InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 Release Notes

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Introduction

InstallAnywhere is the leading multiplatform installation and container development solution for application producers who need to deliver a professional and consistent installation experience for physical, virtual, and cloud environments as well as container deployments.

New Features in InstallAnywhere 2026 R2

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 includes the following new feature:

- Introduced Support for File Associations With Custom Extensions on macOS

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InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces a new action, 'Associate File Extension - macOS', which allows you to associate a custom file extension with the application installed by the installer on the macOS target system. This new capability enables installed applications to be registered to handle their respective specified document types. You can configure this association by specifying the installed application, file extension, document type name, MIME type, application role, and handler rank using the corresponding fields in the **Properties** tab of the 'Associate File Extension - macOS' customizer.

For example, if your installer deploys an application on a macOS machine that is designed to open files with a particular file extension, you can use the 'Associate File Extension - macOS' action to configure the association.

The 'Associate File Extension - macOS' action is available from the **General** category in the **Install** and **Post-Install** views of the **Sequence** tab:

- **Sequence** > **Install** > **Add Action** > **General**
- **Sequence** > **Post-Install** > **Add Action** > **General**

For more information about the 'Associate File Extension - macOS' action, see Associate File Extension - macOS in the *InstallAnywhere Help Book*.

Enhancements

InstallAnywhere 2026 includes the following enhancements:

- Enhancements in InstallAnywhere 2026 R2
- Enhancements in InstallAnywhere 2026 R1

Enhancements in InstallAnywhere 2026 R2

This section lists enhancements that were included in InstallAnywhere 2026 R2:

- Enhanced Exit Code Handling for Execute Script/Batch File and Execute Command Actions
- Enhanced Installer Launch for Large Payloads
- New InstallAnywhere Variable to Detect Response File Execution Mode

- Support for Custom Banner Text in Outer Installer Frame
- Support for Automatic Synchronization of Payload Folders When File Verification Is Disabled
- New InstallAnywhere Variable for Feature Short Names
- Automatic Wrapping of Long Status Messages in Progress Dialog
- Introduced Error Reporting for Invalid JVM Heap-Size Values

Enhanced Exit Code Handling for Execute Script/Batch File and Execute Command Actions

Previously, InstallAnywhere installers did not evaluate the exit code returned by the 'Execute Script/Batch File' and 'Execute Command' actions. As a result, when an executed script, batch file, or command returned a non-zero exit code (act as failure), the installer did not report it as an action error.

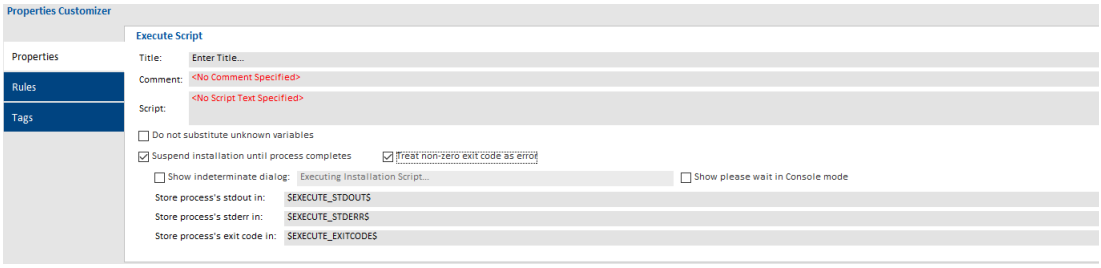
InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces a new check box, **Treat non-zero exit code as error**, in the **Properties** tab of the **Properties Customizer** for both the 'Execute Script/Batch File' and 'Execute Command' actions. When the **Treat non-zero exit code as error** check box is selected, the InstallAnywhere installer evaluates the exit code after the execution process completes. If the executed script, batch file, or command returns a non-zero exit code, the installer treats it as an action error and records it in the installation log as a non-fatal error, while allowing installation processing to continue.

This new check box allows project authors or developers to manage how the installer handles the exit code returned by an executed script, batch file, or command.

***Note** ▪ The **Treat non-zero exit code as error** check box is available only when the **Suspend installation until process completes** check box is selected.*

If a script, batch file, or command execution is designed to return only non-zero exit codes to indicate expected conditions rather than failures, the **Treat non-zero exit code as error** check box must be cleared.

The following illustrates the **Treat non-zero exit code as error** check box selected in the **Properties** tab of the **Properties Customizer** in the 'Execute Script/Batch File' action:



***Note** ▪ This change was tracked in IA-22749.*

Enhanced Installer Launch for Large Payloads

Previously, launching an InstallAnywhere installer containing a payload larger than 2 GB could cause the initial progress bar (displayed before the splash screen) to take several minutes to progress from 0 to 100 percent. As a result, the installer could appear unresponsive, delaying access to the installation interface.

