your software; all other file extension are still allowed

1.8.1 - people who reported to be unable to create Installers with the commercial edition of LiveCode 6 and later and are using the plug-in version of Installer Maker should now be able to do so

1.8.0 - the developer can choose whether to use NotePad or the default application to open Read Me files - a new Preferences pane has been added to the Installer Maker window - when adding new files and folders, you will always be asked if you want to add or replace files - a warning is shown if the name of the installer starts with a space (in the Appearance section) - the Read Me file is detected automatically and suggested in the Options tab of the Options pane - a few minor interface changes (mind the change of icons in the tool bar) - we'll be removing the Pictures folder from the LiveCode plug-in folder and new pictures are saved elsewhere

1.7.17 (plug-in only) - removed a small bug that prevented the plug-in from running in LiveCode 6.1 and later.

1.7.16 - enabled for LiveCode 6 (commercial edition only) - better compatibility with Mac OS X 10.8 - new panel for on-line documentation - standalone edition is released under the same version number - the pictures on the Appearance tab looked funny when scrolling and we have fixed that - the icon of the Installer application no longer has a red icon, which used to happen if created with the standalone version of Installer Maker - warning dialog if an OSX icon file is used for a Windows installer, preventing potential crashes

1.7.15 - no more delay when going to a different screen (this delay now occurs right after you open the plugin/application and should be hardly noticeable) - we fixed a bug, which made the "Use None" button of the Picture tab of the Appearance screen dysfunctional - if an installer for OSX was created on Windows, installer will set an executable bit for any *.app folders after all files have been written to disk

1.7.14S - standalone version of 1.7.14, includes all improvements added since version 1.7.11S

1.7.14 - no more execution error if you choose a destination before dragging a file into the IM window; instead you get a decent message telling you what's wrong - the Register button always hides after successfully registering to avoid confusion - permissions for application packages are now set correctly if you create your OSX-compatible installer on Windows

1.7.13 - all language options are visible in the menu on the options tab again - a bug that prevented the Uninstaller option on the Build tab from becoming enabled has been fixed

1.7.12 - more and better tool tips - we removed the Fonts option from the Select Destination menu button to avoid confusion - small interface improvements - (almost?) every control in the Installer Maker window has a tooltip now, which should make it much easier to use it - the file list on the Edit tab allows for selecting and deleting multiple files - the Edit tab also contains a Deselect All button

1.7.11S - standalone version of 1.7.11, includes all improvements added since version 1.7.4Sb01

1.7.11 - better feedback about progress while building the installer - the display of file icons has been disabled on PowerMacs - correct theme colour is used in Uninstaller - improved icon display in a few error dialog windows

1.7.10 - On Mac, the drop area on the Files tab shows the icon of the file or folder dropped onto it - improved visual transition between tabs - resource forks are now enabled, which implies support for old classic fonts on OSX (this feature is currently being tested) - small German language corrections - the file "installer test.txt" no longer appears on the desktop

1.7.9 - the Choose Folder button on the Files tab no longer displays an icon but the icon is now always shown correctly in the drop area - Mac OS X application packages can now run as post-install scripts

1.7.8 - we fixed an issue causing button labels to display incorrectly in LiveCode 5.5

1.7.7 - we have removed the redundant spaces from the button labels - the default text that appears if no license conditions have been set at all but the license screen hasn't been set to be skipped, has been restored - the installer is now able to print the license conditions - compatibility with Revolution 4.x has been improved, avoiding an error that sometimes appeared after building the installer - pictures on the tab Appearance>Picture no longer become invisible when selected

1.7.6 - an error potentially occurring when Installer Maker opens has been corrected - errors potentially occurring in the installer on a Mac while opening the Read Me file are now reported immediately after the attempt to open the file - German title "Installierung" changed into "Installation" - Installer Maker tries to provide more info when a file can't be found while the installer is being built (both the internal file name and the actual file path) - The Open Read Me File and Start Application buttons are now active by default, if the respective files are available

1.7.5 - small bug fixes

1.7.4Sb01 - versions 1.7 up to and including 1.7.4 are available as a plugin only but 1.7.4Sb01 is available as standalone version (beta only)

1.7.4 - a maintenance update containing the latest corrections to the Italian language feature and several small modifications to make things work more smoothly behind the scenes

1.7.3 - Italian language option has been added - no more ghost dialog saying that scripts can't be run - several small bug fixes

1.7.2 - Automatically created shortcuts (aliases) could be broken on Windows and have been fixed

1.7.1 - many adjustments and bug fixes to the Scripts tab

1.7 - official release, end of beta stage

1.7b04 - a new Catalan language option has been added - The Exit button wasn't localized and this has been fixed - if a folder or file can't be written due to lack of admin rights, an error message is displayed

