



Arrange & animate your 3D layers.

# Install Guide for 3D Assistants

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### Overview of Installing

The 3D Assistants were created to take away the tedious functions of managing 3D layers in After Effects. We've tried to make the install process easy as well. You simply need to designate your After Effects/ Plugins folder during installation.

Following are instructions for installing the product on Windows or Macintosh. Please note that your installer is not cross-platform; it will either work on the PC or the Mac. Contact us for discount information if you need to purchase the other platform.

### Throw away old files

If you have previously installed an earlier version of 3D Assistants, you will need remove those files before installing the current version. The files to remove are in your host application's 'Plugins' folder. Here is a list of the locations that you should go to in order to remove those files.

- \* On a Mac, that path is probably: [Hard Drive/ Applications/ Adobe After Effects/ Plugins/ Digital Anarchy/ 3D Assistants](#)
- \* On Windows, for After Effects 6.0 +higher, that path is probably: [C:/ Program Files/Adobe/After Effects/ Support Files/ Plugins/ Digital Anarchy/ 3D Assistants](#)
- \* On Windows, for After Effects 5.5, that path is probably: [C:/ Program Files/ Adobe/ After Effects/ Plugins/ Digital Anarchy/ 3D Assistants](#)

### Using the current demo?

If you have already installed the current demo of 3D Assistants, then you DO NOT need to install anything new. Hooray! You can simply unlock the watermark with your serial information. Skip to the final section of this Install Guide, called Activate Your Serial Number.

## Macintosh Support

3D Assistants are supported on Mac OS X, all variants. We do not support OS 9.0 for this product. The 3D Assistants work in After Effects 5.5 +higher, including AE CS3. This product is compatible with Intel Macs (called a Universal build).



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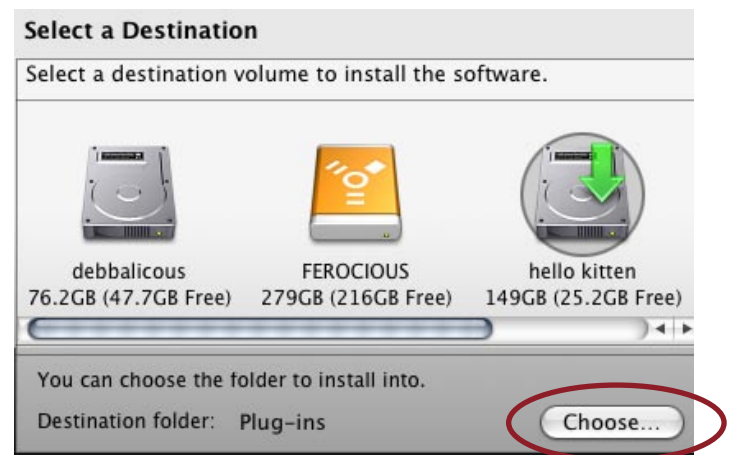
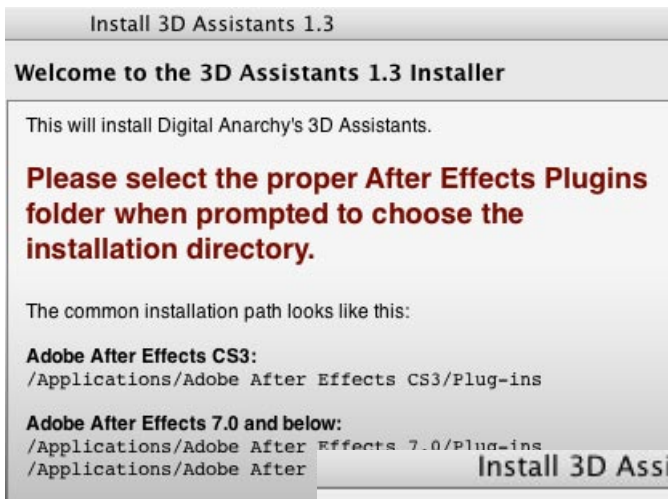
## How to Install

To install for After Effects, double-click on the '3D Assistants.dmg' that you have downloaded. This will mount an install volume on your hard drive called '3D Assistants.pkg'. Double-click the package installer to get started.



When installing for After Effects, you DO need to designate both the hard drive to install to AND the install location. Choose the 'Plugins' folder for your version of After Effects when prompted to do so.

**NOTE:** This is important. If you don't designate the Plugins folder, then ReSizer may not work properly. The path should look something like: [Hard Drive/ Applications/ After Effects/ Plugins](#)



## Authenticate the Install

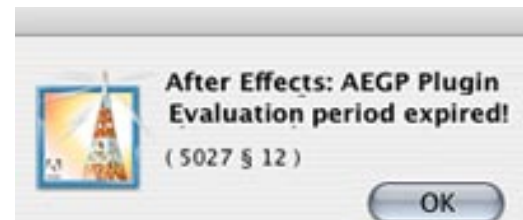
When the product is ready to install, you may see a Authentication screen. This is your operating system asking for your User Account password.