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces performance optimizations that significantly improve the startup experience for Windows-based installers with large payloads. This enhancement significantly reduces the startup delay associated with payload initialization, improves launch performance by up to 10x, and reduces initialization time by approximately 90% for large payload installers, providing a faster and more responsive installation experience.



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22732.*

New InstallAnywhere Variable to Detect Response File Execution Mode

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces a new built-in, read-only standard InstallAnywhere variable, *$IA_RESPONSEFILE_MODE$*, which identifies the response file execution mode of the current installer session. This new variable typically returns one of the following values:

- **NONE**—Indicates that the installer is running without a response file.
- **RECORD**—Indicates that the installer is recording installation settings and user choices to a response file for later reuse.
- **REPLAY**— Indicates that the installer is using a previously recorded response file to run the installation.

This enhancement allows project authors to configure conditional installer behavior, such as displaying specific panels or executing actions based on the current response file execution mode, without relying on custom command-line argument parsing.



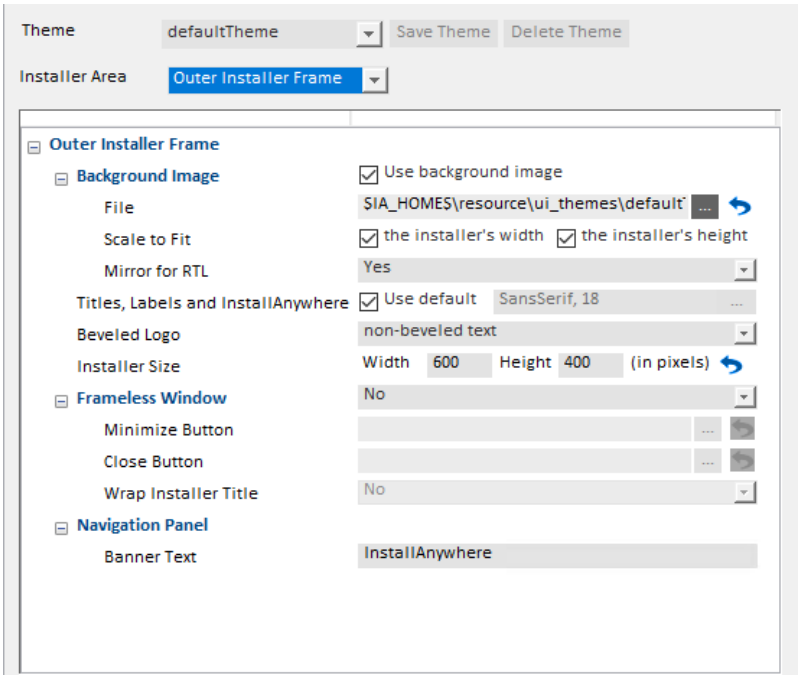
Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22903.*

Support for Custom Banner Text in Outer Installer Frame

Previously, the Outer installer frame displayed the default InstallAnywhere branding above the **Cancel** button during installer execution, with no option to customize or replace the text with customer-specific branding.

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces a new setting, **Navigation Panel**, in the **Custom UI Designer** dialog box (**Installer UI** > **Look & Feel Settings** > **UI Panel Settings**) under the **Outer Installer Frame** area. This new setting includes a new subsetting, **Banner Text**, that allows you to specify the custom text to replace the default InstallAnywhere branding, which is typically displayed above the **Cancel** button in the Outer installer frame during installer execution. This enhancement enables you to personalize the installer's branding to better align with your organization's requirements.

The following illustrates the **Navigation Panel** setting and its **Banner Text** subsetting in the **Outer Installer Frame** area:



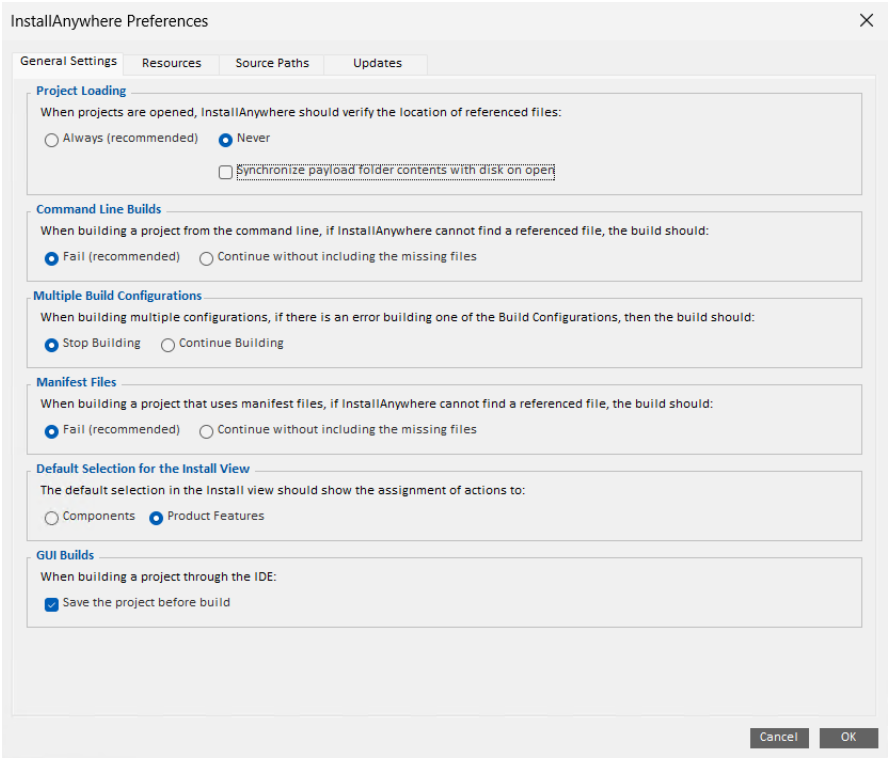
Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22700.*