1.7b03 - we have put the (modified) Dock option for Mac OS X back into the Aliases tab of the Options section

1.7b02 - small interface improvements - automatic Read Me file discovery - Read Me files can now also be in UTF16 or HTML format - we had to remove the Dock from the Aliases destination options on the Options section of Installer Maker

1.7b01 - We have reworked the interface, particularly by removing the tab bar, adding a completely new tool bar and reorganising the interface elements on the screen - The ability to run scripts and applications before and after running the installer has been added; supported are: Revolution/LiveCode/MetaCard stacks, AppleScript (.scpt) files, Visual Basic Script (.vbs) files, Mac OS X applications (.app) and Windows executables (.exe) - Commandkey-1 to Commankey-5 are handled 'slightly' better while in the IDE - In de Edit tab, files could sometimes not be removed and the scroll of the list field didn't stick; these bugs have been fixed - on Mac OS X, the installer log is now UTF8 encoded - this version is meant to be compatible with LiveCode 5 (please report any problems) - this version is also meant to be compatible with Lion (please report any problems) - install optional alias in Dock on Mac OS X - we disabled arrow key navigation in the Installer Maker window because it was confusing - small language improvements in German installers - we have added an optional default license text (English only for now) - execution errors are reported on screen, if any occur

1.6.3 - This version solves a licensing issue affecting a minority of users - the standalone version plays a sound when it finishes creating the installer - it is now possible to create an installer that skips the screen with the license agreement

1..6.2 - Installer Maker is now available as standalone version.

1.6.1 - compression features have been added (zip on Windows and zip or dmg on Mac OS X) - trial version available: unregistered copies of the Installer Maker Plugin produce installers with limited functionality for testing purposes - minor language corrections in Germany uninstaller - pictures on Appearance tab are ordered correctly by number

1.6 - French has been added to the language options (which now also include Dutch, English, German, Icelandic and Spanish) - a few corrections have been applied to the Icelandic strings - an installation log is saved to the Console window (Mac OS X only)

1.5.3 - You can now protect your installer with an optional password

1.5.2 - A problem which prevented the addition of "multiple files" (as opposed to files and folders) has been fixed - we have made a few minor interface improvements - if you forget to give the installer a name, you will be asked to enter one

1.5.1 - A problem causing an error in the registration window on Linux has been solved - if you run the Installer Maker Plugin on Windows, the registration window will appear nicely centered in front of the main window - some garbage no longer appears in message box when files are dropped into the IM window - the uninstaller no longer appears in the wrong location on Mac OS X under particular circumstances

1.5 - A bug that caused an error if a source file path contained a parenthesis has been resolved - it is now possible to remove pictures from the Picture tab of the Appearance section - some initial garbage has been removed from the installation progress bar label text - resetting the Installer maker prepares it to make an installer for the current platform (but making installers for alternative operating systems is still possible) - resetting Installer Maker now also resets the language to English - the pictures in the Picture tab in the Appearance section are no longer stored in an incorrect location in Revolution 4 and LiveCode 4.5 (you might want to check your documents folder for unwanted files) - If no log file is found, the language of the Uninstaller is set to English - more fluent status updates during uninstall - Tooltip of field with version number show license creation date - many small improvements, such as showing answer dialogs as sheets on Mac OS X - the Installer uses English if no language seems to have been set (e.g. due to an error) - a warning appears if no files have been selected and the Add Files Now button is pressed - the progress bar is forced to show a completed state after finishing installation and before moving to the next screen - Icelandic has been added to the language options

1.4.2 - the Uninstaller is no longer installed in the wrong location, if running under Mac OS X - from now on, the Uninstaller is only available if files are to be stored in a folder inside the application folder (a simple Read Me file is sufficient) - a button has been added to set the installer icon to empty - the

option to include the parent folder has been turned off for individual files to avoid confusion.

1.4.1 - this is a minor update fixing some cosmetic problems and a small bug that prevented the Start button on the Build pane from working properly.

1.4.0 - improved 64 bit compatibility on Windows (it is now possible to install 64 bit software in the right place; this is not for Revolution/LiveCode standalones) - the Installer Maker Plugin installer is now compatible with LiveCode 4.5.

1.3.0 - it is no longer necessary to restart Revolution after installing the plugin

1.2.0 - uninstaller for Mac is universal - options to create PPC, Intel or Universal installers for Mac - several corrections with regard to localization in the uninstaller for both Mac and Windows.

1.1.0 - multiple files and folder can now be dragged into "Add Files" pane of the Installer Maker window - pictures on the Appearance pane refresh only one time when plugin opens

1.0.2 - version number added to the main window - window zoom has been disabled.

1.0.1 - a problem with the registration system has been fixed.

1.0 - first public version

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