The 3D Assistants install a few files outside of the After Effects Plugins folder. Type in your OS password to continue the install.



## Remove the Files (or, where are they?)

Once the 10-day demo expires, every time you launch After Effects, you will get a series of error messages saying the 3D Assistants demo has expired. Sixteen tools = 16 error messages! Your two options are to (a) buy the product and enter in a serial number, or (b) remove the demo files.



Normally, you will find the files in your After Effects 'Plugins' folder. However, if you didn't install the 3D Assistants correctly to that folder, the installer actually deposits the 3D Assistants files elsewhere. It looks for a 'MAC OS' folder and installs the files there.

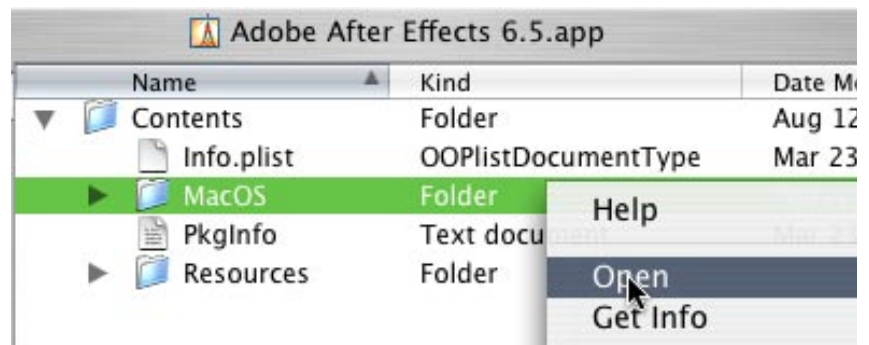
This means that our plugins wind up inside of the After Effects .app file in the After Effects folder. Basically, the .app file \*swallows\* the plugin files. These files cannot be found via a 'Find File' function because they are inside a hidden folder, which is what the .app file really is.

The fix is easy. Go to your After Effects folder. Right-click on the 'Adobe After Effects' app file, and choose 'Show Package Contents'. Then right-click on the 'Contents' folder, and choose 'Open'.

This is the path that you should troubleshoot.

Is there a 'Digital Anarchy' folder or a copy of individual plug-in files? If not, please drill down a little further through the 'MacOS' folder.

If you decide to reinstall once this problem is fixed, please make sure to designate the After Effects 'Plugins' folder during installation.



## Windows/Vista Support

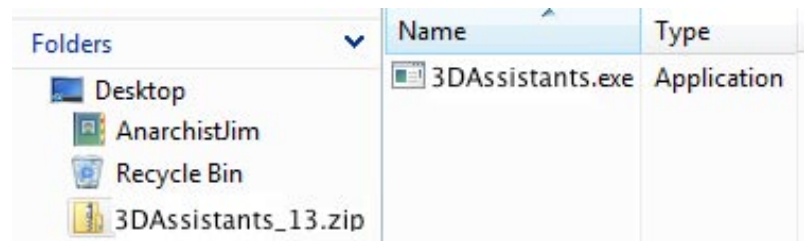
3D Assistants are supported in Windows 2000, XP Home, XP Pro and Vista 32-bit systems. The product should run in Vista 64-bit but we do not currently provide support for that OS. The 3D Assistants work in After Effects 5.5 +higher, including AE CS3.



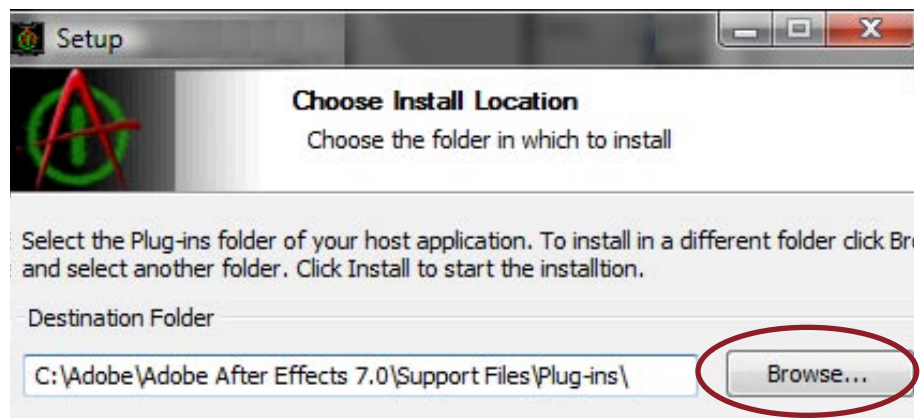
3DAssistants\_13.zip

## How to Install

To install for After Effects, double-click the '3D Assistants.exe' installer that you have downloaded. You may first have to unzip the Zip file it's contained in by double-clicking the Zip archive.