Support for Automatic Synchronization of Payload Folders When File Verification Is Disabled

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces a new check box, **Synchronize payload folder contents with disk on open**, in **Edit** > **Preferences** > **InstallAnywhere Preferences** > **General Settings**, in the **Project Loading** setting, which enables the automatic synchronization of the project's payload contents with the current contents of the payload source folders on disk each time the project is opened. As a result, any files added to the payload source folders are included in subsequent builds, and any files removed from the source folders are excluded.

This check box is available only when the **Project Loading** setting is set to **Never**.

The following illustrates the **Synchronize payload folder contents with disk on open** check box in the **Project Loading** setting:



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22750.*

New InstallAnywhere Variable for Feature Short Names

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2 introduces a new standard InstallAnywhere variable, *$FEATURE_UNINSTALL_LIST_SHORT$*, which allows you to display the short name of features selected for uninstallation. This new standard InstallAnywhere variable typically returns a comma-separated list of feature short names, making it easier to determine the uninstall choices at runtime.

This enhancement provides greater flexibility for custom codes and other logics that need to reference features by their short names.

Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-21352.*

Automatic Wrapping of Long Status Messages in Progress Dialog

Previously, during execution of the ‘Execute Script/Batch File’ action, the status message—displayed above the indeterminate progress bar—in the progress dialog did not wrap onto multiple lines when the message length exceeded the width allocated for the Install or Uninstall panel. As a result, long status messages were displayed in a single line, causing the progress bar to expand horizontally and affecting the readability and overall layout of the progress dialog.

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R2, status messages displayed above the indeterminate progress bar automatically wrap onto multiple lines when they exceed the width of the Install or Uninstall panel. This behavior applies to the Execute Script/Batch File action and other actions that display an indeterminate progress bar.



***Note** ▪ This change was tracked in IA-21173.*

Introduced Error Reporting for Invalid JVM Heap-Size Values

Previously, when an installer was launched with an invalid value specified for a JVM heap-size command-line option (`-jvmxms` or `-jvmxmx`), the installer could terminate without displaying a clear error message or returning a dedicated exit code.

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R2, installers now validate values specified for the JVM heap-size command-line options. Validation is performed in two stages:

- **Format validation**—If a value has an invalid format, the installer displays an error message identifying the invalid value and the associated command-line option (`-jvmxms` or `-jvmxmx`), provides guidance on the expected format, and terminates with exit code `1001`.

  For example, launching an installer with the `-jvmxmx 100mbb` command-line generates the following error message:

  ```
  InstallAnywhere Error: Invalid value '100mbb' for -jvmxmx. Specify a size in bytes, optionally followed by K, M, or G (for example 512m or 4g).

  exit code: 1001
  ```

- **Heap-size value validation**—After the format validation succeeds, the installer performs the validation of the specified heap sizes. The maximum heap size specified by `-jvmxmx` must be greater than zero. When both the `-jvmxms` and `-jvmxmx` command-line options are used, the initial heap size (specified by `-jvmxms`) must not exceed the maximum heap size (specified by `-jvmxmx`), If either of these validations fails, the installer displays an appropriate error message and terminates with exit code `1002`.

  For example, launching an installer with the maximum heap size set to `0`, such as `-jvmxmx 0`, generates the following error message:

  ```
  InstallAnywhere Error: Invalid value '0' for -jvmxmx. The maximum heap size must be greater than zero.

  exit code: 1002
  ```

  Similarly, launching an installer with an initial heap size greater than the maximum heap size, such as `-jvmxms 512m -jvmxmx 256m`, generates the following error message:

  ```
  InstallAnywhere Error: The initial heap size (-jvmxms 512m) must not be larger than the maximum heap size (-jvmxmx 256m).

  exit code: 1002
  ```

This validation and error-reporting behavior applies consistently to the `-jvmxms` and `-jvmxmx` command-line options on Windows, Linux/Unix, and macOS systems.



