

Adobe® SVG Viewer for Macintosh

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About Adobe SVG Viewer

Adobe SVG Viewer 3.0 supports much of the W3C Recommended [Scalable Vector Graphics \(SVG\) 1.0 Specification](#) published on 4 September, 2001.

System Requirements

- System 8.6 through 9.2, or OS 10.1 (but not OS 10.0)
- Netscape Navigator or Communicator versions 4.5 through 4.78 (but not 6.x), Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher, or RealPlayer 8 or higher.
- 10 MB of hard disk space
- 48 MB of RAM recommended

Note: You may need to increase the memory partition for your browser or RealPlayer® to view or print some larger SVG files on systems prior to OS 10.

How to install Adobe SVG Viewer

1. Before installing, please close any application which you have used to view SVG with an old version of the plug-in.
2. Run the installer. The latest released installers can be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com/svg/viewer/install>.

How to install Netscape plug-ins for use with unsupported Browsers

If you install another copy of Netscape or Internet Explorer which is supported by the Netscape plug-in, you can copy the following files into your plug-ins folder to view SVG from within that browser:

- NPSVG3
- NPSVG3.zip

How to view SVG files in your Web browser

Once you install Adobe SVG Viewer, you should be able to view supported SVG files in any supported Web browser.

How to turn artwork into SVG

You can export SVG from Adobe Illustrator 9. If you wish to incorporate JavaScript into your SVG you can create your artwork in Illustrator and link to JavaScript functions with the JavaScript Interactivity Palette and then export it as SVG or export from Illustrator and add any JavaScript interactivity animation or filter effects by hand. You can place SVG into Adobe GoLive 5 software using the Preview Mode or use the GoLive Outline and Source Views to modify the SVG source code. You may for example add or modify JavaScript add or update links to images fonts or audio files or add or update

SVG elements and their attributes.

Tips and Hints

- Style attributes (or style attributes that use entity references) render more quickly than embedded stylesheets.
- Use tightly-bound percentages on the `x`, `y`, `width`, and `height` attributes on `filter` elements in order to minimize the area over which the filter effect needs to be calculated. This will result in graphics which display much more quickly.
- You can retrieve the SVG document object from within SVG event handlers by calling `getTarget` on the `evt` object which is passed in. For example:

```
// Retrieve the SVG document object:
var directTarget = evt.getTarget();
var svgDocument;
if( directTarget.getNodeType() != 9 ) // if not DOCUMENT_NODE
    svgDocument = directTarget.getOwnerDocument();
else
    svgDocument = directTarget;
```

- The Adobe SVG Viewer is capable of playing WAV and MP3 files linked via HTTP. This is the best way to play short sounds within the SVG presentation when embedded in RealPlayer®. However, long audio files should be streamed using the `RealAudio®` format referenced from the SMIL document. For more information on Adobe's support for SMIL audio in Adobe SVG Viewer, please visit the Adobe [SVG Zone](#).
- Because the SVG animation model is open-ended, the timeline often can't be pre-determined. When playing in RealPlayer such animations will cause RealPlayer to display a very large (12+ hour) timeline to approximate the open-ended timeline. To avoid this problem, author the SVG such that its timeline ends at a desired time.
- The `bitrate` URL parameter is supported when playing SVG in RealPlayer. For example, if the URL

```
foo.svg?bitrate=12000
```

was used to play SVG in RealPlayer, the bitrate for the SVG packets would be 12000 bps

(which happens to be the default bitrate).

- SVG is no different than any other datatype inside RealPlayer software, so there is no transparency between datatypes in RealPlayer 8.