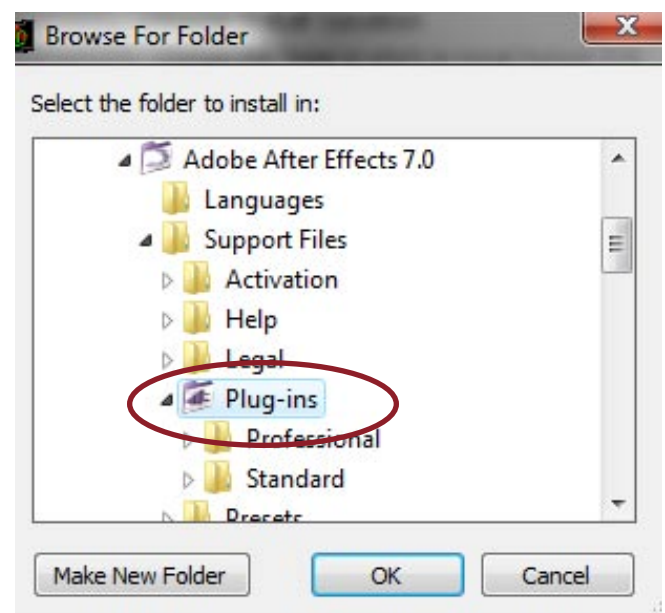
You will arrive at the 'Locate Destination' screen. This asks you to choose the After Effects folder that you'll be installing for. Click the 'Browse' button and navigate to the After Effects directory on your hard drive. Select the 'Plug-ins' folder.



If you are installing to AE 6.0 +higher, your install path will look like this:  
<C:/Program Files/Adobe/After Effects/Support Files/Plugins>

If you are installing to AE 5.5, your install path will look like this:  
<C:/Program Files/Adobe/After Effects/Plugins>

**NOTE:** Even if the installer looks as if it is already pointing to the correct location, please click through to choose the path anyway. Installers can be fussy sometimes. You need to specifically choose the 'Plug-ins' folder or the plugin many not work correctly.



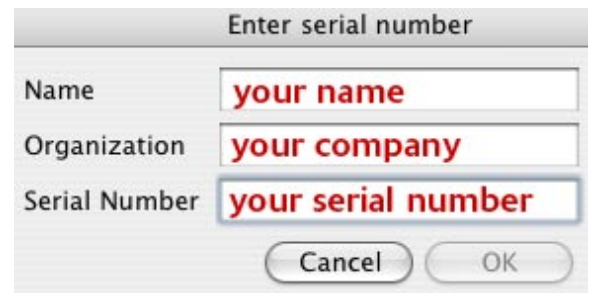
## Activate your Serial Number

To activate the 3D Assistants for Mac or Windows, simply apply an Assistant to a layer. A dialog box will ask for your Serial Number. If this dialog doesn't initially appear, click the 'About' button in the Effects palette.

This opens a dialog that asks for your Name, Organization, and Serial Number. If you have purchased the product, we sent you an email with this information.

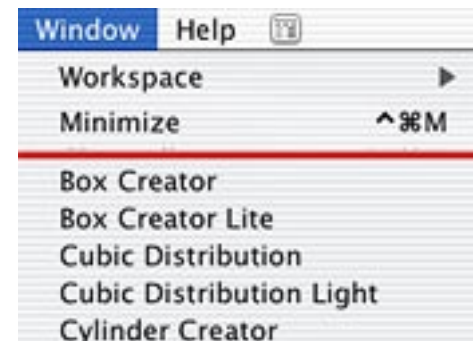
This information is case-sensitive so please enter it exactly as it is written. If the Organization field is blank, then leave it blank. If the information doesn't take, try typing instead of copy/pasting. Use the Shift key instead of Caps Lock for capital letters.

If you don't have serial information, please click the Cancel button. That will put 3D Assistants into demo mode. You have 10 days to evaluate the product.



## Where They're Located

The 3D Assistants are keyframing tools, not plugins. Therefore, you will find them listed in After Effect's 'Window' menu, not under the 'Effects' menu.



## How to Un-gray Them

The first time you use an Assistant, the tool may appear to be 'grayed out', or not selectable in the Window menu. To activate the 3D Assistants, you will need to do these simple steps.

- (1) Select the layers in your Timeline.
- (2) Turn on the 3D switch for those layers.
- (3) Go to your Window menu to select the 3D Assistant.

## Need Help?

You are welcome to contact us for assistance with inputting your serial information. Often the issue is simply that your name or license has not been typed correctly. Just email [sales@digitalanarchy.com](mailto:sales@digitalanarchy.com) or call 415-586-8434 during business hours. Thanks! -The Anarchists