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22902.*

Enhancements in InstallAnywhere 2026 R1

This section lists enhancements that were included in InstallAnywhere 2026 R1:

- Support for Animated GIFs as Background Images, Splash Screens, and Billboards
- Enhanced Error Handling for Execute Script/Batch File Action
- New Custom Code API Methods to Manage IAChoiceGroup Components
- New Command-Line Option to Control Java Virtual Machine Secure Folder Validation
- Support for 'I do NOT accept the terms of the License Agreement' Option on License Agreement Panel
- Ability to Enforce Path Type Validation on Get User Input Panel
- New Exit Code for Unsecured JVM Location Error
- Option to Disable All Users Icon Creation for Non-Admin Users
- Enhanced Error Handling for 'noexec' Temporary Directories

Support for Animated GIFs as Background Images, Splash Screens, and Billboards

Previously, InstallAnywhere did not support the use of animated GIF files for background images of installer panels, splash screens, and billboards.

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R1, you can now use animated GIFs for background images of installer panels, splash screens, and billboards. This enhancement provides greater flexibility and enables richer visual customization of the installer interface, allowing you to create more engaging and visually appealing installation experiences.



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22620.*

Enhanced Error Handling for Execute Script/Batch File Action

Previously, when the 'Execute Script/Batch File' action failed during an installation, the installer continued the installation without displaying any error message, which could make it difficult to detect script execution failures.

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R1, if the 'Execute Script/Batch File' action fails during the installation, the installer continues with the installation process and reports the action failure as a non-fatal error in log files. This enhancement improves visibility into script execution issues to ensure that installation failures caused by script errors are properly detected and addressed.



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22561.*

New Custom Code API Methods to Manage IAChoiceGroup Components

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R1, the IAChoiceGroup component has been enhanced with new custom code API methods that allow you to enable or disable the entire IAChoiceGroup container or individual items within that component at runtime. These custom code API methods are intended for custom-code scenarios that require dynamic control over user interaction.

The following new custom code API methods are available:

- **setEnabled(boolean state)**—Enables or disables the entire IAChoiceGroup container. When the container is disabled, it implies that all radio buttons or checkboxes contained within the IAChoiceGroup component become unavailable for user interaction.
- **setItemEnabled(String name, boolean state)**—Enables or disables a specific item within the IAChoiceGroup component. The item is identified by its logical item name or key as defined during registration, allowing targeted control without affecting other items in the same component.



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22489.*

New Command-Line Option to Control Java Virtual Machine Secure Folder Validation

InstallAnywhere 2026 R1 introduces a new command-line option, `-Djvm.securefolder.check`, which allows you to control whether the InstallAnywhere launcher validates the location of the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) during installation or uninstallation.

On the Windows platform, by default, when the installer or uninstaller is launched with administrative privileges, the launcher verifies whether the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is located in a secure or administrative folder. This validation ensures that only JVMs in secure or administrative folders are permitted to be used. If a JVM is detected in an unsecured folder, its usage is blocked, and a security-related error message is displayed before the installer starts.

You can use the `-Djvm.securefolder.check` command-line argument with the following options to manage the validation behavior for the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) secure folder during installation or uninstallation:

- **true**—Enables the validation to ensure the JVM is located in a secure or administrative folder.
- **false**—Disables the validation, allowing the installer or uninstaller to proceed with installation or uninstallation, respectively, even if the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is located in an unsecured folder.

Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22593.*

Support for 'I do NOT accept the terms of the License Agreement' Option on License Agreement Panel

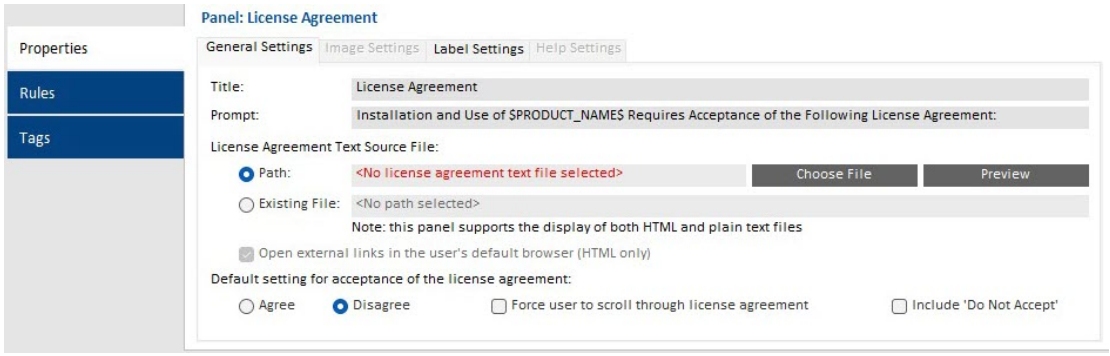
InstallAnywhere 2026 R1 introduces a new checkbox, **Include 'Do Not Accept'**, on the **Panel: License Agreement** > **Properties Customizer** > **Properties** tab, on the **General Settings** subtab. Selecting this check box adds a radio button named **I do NOT accept the terms of the License Agreement** on the License Agreement panel, which is displayed during installation.

