



SpinFire 8.4.1 Build 1347 Release Notes

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Languages Released: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese

General

SpinFire 8.4.1 is a complete install that does not require that 8.4 is previously installed. If SpinFire 8.4 is installed, SpinFire 8.4.1 will install on top of it without the need to uninstall 8.4.

A couple key areas of improvement are the following.

The Reader API has been reactivated. In the initial release of 8.4, the new architecture broke the API layer that users incorporated into their web applications. With the release of 8.4.1, users will have the ability to incorporate any of the product levels without any code changes simply by providing a different license key.

Also in the 8.4.1 release the Office section in the on-line help has been translated for all released languages.

Refer to the **Bugs Fixed** section for more details on the issues addressed in the 8.4.1 release.

Bugs Fixed

- 5876 The French help file was updated
- 6024 View names were not showing up after being created.
- 6780 Drag and drop of .3D file into IE brings up the SpinFire for Browser and not the old Reader UI.
- 6827 Data/Image dialog closes when the browser is closed.
- 6860 SFO dialog now comes to the front after inserting an embedded object.
- 6910 DesignShare now works properly when viewing .3D files.
- 6956 SpinFire now shows the current license level when in the Office environment.
- 6977 When adding markup or changing views, the markup font size no longer changes.
- 6978 Image of embedded object does not reflect actual content
- 7040 The borrow dialog for non-English 8.4 installations now works properly.
- 7077 Part/Surface selection icon is only enabled for Lite and Professional.
- 7081 Several messages were updated to be more descriptive.
- 7146 SpinFire now closes properly when Excel is closed.
- 7159 Characters in traditional and simplified Chinese Help files have been corrected in the menu section.
- 7166 The Image dialog was updated to display the complete text for the Node Density specification for vector format.
- 7178 Printing using the hidden line vector format no longer prints an empty or truncated image.
- 7204 SpinFire Professional has been replaced with SpinFire in Asian language help files.
- 7216 Some registry key cleanup for uninstalls have been improved.
- 7223 The German translation for the Distance Between 2 Surfaces measurement has been fixed.
- 7224 8.4 now displays the build number for plug-ins on the Plug-ins page
- 7258 The volume calculation markup anchors as it did in 8.3.

- 7264 Distance Between Two Surfaces is no longer supported in Markup mode.
- 7273 Tooltip for unit selection dropdown properly displays Units and not Scale.
- 7286 The RMB Calculate options now only work in Lite and Professional license levels.
- 7288 The SpinFire Reader API has been reactivated. In the initial release of 8.4 the re-architecture of the product core broken the entire API layer.
- 7289 The Close Document message now shows the correct message.
- 7294 The Zoom menu item is now correctly spelled in the Italian install.
- 7295 The Distance Between Two Surfaces measurement has been fixed. Previously some flat surfaces were reported as non planar. Also the surfaces highlight.
- 7296 Updated the On-line help for Work Space Component, Image Data and Measure Between Two Surfaces functions.
- 7302 The Lite license level now supports the add/import of .3D into existing documents.
- 7320 Borrowing of licenses now works in non English installs.
- 7322 The 3D Surface Note markup menu item has been properly translated for German installs.


Notes:

The following item was not resolved in time for the release.

- 7206 On some systems, when starting SF from an Office document, it might crash the first time it is used after the install. Restarting SF will work on all remaining instances. It is only the first time after the initial install that has the problem.
- 6796 On non English installs strings that appear underneath view are truncated.
- 6855 When a different .3D file is needed in an Actify embedded object in MSWord, MExcel and MSPowerPoint, the existing object needs to be deleted and a new one created instead of just opening a new file in the existing object.

Appendix: Installation and Licensing of SpinFire 8.4+

The following table summarizes the functionality of the different SpinFire product levels.

	SpinFire 8.4			
	Reader	Markup	Lite	Professional
Opens Native CAD Files				X
Opens .3D Files	X	X	X	X
Save		X	X	X
Export				X
Snapshot			X	X
X-Section	X	X	X	X
Transformations			X	X
Measurements	Base	Limited	Full	Full
Markups		X	X	X
Display Notes	X	X	X	X
Plug-ins				X

In addition to the two new product levels, the application can be run in three different platforms, desktop, Microsoft Office and IE Browser. Previously the different platforms were supported by specific products. Now users can run any of the four product levels in the different platforms without any special license.

Existing SpinFire for Office customers will receive a replacement license of SpinFire Markup.

Two key features for existing customers are the following.

- SpinFire Professional users now have complete Office integration.
- SpinFire Reader users now have access to a UI in any of the supported languages.

License Upgrade

Upgrading SpinFire Professional

For existing customers with previous versions of Professional, the user just needs to

- run the SpinFire 8.4 installation, and
- upgrade his license to 8.4

The installation will replace any previously installed versions.

If the user had importers and/or plug-ins previously installed, they will be able to continue running them without reinstalling or configuring them.

In order to upgrade a license to 8.4, the user simply needs to go to the Customer page on the Actify corporate website where they fill out a form and upgrade their licenses. After filling out the form, they will receive an e-mail that will include the license file. In Addition once the on-line upgrade is complete, the user could activate using the license file or on-line.

Upgrading SpinFire Reader

For existing customers with previous versions of SpinFire Reader, the user runs the SpinFire 8.4 installation which replaces any previously installed versions. Once installed, the user will need to generate a permanent SpinFire Reader license from the Actify corporate site by filling out a form. After the form has been submitted, they will receive an e-mail that will include the license file and seatID. The user could activate using the license file or on-line.

SpinFire Reader requires a license. It is still a free product, but will not run without a valid license. It does not work like older versions of SpinFire Reader.

Upgrading SpinFire for Office

For existing SpinFire for Office users, they will need to uninstall SpinFire for Office before running the SpinFire 8.4 installation. Once uninstalled just run the installation for SpinFire 8.4.

If the user tries to install SpinFire 8.4 without uninstalling SpinFire for Office, the 8.4 install will terminate informing the user to uninstall SpinFire for Office.

Current users that have not been contacted by their resellers must contact their reseller to request an upgraded license.

New Users

Users can request Trials of SpinFire from the website by filling out a registration form. After the form has been submitted, they will receive an e-mail that will include a temporary seatID and license file along with instructions on how to activate the product. The same process is taken for requesting a SpinFire Reader license.

Please note:

All .3D files created by older versions of SpinFire Professional will work with SpinFire 8.4. However, there is full backwards compatibility only with SpinFire Pro 8.3.