

## Installing DiCentra on Windows 8

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In my initial tests, **DiCentra runs fine on Windows 8**. Further tests will be carried out over the coming weeks.

However DiCentra needs *Microsoft's .NET 1.1 Framework* to be installed on your machine and this has to be done manually. .NET 1.1 will co-exist with newer versions of .NET on your machine, but they are not sufficient on their own for DiCentra to run.

Windows 8 is less friendly to .NET 1.1 than earlier versions of Windows. The following procedures work fine on a fresh Windows 8 machine, but if you deviate from the order shown you may get confusing and inappropriate error messages from Windows.

A new version of DiCentra that uses a more recent version of the .NET Framework will be produced early in 2013.

### Installing from the Web

You will need to download .NET 1.1 and DiCentra from the Wilbur Imaging web site. Your licence image, licence user name and key will have been provided by e-mail. Please note that the installation must take place on a machine connected to the internet.

#### Downloading components:

1. Go to the *DiCentra* web page at:  
[www.wilburimaging.com/dicentra](http://www.wilburimaging.com/dicentra)
2. Click on the *Download the software* link near the top of the page or scroll down to about 2/3 the way down.
3. Click on the Download button for the *DiCentra Application* and save it to a convenient place. (*DiCentra 3.x.xx.zip*)
4. Click on the Download button for the *Microsoft .NET 1.1 Framework* and save it to a convenient place. The file will probably be called *dotnetfx.exe*.
5. Click on the Download button for the *Microsoft .NET 1.1 Framework SP1* and save it to a convenient place. The file will probably be called *NDP1.1sp1-KB867460-X86.exe*.
6. Your licence key image will have been emailed as a zipped attachment. *Save* the attachment and then *unzip* it to extract the licence image.

#### Installing .NET 1.1:

7. You will first need to enable **.NET 3.5** so that installation of .NET 1.1 is as straightforward as possible on Windows 8:
  - a. In Windows 8, go to *Control Panel > Uninstall or change a program*. On the left panel click *Turn Windows features on or off*.
  - b. After the *Windows Features* dialogue box is populated you will see *.NET Framework 3.5 (includes .NET 2.0 and 3.0)* near the top of the list.

- c. [Click on its checkbox](#) to enable it (shows a black square in the checkbox) and then click [OK](#).
  - d. The *Applying Changes* stage can take a minute or so to complete. When it does, click [Close](#).
- 8. You now need to install **.NET 1.1**:
  - a. [Double-click](#) on [dotnetfx.exe](#) file you downloaded earlier.
  - b. It may take a while before anything happens, and then you will be asked if you want this file to make changes to your computer. Click on [Yes](#)
  - c. When it asks if you would like to install *.NET Framework 1.1 Package*, click on [Yes](#).
  - d. You will then be told that "This program has compatibility issues ...". Click on [Run this program without getting help](#).
  - e. When asked, [Agree](#) to the licence terms. Eventually you will be told that installation of .NET 1.1 is complete.
- 9. You now need to install the **.NET 1.1 Service Pack**:
  - a. [Double-click](#) on [NDP1.1sp1-KB867460-X86.exe](#) file you downloaded earlier.
  - b. You will be asked if you want this file to make changes to your computer. Click on [Yes](#)
  - c. When it asks if you would like to install *.NET Framework 1.1 Service Pack*, click on [Yes](#).
  - d. You will then be told that "This program has compatibility issues ...". Click on [Run this program without getting help](#).
  - e. When asked, [Agree](#) to the licence terms. Eventually you will be told that installation of .NET 1.1 is complete and you will need to restart your computer. [Do so](#).

### Installing DiCentra:

- 10. Installing DiCentra itself is done as follows:
  - a. Right-click on [DiCentra 3.x.xx.zip](#) that you downloaded and select [Extract All](#) to create a folder called [DiCentra 3.x.xx](#).
  - b. Inside this folder you will see a file called [DiCentra Install](#). [Double-click](#) on it.
  - c. When asked if you would like to install this application from an unknown publisher, click [Yes](#).
  - d. On the [Installation Folder](#) page of the wizard make sure you click on [Everyone](#) to install DiCentra on all accounts on this machine.
  - e. Continue to work through the installation wizard by clicking on [Next](#) and [Agree to the licence](#) as necessary.
- 11. DiCentra and .NET 1.1 are now installed. The first time you run DiCentra you may get a *User Account Control (UAC)* dialogue asking if you want to install [netfxupdate](#). If you do see this, [agree to it](#).

### Installing your licence:

- 12. Your licence credentials and licence image will have been sent to you by email. That message also contains details of how to install the licence. In summary:
  - a. You will need to [unzip](#) the [Licence Image](#) to extract the JPEG licence image if you have not already done so.
  - b. [Double-click](#) on the *DiCentra* icon on your desktop to start the application.
  - c. [Dismiss](#) the welcome message and then click on [Help > Install Licence](#)

- d. *Copy and paste* your user name and key from the e-mail message into the boxes provided and *click OK*
- e. You will be informed that the title screen image needs to be installed. *Click OK*.
- f. When the file browser dialogue appears navigate to the *Licence Image* that you unzipped earlier. It will have your club name as its title. *Click Open*.
- g. After a few seconds you should be informed that the licence has been installed.

13. *DiCentra* is now ready to use.

## Further Help

If, after following the steps below, you still have difficulty installing DiCentra on Windows 8 please contact me at:

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