By default, this checkbox is cleared.

When the **Include 'Do Not Accept'** checkbox is selected, users are explicitly provided with the option or radio button on the License Agreement panel to decline the license agreement. If a user selects the **I do NOT accept the terms of the License Agreement** radio button, the installation does not proceed and remains blocked unless the user selects the **I accept the terms of the License Agreement** radio button on the same panel.

This enhancement provides a clearer and more explicit way for users to decline the license agreement, ensuring compliance and improving the overall user experience by handling rejection scenarios in a controlled manner.

The following illustrates the **Include 'Do Not Accept'** checkbox on the **General Settings** subtab of the **Properties** tab on the **Panel: License Agreement**:



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22623.*

Ability to Enforce Path Type Validation on Get User Input Panel

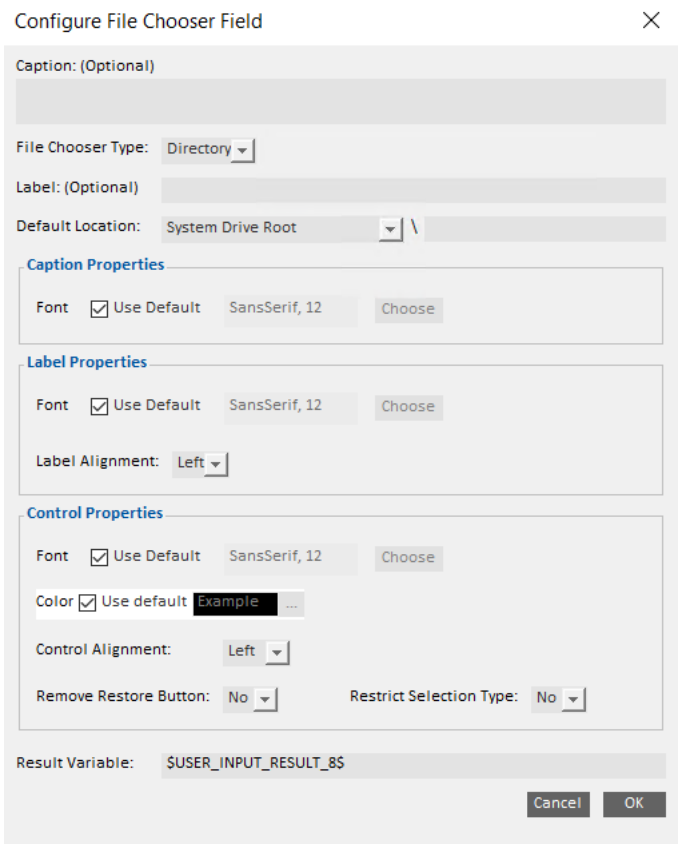
InstallAnywhere 2026 R1 introduces a new selection box named **Restrict Selection Type** in the **Control Properties** area of the **Configure File Chooser Field** dialog box. This new selection box allows you control whether users can manually enter a directory or file path in the File Chooser component on the

Get User Input panel during installation and uninstallation, regardless of whether the **File Chooser Type** selection box on the **Configure File Chooser Field** dialog box is set to the **Directory** or **File** option/path type.

The following outlines the behavior of the **Restrict Selection Type** options:

- When this selection box is set to **Yes**, the installer restricts user inputs so that only the path type matching the configured **File Chooser type** selection box is accepted. For example:
  - If the **File Chooser Type** is configured to the **File** option, users can only enter a file path.
  - If the **File Chooser Type** is configured to the **Directory** option, users can only enter a directory.
- When this selection box is set to **No**, users can manually enter any directory or file path in the File Chooser component on the Get User Input panel during installation and uninstallation, regardless of the option/path type configured in the **File Chooser Type** selection box. By default, the **Restrict Selection Type** selection box is set to **No**.

The following illustrates the **Restrict Selection Type** selection box with default configuration on the **Configure File Chooser Field** box:



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22461.*

New Exit Code for Unsecured JVM Location Error

Previously, when an installer was executed using a JVM located in an unsecured user directory, the installation would terminate with an appropriate message indicating the issue. However, the installer did not return an exit code, making it difficult for automation scripts and deployment tools to detect and handle the failure programmatically.

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R1, if an installer runs in silent, GUI, or console mode and the JVM is detected in an unsecured folder, the installation now terminates with an appropriate message and returns a 107 exit code. This enhancement enables automation frameworks, scripts, and deployment tools to correctly identify the failure condition in order to take appropriate corrective actions.

Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22474.*

Option to Disable All Users Icon Creation for Non-Admin Users

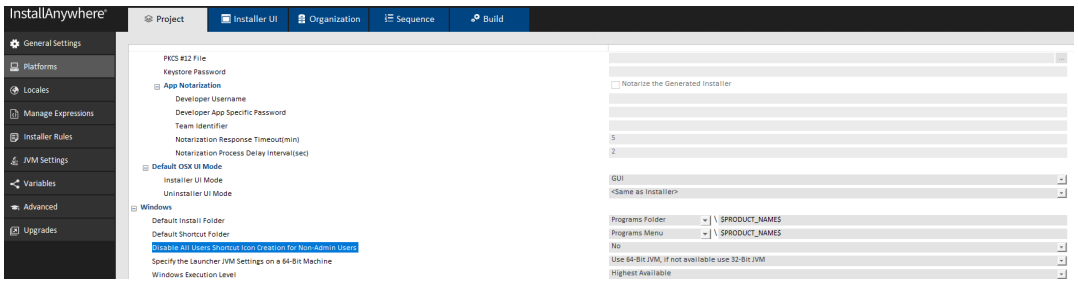
InstallAnywhere 2026 R1 introduces a new setting, **Disable All Users Shortcut Icon Creation for Non-Admin Users**, on the **Project** > **Platforms** tab, under the **Windows** area. This new setting allows you to enable or disable the **Create Icons for All Users** checkbox on the Choose Shortcut Folder panel when the installer is executed with non-administrative privileges.

This new setting has the following available options:

- **Yes**—Disables the **Create Icons for All Users** checkbox on the Choose Shortcut Folder panel when the installer is run by a non-administrative user.
- **No**—Enables the **Create Icons for All Users** checkbox on the Choose Shortcut Folder panel when the installer is run by a non-administrative user. By default, the **Disable All Users Shortcut Icon Creation for Non-Admin Users** setting is set to **No**.

By default, the **Create Icons for All Users** checkbox on the Choose Shortcut Folder panel allows users only with administrative privileges to create shortcut icons in system-wide (All Users) locations, such as the shared Desktop or Start Menu. However, if this checkbox is enabled, non-administrative users remain restricted by Windows permission requirements.

The following illustrates the **Disable All Users Shortcut Icon Creation for Non-Admin Users** setting under the **Windows** area on the **Platforms** tab:



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-22619.*

Enhanced Error Handling for ‘noexec’ Temporary Directories

Previously, when a Unix or Linux-based installer that included bundled JREs failed to run, InstallAnywhere displayed an incomplete error message. This failure could occur if the extracted JRE files were unable to execute because of mount restrictions on the temporary directory of the target machine.

In InstallAnywhere 2026 R1, when a Unix or Linux-based installer that includes bundled JREs is launched, the installer launcher initially validates whether the temporary directory, typically `/tmp`, allows execution of JRE files. If the directory on the target machine is mounted with the ‘noexec’ option, preventing execution of the extracted JRE files, the installer exits with the 18 error code and displays the following clear, actionable error message.

```
ERROR: The temporary directory /tmp is mounted with the 'noexec' option. The installer cannot execute the bundled Java VM. Please use IATEMPDIR environment variable or -tempdir command line option to specify an alternate directory.
```



Note ▪ *This change was tracked in IA-10470.*

Important Information

Note the following important information regarding InstallAnywhere 2026:

- Evaluating InstallAnywhere
- Obtaining the Installation and License Files for InstallAnywhere

Evaluating InstallAnywhere

Note that if you have not purchased a license for InstallAnywhere, you can install it and use it for a limited number of days without setting up the licensing. When you are using InstallAnywhere in this scenario, it operates in evaluation mode. The licensing wizard that InstallAnywhere displays whenever you launch InstallAnywhere in evaluation mode shows you how many days are left in the evaluation period. If you do not set up the licensing within the evaluation period, InstallAnywhere stops working when the evaluation period ends. You can set up licensing at any time before or after the evaluation period ends.

When you use InstallAnywhere in evaluation mode, there is a time limit for running installers that it creates. If you build an installer in the evaluation version of InstallAnywhere, your installer will stop working after 3 days.

Obtaining the Installation and License Files for InstallAnywhere

You can obtain the installation and license files for InstallAnywhere through the Revenera Product and License Center. For instructions, see the Download and licensing instructions for InstallAnywhere. If you purchased concurrent licenses of InstallAnywhere, the license server software is also available for download from that same site.

