
Vivien Release 1.5

Release Notes

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Thank you for installing Vivien Version 1.5. These release notes provide the most up-to-date information about content and fixes made to the application.

To Help You Get Started with Vivien

To help you get started using Vivien, a number of sample files and various documentation sources are available for your use.

Documentation sources

Documentation sources are available in several locations for your convenience:

- from the Vivien Install panel during installation
- on the Vivien Version 1.5 CD (in the \Support Documentation folder)
- from the Start>Programs>Vivien shortcut menu (once Vivien has been installed)
- from the Vivien Web site <http://www.viviendesign.com/>

Sources include:

- User's Guide
- Getting Started Guide
- Release Notes

Sample files

Sample Vivien files are provided with the installation for you to use as examples or references. These files can be found in the \Samples folder where you installed Vivien (for example, C:\Program Files\Vivien\Samples).

Vivien and WYSIWYG

Vivien is fully compatible with CAST Software's award-winning lighting design software suite, WYSIWYG. You can create your events in Vivien and then open the files in WYSIWYG if you want to add even more sophisticated lighting effects.

New in Vivien 1.5

Vivien version 1.5 contains the following new features:

- **SketchUp import feature** This new feature enables you to import 3D files created in Google's modeling tool, SketchUp. With this program, you can create realistic 3D models of many different types of objects and then save the files with an .skp extension. You can now import these SketchUp files into Vivien in much the same way as you import DWG/DXF files, giving you a virtually limitless library of 3D objects.
- **New library objects** Vivien 1.5 contains many new library objects, such as tents, floral centerpieces, and A/V items.

- **Clone Grid feature** This tool enables you to arrange objects in a grid pattern quickly and precisely. Simply select the object in your drawing, and then click **Modify > Clone > Grid**, choose the direction, number of rows/columns and spacing. Presto! The object is copied and pasted into a grid pattern.
- **Align tools** Use these tools to precisely align objects in your drawing in many ways—from the top, bottom, sides, horizontally and vertically. For example, to align the edge of a table with the front of the stage, you would select both objects and click **Modify > Align > Top** (or **Bottom**, depending on which direction the objects are facing in the current view of your drawing).
- **Distribute fixtures feature** With the new Distribute feature, you can instantly distribute multiple fixtures (lights) along a pipe or straight piece of truss in one of three ways:
 - Centered around a specific point
 - Between two points that you choose
 - In a specific direction from one point
- **Camera toolbar** After you have drawn a camera, you can use the Camera toolbar in Virtual Views to view your drawing through the camera of your choice. You can also use this toolbar to quickly access the camera properties page and change properties, such as the camera name and field angle.
- **Import DXF/DWG files** There is a new item on the File menu for importing DXF/DWG files into Vivien.
- **Integrated APEX information** As an APEX-endorsed software solution for the meetings and special events industry, Vivien now includes an APEX menu item containing information about Accepted Practices Exchange (APEX) standards.
- **Texture library objects feature** Just as you can customize objects like risers and surfaces by applying textures to them, you can now apply textures to library objects. You can choose from the 1000s of textures in the Vivien texture library or apply a custom texture that you have created and saved as a graphic file on your computer (i.e., a .bmp or .jpg file).
- **Single-sided surface feature** With this enhancement, you can configure any surface to be single-sided, enabling you to create walls and surfaces that behave just like the standard Vivien venues when viewed on the Virtual View tab (i.e., custom venues that you can see into, but not out of). This feature also enables you to control how third-party files (.dwg/.dxf/.skp) are imported (either single or double sided).
- **Measurement units toggle** In either of the Drawing tabs you can now switch instantly from Metric to Imperial drawing units by clicking the Units indicator on the status bar. For details, see “To change the drawing measurement units” on page 51.
- **Compatibility with *wysiwyg* Release 19** You can now open your Vivien files in the latest release of *wysiwyg*, the industry standard lighting design software suite.

