
Installer VISE 8.5 VCT Conversion

Overview

This document contains information on converting Installer VISE 8.5 VCTs to VISE X format.

Although Installer VISE 8.5 provides functionality for both Classic Mac OS and Mac OS X, VISE X focuses exclusively on Mac OS X functionality. As a result, a number of Classic Mac OS features present in Installer VISE were removed for VISE X.

During VCT conversion, features and settings that are not available in VISE X are either disabled or changed to the closest match. Conversion details are written to a file called “Conversion Log.txt,” which will be located in the same folder as the VCTs. Be sure to refer to this file for important information on changes made for the conversion.

The names of converted VCTs will be preceded by “VISX_.” For example, the VISE X conversion for a file named “IVISE85convert.vct” will be “VISX_IVISE85convert.vct.”

Billboard and splash screen graphics will be removed from the converted VCT and exported to a folder named “<VCT Name> Graphics,” which will be located in the same folder as the VCTs.

In most cases, you will need to make some manual changes after converting your VCTs.

Notes

If you’re using Classic domain install locations, copy the contents of the Additional Locations folder to the Install Locations folder before converting your VCT. This will enable Classic domain install locations that are not used in VISE X by default.

If you created external code resources for use with Installer VISE, you will need to do the following to make them compatible with VISE X:

- For VISE X 3.x, you will need to convert your external code resources to universal binaries, in the form of CFPlugIns. See the document “VISE X 3.0 Addendum.pdf” for more information on that process. When your CFPlugIns are ready, you should add them to your VCTs through the “PlugIns/Scripts” section of the Project window. Then bring up the Edit External Code dialog and use the “PlugIn/Shell Script (.bundle or text)” section to declare the PlugIns and make them available for use by your installers. Finally, specify when the installers should call the external code, using the same process that you normally would.
- For VISE X 2.0 and earlier versions, you will need to recompile your external

code resources before you add them to a VCT. Be sure to use the new header files that are included with VISE X.

You cannot import Installer VISE 8.5 translator applications into VISE X. However, you can import Installer VISE 8.5 localization files, in which case VISE X will update the resources for 255-character file names. If you have legacy translator applications but no localization files, you should use Installer VISE 8.5 to import those translators, and then create a localization file for importing into VISE X.

Embedded VCTs are not compatible between Installer VISE 8.5 and VISE X. Before you can embed an Installer VISE 8.5 VCT in VISE X, you will first need to convert the VCT to VISE X format. Accordingly, you must remove any embedded VCTs from your Installer VISE 8.5 VCTs before doing a conversion to VISE X.

File Information

Files that belong to an imported VCT or the VCT itself will not be imported. Logged.

If an item's Install To Domain is set to On System Disk or On Appropriate Disk (two non-domain settings that were removed for VISE X), the setting will be changed to User Domain. Logged.

If an Install To location cannot be converted to a Mac OS X location, the setting will be changed to Install Folder. Logged.

If a Search Location cannot be converted to a Mac OS X location, the setting will be changed to All Disks. Logged.

Compressed data will be copied from the Installer VISE 8.5 VCT to the VISE X VCT. Not logged.

Package Information

Sub-Archive Packages checkboxes will be turned off. (The feature was removed for VISE X.) Logged.

Disk Information

If the Segment Size is something other than Custom, it will be set to Fill Disk. Otherwise, if the Segment Size is set to Custom, it should be correctly converted to MB. Not logged.

If the Disk Size is something other than Custom, it will be set to 650 MB. Otherwise, if the Disk Size is set to Custom, it should be correctly converted to MB. Not logged.

Installer Settings

CPU will be set to G3. Not logged.

Gestalts settings within the Attributes tab of Installer Settings will be turned off. (Setting Gestalt for minimum install requirements was removed for VISE X.) Not logged.

Splash screen PICTs will be exported as explained in "Overview" above.

If the developer has added an external code resource file to the installer through the Advanced tab of Installer Settings, the resources from that resource file should be copied to the resource fork of the VCT. Logged.

If the Search Location used for Default Install Location cannot be converted to a Mac OS X location, the setting will be changed to Startup Disk. Logged.

Build Targets

If Ask at Build, Floppies, USB Installer, Single File or Single File w/External Data is set, then the Build Target format will be set to Application Bundle. Otherwise, the setting should remain the same. (You should always verify that the setting is what you expected.) Logged if changed.

MacBinary post-processing settings will be removed. Not logged.

BinHex post-processing settings will be set to Tarball post processing. Not logged.

Billboards

Billboard PICTs will be exported as explained in “Overview” above.

Billboard settings will not be retained. Not logged.

Forms

As a result of VISE X’s custom form editor being optimized for Mac OS X, text used in forms will sometimes be clipped during the conversion process. If you convert Installer VISE 8.5 VCTs that include custom forms, you should open the forms in the converted VCTs and correct any clipping issues by adjusting the text field sizes and/or font attributes as needed.

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