Resolved Issues

This section lists the customer issues that were resolved in the following version of InstallAnywhere 2026:

- InstallAnywhere 2026 R2
- InstallAnywhere 2026 R1

InstallAnywhere 2026 R2

The following issues have been fixed in InstallAnywhere 2026 R2:

Issue Number	Issue Summary
IA-22905	On a Linux system using GNU sed 4.10, multiple portability warnings were displayed in the console during an installer launch. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22686	A failure occurred on a RHEL 10 machine when attempted to modify a properties file inside a JAR archive using the 'Modify Text File - In Archive' action. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22857	Hyperlinks to external web pages—displayed in the 'Scroll Message' panel during installation—failed to open the expected web pages when Firefox 140 was used but the same hyperlinks continued to work as expected with Firefox 102. This issue has been fixed, and the hyperlinks now open the expected web pages as intended in all supported versions of Firefox.
IA-22773	During an installer installation, the **Get User Input** panel failed to render long text in the text fields and UI controls (such as, check boxes, radio buttons, or pop-up menus) on its initial display. However, all texts and UI controls were displayed correctly after navigating away from the panel and then returning to it, which refreshed the panel. This issue has been fixed.
IA-20855	When running an installer on a Linux machine, the **Choose *Product Features*** panel failed to display the feature check boxes with the same background color as the rest of the panel. Instead, the feature check boxes appeared with a white background. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22667	Launching an installer in console mode led the installation to become unresponsive during the transition from the Pre-Install phase to the Install phase. This issue occurred mainly when the specified temp directory failed to allocate additional disk space. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22872	When launching an installer on a Linux machine, temporary files were created in the default `/tmp` directory instead of the location specified by the `IATEMPDIR` environment variable. This issue has been fixed.

Issue Number	Issue Summary
IA-22702	The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) secure folder validation failed with the 107 error return code when multiple non-administrative users detected with full control on the bundled JVM directory. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22734	When running an installer on a Windows machine, the user unexpectedly encountered a blinking text cursor on the **Pre-Install Summary** panel after clicking anywhere within the panel. The **Pre-Install Summary** panel is intended to be non-editable and should not display a text cursor. This issue has been fixed.

InstallAnywhere 2026 R1

The following issues have been fixed in InstallAnywhere 2026 R1:

Issue Number	Issue Summary
IA-22513	Running an installer with JDK 25 led to the display of the following warning message: `The use of the system property "java.locale.useOldISOCodes" is deprecated. It will be removed in a future release of the JDK.` This issue has been fixed.
IA-22522	Modifying the value of the *$USER_INSTALL_DIR$* variable in the response file using a single backslash, such as, `USER_INSTALL_DIR=C:\Program Files\SilentTest` caused the installation path to be interpreted incorrectly during silent installation, which in turn led to repair and uninstallation operation failures. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22525	A project automation failure was observed with the following error message displayed: `com.zerog.ia.auto.project.ProjectAutomationException: The class 'com.zerog.ia.designer.manageexpressions.ManageExpressions' is not supported by the project automation API.` This issue has been fixed.
IA-22547	A log file displayed the following warning for both the bundled VM and internal resource directories during an uninstaller launch. `Directory contains delete protected files.` This issue has been fixed.
IA-22573	Configuring the **Include Debug Output (stderr and stdout)** setting to **Yes—**in the **Log Settings** area of the **General Settings** view on the **Project** page—caused the installation directory to be unintentionally deleted during maintenance mode operations. This issue has been fixed.

Issue Number	Issue Summary
IA-22549	Using the 'System i (i5/OS) Install File' action failed to install a file in the Integrated File System (IFS) on a remote i5/OS system during an installation and displayed the following warning message: `Exception encountered creating directories for target.` This issue has been fixed.
IA-20955	Creating a new project or opening an existing project led to the generation of Illegal Reflective Access warning messages in the debug log output. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22072	During an installer launch, a drop-down option—which is a subcomponent of a checkbox—appeared disabled when it was expected to be enabled. This issue occurred due to a response file usage to configure the drop-down option's appearance. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22544	In JDK 20 and later, the background color for the **Cancel** button failed to render on the first GUI screen during initial rendering when a custom color scheme was used. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22612	When an installer was executed in silent mode, it became unresponsive and failed to exit from installation with an appropriate exit code. Instead, the process waited for user interaction (such as a key press) for returning an exit code and exiting. This issue has been fixed.
IA-22512	Silent mode installer executions failed to consistently log the installation status (success or failure) and return a reliable installation exit code. This issue has been fixed.
IA-14303	When a warning was logged after installation, the word `null` was incorrectly appended to the following summary message in the log file: `Summary: Installation: Successful null` This issue has been fixed.

System Requirements

The following are the system requirements for InstallAnywhere 2026:

- Requirements for Systems that are Running InstallAnywhere (Authoring Environment)
- Requirements for Target Systems (Installer Run-Time Environment)
- Supported Java Virtual Machines

Requirements for Systems that are Running InstallAnywhere (Authoring Environment)

RAM

1 GB

Hard Disk Free Space

800 MB

Color

High color (16-bit color depth)

Resolution

Minimum 1200 x 800

Operating System

InstallAnywhere runs on the latest versions of these operating systems, fully updated with the most recent patches and service packs.