In-Place Update

The In-Place update available with Version 1.5 will update Version 1.2 of Vivien to the current release (Version 1.5). This update is available on the Vivien CD and from the Vivien Web site (<http://www.viviendesign.com> > Additional Downloads).

Library Additions

The following additions were made to the library in this release:

Additions to Library Items (Architecture > Tents)

Item	Comment
10ft x 20ft Diamond Tent	Diamond tent
10ft x 20ft Diamond Tent with Walls	Diamond tent
10ft x 20ft Diamond Tent with Windows	Diamond tent
20ft x 20ft Square Tent	Square tent
20ft x 20ft Square Tent with Walls	Square tent
20ft x 20ft Square Tent with Windows	Square tent
20ft x 20ft x 20ft Triangular Tent	Triangular tent
20ft x 20ft x 20ft Triangular Tent with Walls	Triangular tent
20ft x 20ft x 20ft Triangular Tent with Windows	Triangular tent
30ft x 30ft Square Tent	Square tent
30ft x 30ft Square Tent with Walls	Square tent
30ft x 30ft Square Tent with Windows	Square tent
35ft x 40ft Hexagonal Tent	Hexagonal tent
35ft x 40ft Hexagonal Tent with Walls	Hexagonal tent
35ft x 40ft Hexagonal Tent with Windows	Hexagonal tent
50ft x 70ft Rectangular Tent	Rectangular tent
50ft x 70ft Rectangular Tent with Walls	Rectangular tent
50ft x 70ft Rectangular Tent with Windows	Rectangular tent

Additions to Library Items (Object > Centerpieces)

Object	Comment
Bouquet 1	Flowers
Bouquet 2	Flowers
Bouquet 3	Flowers
Flower 1	Flowers
Flower 2	Flowers
Flower 3	Flowers
Vase 1	Vase
Vase 2	Vase
Vase 3	Vase
Vase 4	Vase
Vase with Flower 1	Flowers and vases
Vase with Flower 2	Flowers and vases
Vase with Flower 3	Flowers and vases
Vase with Flower 4	Flowers and vases

Object	Comment
Vase with Flower 5	Flowers and vases
Vase with Flower 6	Flowers and vases

Additions to Library Items (Chairs)

Object	Comment
Chairs > Banquet	Common Folding Chair
Chairs > Recreational	Park Chair

Additions to Library Items (Staging)

Object	Comment
Staircases	Staircase 2ft Staircase 3ft

Additions to Library Items (A/V)

Object	Comment
Plasma→With Base	42 in Plasma Screen 50 in Plasma Screen 60 in Plasma Screen
Plasma→Without Base	42 in Plasma Screen 50 in Plasma Screen 50 in Plasma Screen

Fixes

- Bug description:** When the Vivien Texture Pack is not installed, Users can still see the texture names in the Selection dialog, but when they click on any of the names, a black square appears as the preview image.

Fix: When the texture pack is not installed and a User selects a texture name, a message now appears, directing the User to consult the online Help for instructions on installing the textures.
- Bug description:** The Environmental Lighting feature of the Render Wizard does not take into effect the new start and end dates for North American Daylight Saving Time.

Fix: This issue no longer occurs. The new start and end dates are now reflected correctly in the Environmental Lighting option of the Render Wizard. In addition, numerous updates and corrections have been made to Vivien's city and time zone database. Certain time zones have been replaced for accuracy. Documents referencing such time zones will automatically have their time zone reset to the Default GMT time zone. Users should also note that the new time zones in Vivien Release 1.5 are not available in prior Releases and, therefore, will not be carried over when saving the file as an older version.
- Bug description:** When using the Seating Wizard to arrange tables in the drawing, some types of tables ignore the orientation that you choose and face in the wrong direction.

Fix: This issue no longer occurs. All tables in the Vivien Seating Wizard now face in the correct direction.