Known Problems with Adobe SVG Viewer

All Browsers

1. It's possible for elements near the edge of an SVG graphic to not receive a mouseout event.
2. The SVG specification's support for masks has changed significantly since Illustrator 9 shipped, so Adobe SVG Viewer 2.0 and 3.0 might not display SVG masks exported from Illustrator 9.
3. Adobe SVG Viewer for Macintosh is unable to handle very short audio clips. To help insure that a short audio clip is not dropped, it's best to include some leading silence (or some other snippet of audio which can be dropped), and then adjust the timing accordingly.
4. Installation onto the new OS 10 Unix File System ("UFS") volumes is not supported.

Internet Explorer

1. Internet Explorer preview release 5.1.1 for OS X version 10.0.4 has a bug where it always asks what plug-in or application to use for viewing SVG content. The work-around is to upgrade to the version of Internet Explorer that ships with OS X version 10.1.
2. Internet Explorer on the Macintosh does not provide a way for JavaScript in HTML to access plug-ins, or for JavaScript in plug-ins to access the HTML DOM.
3. Internet Explorer may crash if you view complex SVG files. You can usually work around this problem by increasing Internet Explorer's memory partition.
4. Do not use the deprecated `align` attribute on the `embed` tag when embedding SVG files in HTML. Internet Explorer on the Mac will often not draw or print plug-ins that are embedded with these attributes.
5. Internet Explorer will sometimes fail to pass the SVG file on to Adobe SVG Viewer (Internet Explorer will pass an empty file, instead) if the SVG file has a `<script>` element in it, and no XML prolog. Instead, Internet Explorer will try to interpret the SVG file as HTML, even if the server is sending the correct MIME type for SVG. To work around this problem, make sure you always include an XML prolog in all SVG files.

6. If you want to drag and drop an SVG file from the Finder into Internet Explorer 5, you must make sure that the Mac file type is 'svg ' ("svg" followed by a space), or else Internet Explorer 5 will try to parse the SVG file itself instead of passing the file to Adobe SVG Viewer (and Internet Explorer 5 does not know how to display SVG files).

Netscape

1. Netscape 4.x plug-ins cannot execute `onunload` scripts because at the time the plug-in receives notification from Netscape that the plug-in is being unloaded, the plug-in's script environment has already been closed down.
2. Netscape 6.0 reports errors when printing pages with plug-ins, and then fails to print embedded contents. Netscape will report two plugin error alerts. Dismissing the alerts presented will then result in Netscape printing the HTML page, but with blank area for the SVG content.
3. When you leave a Web page, Netscape can often unload the Adobe SVG Viewer plug-in before Netscape terminates all scripts running in the HTML. Therefore you should be careful when writing scripts to check to see if the plug-in is still loaded before you attempt to access the SVG DOM from `setTimeout` or `setInterval` callbacks in your HTML JavaScript.
4. Due to design limitations of Netscape, avoid using HTML with the following form:

```
<a href="#" onclick="myScriptWhichModifiesSVG()">
```

The problem is that JavaScript responds to the `onclick` event and begins executing the script, but then Netscape also responds to the fact that you clicked on a link, and interrupts JavaScript to re-load the current page. This conflict can be avoided by re-writing the code as follows:

```
<a href="javascript:myScriptWhichModifiesSVG()">
```

5. If a JavaScript event handler contains an error, any subsequent JavaScript will fail to execute. This is due to a bug in Netscape's handling of scripts executed by plug-ins.
6. Due to Netscape script limitations, you can't change the URL of another frame from an SVG event handler.
7. Due to Netscape script engine limitations, calling the `alert()` function from within an SVG event handler might not work, and it might cause subsequent JavaScript to no longer execute. Similar problems occur for any Netscape modal window, including the security privileges window. This bug appears to have been partially fixed by Netscape in Netscape 4.75, but not on

Windows 98.