Operating System	Supported Versions
Windows	• Windows 11 • Windows Server 2016, 2019, 2022, and 2025
Apple	• macOS Golden Gate (27) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+ • macOS Tahoe (26) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+ • macOS Sequoia (15) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+ • macOS Sonoma (14) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+

Operating System	Supported Versions
Linux	• Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.0, 9.1, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 10, and 10.2 • OpenSUSE Leap 16 • SUSE Linux Enterprise 16 • Ubuntu 22.04, 22.10, 23.10, 24.04 • Fedora 40, 42, and 44 • CentOS Stream 10 • Linux PPC 64-bit (build time only) only with Java 11  ***Note** ▪ When you install InstallAnywhere on a Linux system, the installation attempts to create a symbolic link to the default Linux loader (/lib/ld-linux.so.2) if a link with the same name is not already present. The symbolic link is necessary for the host ID to be displayed on the Host ID dialog, and it is also necessary for successful node-locked licensing. The link is present on systems that are Linux Standard Base (LSB) 3 compliant, but it may not be present on systems that are not LSB compliant. For more information, see Knowledge Base article Q209204.*

Installers can be built from any supported authoring platform for any other supported target platform or language. Localizations for 32 languages are included.



***Note** ▪ Consider the following information:*

- *InstallAnywhere installers no longer distrubute Java 8. InstallAnywhere 2025 and later supports only Java 11 and later versions. The JAR files in Java 8, usually present in the `jre/lib/` and `jre/lib/ext/` directories, are also not distributed with Java 11 and later versions, therefore these files will be unavailable.*
- *Rosetta 2 is required on Apple silicon Mac systems for all supported macOS versions.*

Requirements for Target Systems (Installer Run-Time Environment)

RAM

64 MB

Color

High color (16-bit color depth)

Resolution

Minimum 640 x 480

Operating System

Installers run on any version of these operating systems, as long as the operating system supports Java 11, 17, or 21. InstallAnywhere-generated installers are not supported on beta versions or on early-access releases unless they are explicitly mentioned.

Operating System	Supported Versions
Windows	• Windows 11 • Windows 11 ARM64 (AARCH64) • Windows Server 2016, 2019, 2022, and 2025  ***Note*** *▪ Windows-based target systems must also support the SSE2 instruction set.*
Apple	• macOS Golden Gate (27) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+ • macOS Tahoe (26) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+ • macOS Sequoia (15) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+ • macOS Sonoma (14) with Oracle and Amazon Corretto Java 11.0.33+
Linux	• CentOS Stream 10 and CentOS Stream 10 ARM64 (AARCH64) • Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.0, 9.1, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 10, and 10.2 • Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2 and 8 for PowerPC (little endian) • Red Hat Linux 7.1 and 8 for PowerPC (little endian - silent and console mode only) • OpenSUSE Linux 16 • Oracle Linux 8.5, 9, 9.3, 9.4, and 10 • SUSE Linux Enterprise 16 • Ubuntu 22.04, 22.10, 23.10, 24.04 • Fedora 40, 42, and 44 • Amazon Linux 2023
Solaris	• Solaris 11 (x86 and SPARC) • Solaris 9, 10 (x86, SPARC, and AMD-64)
HP-UX	HP-UX 11i (Itanium 2 and PA-RISC)
AIX	AIX 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 (Power/PowerPC)

Operating System	Supported Versions
IBM	• i5/OS (OS/400) on System i - V5R3 and V5R4 (Enterprise Edition only), IBM i 6.1, and IBM i 7.1 • z/OS
Other	• FreeBSD • Other Linux and UNIX operating systems (POSIX-compliant shell required)



Note ▪ *Consider the following information:*

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Supported Java Virtual Machines

InstallAnywhere supports the following Java virtual machines:

Manufacturer	Supported Versions
IBM	11, 17, 21, 25, and 27
HP	11.0.2
Sun/Oracle	11, 17, 21, 25, and 27
OpenJDK	11, 17, 21, 25, and 27
Amazon Corretto	11, 17, 21, 25, and 27
Adoptium/AdoptOpenJDK	11, 17, 21, 25, and 27
Azul Platform Core JRE	11, 17, 21, 25, and 27

The InstallAnywhere installer installs OpenJDK 11.0.33. Any Java virtual machine can be bundled with an installer ensuring that the target system meets the minimum requirements for both the installers and your applications. To download additional JRE VM packs, visit https://www.revenera.com/install/products/installanywhere/installanywhere-files-utilities.html and click the VM Packs option.

InstallAnywhere-generated installers are not supported on beta versions or on early-access releases of Java.



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Known Issues

There is no known issue in InstallAnywhere 2026.

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