4. **Bug description:** When exporting Layouts as JPEG images (on the Layouts tab, choose File > Export As Image), the resulting files are not saved as proper graphics files and cannot be opened.
Fix: You can now export layouts as JPEG images.
5. **Bug description:** You cannot completely install Vivien or, after installing the program successfully, when you try to launch it you receive error messages about invalid registry settings.
Fix: These issues occur if you have system protection utilities running when Vivien is installed (for example, antivirus software applications). These utilities must be disabled before you install Vivien. A warning box to this effect now appears before you install the software.
6. **Bug description:** After using the Projection Wizard to add a projector or projector/screen combination to your drawing, if you decide to move the projector, you must select it and then move it by dragging either the beams emanating from the projector or dragging the screen (if applicable); you cannot drag the actual projector to the new location.
Fix: You can now move the projector to the desired location by clicking and dragging on it as you would any other object.

Workarounds

Vivien 1.5 includes the following workarounds for known issues:

Issue: When you click the Layouts tab, create and attempt to save a new Layout, Vivien crashes.

Workaround: This issue results from a conflict between the Layouts tab and the default printer configured on your computer. As a workaround, you have three options:

- If you have an alternate printer that doesn't cause a crash, set it to be the default.
- If you have Microsoft Office installed, you will have a virtual printer called Microsoft Office Document Imaging Writer. Set this printer to be the default. After doing so, you can print your spreadsheets/layouts/reports/etc. to this virtual printer, and then use the Microsoft Office Document Imaging program (Start->Programs->Microsoft Office->Microsoft Office Tools) to print the file to your real printer.
- You can install and use an alternate virtual printer, such as Adobe Acrobat Distiller or PDFCreator.

Issue: When you try to install Vivien, you receive an error message preceded with one of the following numbers: -5003, -5009, -6001, -6002, or -6009.

Workaround: These messages appear when your computer contains a version of the InstallShield software that is out of date. To rectify the issue, you must rename the InstallShield folder so it is not referenced, and then launch the Vivien install file again.

1. Navigate to the folder C:\Program Files\Common Files\InstallShield\Professional\RunTime\0701.
2. Highlight the 0701 folder, right-click, and select **Rename**.
3. Alter the name of the folder. For example, you could type **old_0701**, and then press **Enter**. The folder is now renamed **old_0701**.
4. Double-click the Vivien install file to run the installation again. If the installation is still unsuccessful, proceed with the following steps to rename the parent directory.
5. Navigate to the folder C:\Program Files\Common Files\InstallShield.

6. Highlight the InstallShield folder, right-click, and select **Rename**.
7. Alter the name of the folder. For example, you could type **old_InstallShield**, and then press **Enter**. The folder is now renamed *old_InstallShield*.
8. Double-click the Vivien install file to run the installation again.

Issue: When you are working in the Spreadsheet tab and you have added cell borders to your file, all cell borders might disappear from the file after you print the spreadsheet to certain types of printers, and then switch to a different tab view in Vivien.

NOTE: The Spreadsheet prints with the correct border formatting, but the formatting in the file is lost.

Workaround: Save the file with the cell formatting. You can then print the file, if desired, but do not save any changes you make once you have sent the file to the printer (since the formatting may be lost, based on the printer used). To continue to work with the formatted spreadsheet, open the saved file.

Known Issues

Cannot Copy, Paste, Array, or Move selected objects that include a lighting object

The Copy, Paste, Array, and Move commands do not work on a selected group of objects that includes a lighting object. You can perform these commands on individually selected lighting objects or groups of selected objects that do not contain a lighting object.

Cannot Cut, Copy, or Paste items in the Layouts tab

Copy, Cut, and Paste commands are not available on the Edit menu or toolbar in the Layouts tab.

Cannot Undo, Redo, or Repeat last command in the Spreadsheet tab

Undo, Redo, and Repeat commands are not available on the Edit menu or by shortcut keys in the Spreadsheet tab.

Contacting Technical Support

Read the online documentation and visit the www.viviendesign.com web sites before contacting Technical Support. Contact Technical Support at the following location:

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