

Lightworks Version 12 Now Available on Windows Linux and Mac OS X!

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Today is a very exciting day indeed in the history of Lightworks! We are releasing Version 12 on Windows, Linux and Mac OS X!

It has been a long road bringing the Mac version of Lightworks to release alongside the Windows and Linux versions. This now gives us a very solid platform to build on for the future.

My thanks once again to everyone that has helped in testing and reporting issues found in version 12, you have been instrumental in getting version 12 to release and your feedback has been incredible.

Some of the exciting new features in version 12 can be seen below:

- Lightworks gives the same experience on all three platforms
 - Added new Content Manager structure
 - Bins and Groups (previously racks) are now all visible within the content manager
 - Multicam Bins (previously Sync groups) are now all visible within the content manager
 - The Search function has been incorporated into the content manager (click the magnifying glass)
 - Added Clips, Subclips, Prints, Syncs, Edits, Searches, Everything and Recent filters to the content manager
 - Added ability to create and edit Filters
 - Added ability to create Filters based on search criteria and manage them
 - Added the ability to drag/drop files from the OS directly into an open bin (cannot import to Filters)
 - Added the ability to import directly into an existing bin (cannot import to Filters)
 - And much more!
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- Optimised the drawing pipeline to create a much more responsive user interface
 - Rewritten the Lightworks Play engine for improved playback performance
 - Added improvements to the export panel to make it easier to select a format for export
 - Added entirely new Blur effect to the Effects panel
 - Added powerful new Colour Correction effect
 - Added powerful new Selective Colour Correction effect
 - Added import of FCP7 XMLs
 - Added 4K support for ProRes formats (Blackmagic cameras)

The full list of fixes and other improvements in version 12 can be found in the 12.0 Release Notes

document on the Downloads page. It is worth mentioning here that Windows XP support is now officially discontinued.

Lightworks Pro Pricing Changes

To coincide with the release of version 12 we are adjusting the pricing model slightly. The Free version of Lightworks remains on all three platforms but gone are repeat subscriptions, replaced with single use licenses for a Month, Year or Outright. The pricing for each of the options has also changed:

Month License: £14.99 | €19.99 | \$24.99

Year License: £99.99 | €134.99 | \$174.99

Outright: £249.99 | €337.99 | \$437.99

Users that have purchased the Buy Outright license for version 11 will be able to upgrade to version 12 by clicking the "Upgrade" button on their Outright license within the Activations page: www.lwks.com/activations

This will automatically add the upgrade option to their shopping cart in the Shop. The Outright upgrades will cost: £99.99 | €134.99 | \$174.99

Any user already on a subscription (month or year) will continue to pay the old price until such time as they cancel their subscription.

Lightworks Website Changes

The Lightworks website has been given a slight refresh, improving the look throughout the site, with more changes to come. We have also added a "New in version 12" page: www.lwks.com/version12 that goes into detail about the new features in the application.

The Shop has been given a makeover to simplify the payment options and includes the ability to purchase a Lightworks Pro license for Mac OS X. The complimentary Lightworks Pro license issued to Mac Beta Testers has now been turned off and the Free version enabled.

All the Lightworks Tutorial Videos have been updated to version 12: www.lwks.com/tutorials including a Quickstart Guide which is ideal for new and existing users to get up to speed quickly with version 12.

The new documentation is slightly behind schedule, there is an updated Quick Start Guide on the Downloads page with release documentation. We will be releasing the User Guide and Advanced User Guide over the coming weeks.

Users running Beta builds will need to update to this release build. The auto transcoding feature of large GOP MP4 files has been reverted in the 12.0 release. Linux users will need to remove any Beta builds prior to installing version 12.0.

Once again my thanks to all the Alpha/Beta testers in making this such an historic day in the history of Lightworks!

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