

Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 Update for Mac OS X

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For Pro Tools|HD Systems with Pro Tools HD 7.4 for Mac OS X "Tiger" Only

- This update requires previous installation of Pro Tools HD 7.4 for Pro Tools|HD systems on Mac OS X
- Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 for Mac OS X is qualified for Mac OS X 10.4.9 ("Tiger")
- Not supported on Mac OS X 10.5 ("Leopard")

Who Should Use Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5?

Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 for Mac OS X includes the following:

- Modification: Expand to New Tracks by Time Code Only

Plus previous fixes and changes in the following areas:

- DigiBase, Cataloging
- File Comments in WAV files
- MIDI
- Avid Video
- Surround mixing
- Automation
- Plug-ins
- PAL/Mojo
- Scrubbing with Mojo
- User Interface
- Dynamics III
- Using Soundminer
- Avid Video Peripherals
- Locking to Time Code
- Elastic Time
- MachineControl
- Control surfaces

This update is recommended for all Pro Tools HD 7.4 users using Digidesign Control Surfaces:

- Command|8
- C|24
- Control|24
- ProControl
- ICON Systems
 - D-Control
 - D-Control ES
 - D-Command

Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 is provided as an interim "customer support (CS)" release to address the issues described. While our testing has not shown these changes to introduce other problems, the fixes described have not been fully qualified by Digidesign.

What's Included in Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 for Mac OS X?

Modified: Expand to New Tracks by Time Code Only (Item # 102582)

Expand To New Tracks By Time Code Only capability lets you expand a track or selected region to new tracks, revealing all other regions recorded at the same time code location, regardless of channel name or number. In previous versions, other metadata needed to match in addition to time code for this feature to work.

Background

This approach is useful when expanding edited guide tracks to original source audio which was recorded while referenced to time code, but channel names or numbers were not written to the audio files. For example, when a live concert is recorded in Pro Tools, then a guide audio track is edited along with the video, then the edited guide track is returned to Pro Tools and needs to be expanded to the original source tracks for mixing.

Additional Information

Please see the "Expand to New Tracks by Time Code Only Read Me", included with the update and available separately below for important additional information, including:

- Typical Workflow
- Relinking the Original Unedited Guide Track
- Known Limitations with Expand to New Tracks by Time Code

Fixes Included from Pro Tools HD 7.4cs4

Fixed: DigiBase Aborts Cataloging if Audio File Comments Exceed 256 Characters (Item #100604)

- When attempting to catalog, a Neo Assertion error appears in the Project Browser
- The following error is generated when selecting a 256 + comment in the Workspace: "The value contained too many characters; previous value substituted".

Fixed: WAV File Metadata Containing Non-English Characters Are Not Visible In Pro Tools 7.4, and Comments Can Be Lost if Edited (Item #100502)

- Although the file comments are invisible in the DigiBase comments field, clicking in that field will delete all of the comments
- This only affects non-BWF WAV files
- This CS version restores the visibility of WAV file comments, as long as the field wasn't clicked in using earlier versions of Pro Tools 7.4

Fixed: Only the First 16 MIDI Inputs Are Available In The MIDI Input Enable Window (Item #76712)

- Window cannot be resized, scroll bar doesn't access other MIDI inputs

Fixed: A QuickTime Movie Played Using Mojo or Mojo SDI Could Jump Out of Sync (Item #100497)

- This would only occur if playback crossed 35min-45 seconds from the session start

Fixes Included from Pro Tools HD 7.4cs3

Fixed: Surround Pan Automation is not Updating Properly in Loop Playback (Item # 85802)

- The pan positions are correct on the first play of the selection, but can be incorrect on subsequent plays

Fixed: Playback of Surround Panning automation gets "stuck" (Item #100847)

- This would only occur when writing automation with a selection highlighted while in Loop Playback mode

Fixed: Trim Values Could Be Accidentally Written To The Entire Session (Item #100795)

- Steps to reproduce:
 - A fader position in Latch/Trim or Touch Trim could be accidentally bumped while the transport was stopped.
 - Subsequently leaving Trim mode, or manually coalescing trims would then write that bumped value to the entire track

Fixed: Pro Tools Automation Thinning Could Sometimes Remove Non-Redundant Breakpoints (Item #100794)

- The thinning algorithm could mistakenly classify a breakpoint as redundant

Fixed: Certain Third Party Products Could Cause Pro Tools to crash (Item #100661)

- Celemony Melodyne and AudioEase Snapper would cause a crash with tick-based regions

(introduced in Pro Tools 7.4)

Fixed: Mojo - PAL QuickTime or MXF Movies Could Stutter or Display in Black and White (Item #101047)

- This resulted from Mojo getting "stuck" in NTSC mode even when Pro Tools was set to PAL

Fixed: Scrubbing Avid Video on the Computer Monitor Would Resize the Picture (Item #100657)

Fixes Included from Pro Tools HD 7.4cs2

Fixed: Track Color Coding Saturation Was Not Adjustable (Item #94474)

- Functionality is now the same as in Pro Tools 7.3.x

Fixed: Opening a Session with an RTAS Version of Dynamics III Could Result in a Burst of Noise (Item #99562)

- This problem was intermittent, and would not occur when using TDM versions of Dynamics III

Fixed: Errors Resulting From Importing Certain Files Using Soundminer (Item #100028)

- File names using an ellipsis (...) would cause the error, "Unable to create a new audio file on drive "xxx" for track "xxx" because I/O error (-36)."