8. There is a bug in Netscape involving plug-ins that use JavaScript. If you load a page with a plug-in that uses JavaScript and then disable Java and quit the browser, Netscape will crash.
9. Netscape does not always allow you to access the `document.embeds[]` array from within an SVG script. To work around this, use `document.mySVG`, where `mySVG` is the name of your embed object.
10. After loading a page with plug-ins, the Netscape 4.x toolbar will be grayed out until you click on the content of the page.
11. Currently, you must increase your Netscape memory partition to at least 35 MB to be able to print SVG.
12. There is a bug in the Netscape plug-in API involving frames. To work around it, do not use the `` format to display SVG content in another frame which is already displaying SVG. Instead, use the `"setSrc(url)"` method of the SVG Plugin in the target frame.
13. If you try to view multiple SVG files at once, you may run into Netscape memory limitations, resulting in a failure to load the SVG file. In this case, you can increase Netscape's memory partition to allow you to view more SVG files at once.
14. Netscape has a fatal bug in its code for handling full-page printing of plug-ins on the Mac. We have implemented a temporary work-around which does not yet allow you to cancel full-page SVG printing on the Mac--in this case the system will be unresponsive until the page has printed.
15. Netscape 4.05 for the Mac has a bug in the plug-in API such that it will not load some plug-ins, falsely indicating that there is insufficient memory.
16. Netscape has a bug with the way it handles plug-ins in tables, and the bug becomes more obvious the deeper you nest the tables. Netscape tells the plug-in to draw on the wrong part of the page, and there's no way for the plug-in to know that it's the wrong part. Therefore we recommend that you avoid using tables with Adobe SVG Viewer on the Mac. Netscape has fixed this bug in Netscape 4.75.
17. All Netscape 4.x versions on the Mac have a bug involving printing pages that contain embedded plugins. If you print a Web page from one of these browsers and then hit the "back", "home", and "back" buttons several times, Netscape will eventually crash. If you wait about ten seconds after printing, Netscape is sometimes able to recover and avoid the crash.
18. Netscape on the Mac reloads pages in frames when you resize the window. Because of this, any SVG DOM object that JavaScript holds on to will point to an old version of the document

once the window is re-sized. To work around this problem, do not cache SVG DOM objects in JavaScript variables between event handler, setTimeout, or setInterval calls.

19. Netscape 4.72 on the Mac has a version resource that incorrectly indicates that it is version 4.3, so the installer will not install the plug-ins into that version because the version appears to be too old. After installing Adobe SVG Viewer You can copy plug-ins by hand to Netscape 4.72 [as described above](#).

RealPlayer, standalone and embedded

1. Specifying the SMIL attributes clip-begin or clip-end in a SMIL element referencing SVG currently has no effect.
2. Specifying the URL parameters start or end within a URL to an SVG file currently have no effect.
3. RealPlayer software's autoupdate system won't match SVG content with the need to download the Adobe SVG Viewer Plugins for RealPlayer if the web server hosting the SVG content specifies the wrong SVG mimeType. Authors should be sure their web servers are using image/svg+xml as the SVG mimeType in order for RealPlayer software's autoupdate system to update the plugins appropriately.
4. When an author references SVG via RTSP, then URLs within the SVG must be absolute.
5. RealPlayer 8 on the Macintosh has a bug where it will crash when attempting to scroll plug-in content if the attribute fit="scroll" is specified on the region element in the SMIL file.

RealPlayer, standalone

1. Using a favorites bookmark that contains an offset time for the start of a presentation involving SVG will generally fail due to a bug in RealPlayer software. It is not recommended that SMIL or SVG files be referenced by such bookmarks.
2. When viewing a SMIL document in fullscreen mode that references SVG alongside other datatypes, the SVG won't be centered correctly due to a bug in RealPlayer.

New Features

New features in Adobe SVG Viewer 3.0

- Elements and Attributes:
 - Added support for the following elements: `color-profile`, `marker`, `title`, and `view`.
 - Implemented full support for the `switch` element.
 - Implemented support for the general `requiredFeatures` and `systemLanguage` attributes.
- CSS properties:
 - Added support for the following CSS properties: `color-interpolation-filters`, `color-profile`, `marker`, `marker-end`, `marker-mid`, `marker-start`.
 - Added support for the `@media` CSS rule, and the `media` attribute for `style` elements. The values `all`, `screen`, and `print` are supported.
 - The `image` element now supports links to SVG files, but only static SVG files are supported in this way.
- DOM:
 - Added support for a large number of DOM interfaces, methods, and properties. Please see the current support documentation on the [Adobe SVG Zone](#) for details.
- Other Changes:
 - Performance improvements.
 - Adobe SVG Viewer now has its own built-in script engine. This allows self-contained JavaScript scripts to run inside of SVG files embedded in hosts which don't support a bridge between plug-ins and the host script engine, including Internet Explorer on the Mac, and RealPlayer. The internal script engine is automatically used in such environments, but it may be explicitly selected for use in all environments by specifying the attribute `scriptImplementation="Adobe"` on the top-level `svg` element. This attribute is in the Adobe SVG Viewer 3.0 extension namespace (<http://ns.adobe.com/AdobeSVGViewerExtensions/3.0/>). You may additionally over-ride this setting on a per-script basis by specifying the `scriptImplementation` attribute on a `script` element along with a `type` attribute. Supported `contentType` and `type` attribute values include `"text/ecmascript"`, `"text/javascript"`, and (on Windows only) `"text/jscript"`. Supported values for the `scriptImplementation` attribute include `"Adobe"`, `"Microsoft"` (Internet Explorer only), `"Netscape"` (Netscape only), `"browser"` (don't use Adobe's engine), and `""` (the empty string, and the default--try using the browser's script engine first, and if that fails use Adobe's). The Adobe SVG Viewer 3.0 internal script engine is based on source code

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- The Windows ActiveX control may now be invoked in a transparent mode which allows you to overlay SVG on top of other web page content. To invoke Adobe SVG Viewer in this mode, add the attribute `wmode="transparent"` to the `embed` tag. Other values for the `wmode` attribute include `windowed`, which is the default opaque (and faster) mode, and `opaque`, which is like `windowed` except that it supports z-order.
- Adobe SVG Viewer for Windows now implements support for Binary Behaviors in Internet Explorer 5.5 and higher.
- Animations will now continue to run even when the browser is not the foreground application.
- Added the ability to save as compressed SVG (.svgz).
- Added support for Macintosh OS 10.1, RealPlayer 8 and 9, and Windows XP.
- Support for ICC colors is no longer included as part of the default Adobe SVG Viewer download. To install the optional color management component, please visit the Adobe SVG Viewer [install page](#).
- If you set the `color-rendering` property to `optimizeQuality` on the top-most `svg` element in your SVG file, then all sRGB colors will be displayed in the device color space on screen if color management is installed and configured. However, this will slow down drawing and animation, so this functionality is disabled by default even if color management is enabled.
- Adobe SVG Viewer can improve the performance of some animations by generating sprites on demand during rendering. To invoke this functionality, you need to specify `shape-rendering="optimizeSpeed"` on any SVG graphics that you want to use sprites. Additionally, if there's text in the set of elements to be put in a sprite, you will need to also add either `text-rendering="optimizeSpeed"` or `text-rendering="optimizeLegibility"`. Since these settings have the additional effect of reducing quality (e.g. eliminating anti-aliasing), SVG authors will need to decide where it is acceptable to use these settings. There are a number of other conditions that will prevent a particular element from being drawn in a sprite:
 - The element has a non-transform animation (e.g. color changes)
 - The element uses a filter that references `BackgroundImage` or `BackgroundAlpha`
 - The element has opacity less than one

- The element or an ancestor specifies the CSS property `adobe-knockout:true`
 - The Windows preferences are no longer stored in SVGViewer.ini, but instead they are now stored in the registry under `HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Adobe\Adobe SVG Viewer\3.0`.
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Contact Information

To report bugs and/or provide feedback, please go to the [SVG Zone](#) on Adobe.com.

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