Fixed: QuickTime Movies Would Cease to Play out Avid Video Peripherals After File Import (Item #100299)

- This would occur after importing audio files from the Workspace Browser

Fixed: Time Code Chasing Not Possible After Time Code Reaches ~ 11 hours, 25 minutes, regardless of session start time (Item #99605)

- This would occur with a session start time anywhere between 01 to 11 hours

Fixed: Quantizing Grouped Elastic Audio Tracks Produces Some Inaccurate Transient Placement (Item #100013)

- Transients could be placed either before or after grid lines

Fixed: User Can Only Promote the Confidence of an Event Marker by Moving it (Item #100378)

- Clicking on any Event marker will now raise its internal confidence rating to 100%, thus preventing the marker from being removed when the Event Sensitivity setting is lowered within the Elastic Properties window

Fixed: Using Render or Commit With "Rhythmic" Algorithm Can Produce Artifacts at End of Files (Item #100420)

- This would usually occur when using extreme amounts of stretching

Fixed: Elastic Time Warp Markers Could Move After Quantizing (Item #100423)

- Quantizing a selected area could cause markers outside that selection to move

Fixes Included from Pro Tools HD 7.4cs1

Fixed: When Transport = Machine and a linear deck is connected, Back and Play does not work (Item #99342)

- Under certain conditions the Back and Play command would not respond when transport was set to Transport = Machine.

Fixed: Pro Tools quits unexpectedly when moving a plug-in window while closing it from a control surface (Item #99442)

- If a plug-in window was closed from a control surface while the plug-in window was being dragged across the screen, Pro Tools would quit unexpectedly.

D-Control Updates from Pro Tools HD 7.4cs1

The following new or updated features were added in the D-Control personality file and firmware updates included in the Pro Tools HD 7.4cs1 update *and all higher Pro Tools HD 7.4 CS releases*:

- Changes to the "Auto Write To" Switches
- Changes to the Soft Keys Section
- Dual Transport Mode
- LED Test Mode Color Changes (D-Control ES Only)
- D-Control Multi-Mode (Mac only)*

**Pro Tools HD 7.4cs1 and higher for Mac OS X added the ability to enter D-Control Multi-mode, which lets you use a single D-Control console to access up to four Pro Tools|HD systems on a network. Multi-mode lets you quickly switch worksurface control from one Pro Tools system to another by pressing a single switch on the D-Control console. Please note that older consoles may require upgraded components to support Multi-mode. See the D-Control Addendum v7.4-7.4cs1 for more information.*

For complete information on these features, see the D-Control Addendum v7.4-7.4cs1 document.

Known Issues:

Green LEDs light when performing the Utility Mode Yellow LED test on D-Control (Item #100014)

- Certain Green LEDs light during the Yellow LED test.

D-Control Main Unit cannot enter Utility Mode when it is undeclared (Item #100015)

- In some cases, an undeclared D-Control unit will not enter Utility mode. To put the unit in Utility Mode, first declare the unit on a Pro Tools system.

Installation Instructions

To update to Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5:

1. Verify Pro Tools HD 7.4 is installed on your Pro Tools|HD system.
2. Quit the Pro Tools application if it is open.
3. Locate the Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 Update Installer and launch it.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to install Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5.
5. When installation is complete, restart your computer.

If you have installed previous updates, some file versions may not change. This update installs the following files:

- Pro Tools HD.app (v7.4cs5)
- DMC.framework (v7.4cs4)
- FFmt.framework (v7.4cs4)
- DAE.framework (v7.4cs3)
- DHS.framework (v7.4cs3)
- Dynamics III.dpm (v7.4cs2)
- D-Control.bundle (v7.4cs1)
- HWC.framework (v7.4cs1)

To initiate the firmware update for D-Control included in Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5:

Please Note: It is not necessary to update D-Control firmware if you have already done so using Pro Tools HD 7.4cs1 or higher.

1. Launch Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5.
2. Choose Setup > Peripherals and click Ethernet Controllers.
3. If they are not already declared, declare your D-Control Main Unit and Fader Modules.
4. Click OK in the Peripherals dialog.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to update your D-Control firmware.
 - *If you have a D-Control Surround Panner, you will be prompted to update the firmware for the Surround Panner. This firmware update can take about 11 minutes. You may choose to cancel the Surround Panner update until later. The Surround Panner firmware update is not required to use the features in Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5.*

Download Notes

The Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 Read Me and Expand by Time Code Read Me documents are included with the Pro Tools HD 7.4cs5 Update download.

The D-Control Addendum is available as a *separate download* for D-Control users.