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HARDWARE AND OS COMPATIBILITY FOR MBOX SOFTWARE

Overview

This document outlines the compatibility of the Mbox media server and media playback software with Apple hardware and different macOS versions. In most cases, newest versions of the Mbox software applications are compatible with recent hardware and macOS versions. However, there are some exceptions or warnings that are highlighted below.

Hardware Compatibility

- + Mbox v5 is compiled for both Apple Silicon and Intel CPUs. It will run natively on both CPU types allowing for better performance and forwards compatibility. Apple Silicon hardware is strongly recommended when using Mbox v5.
- + Mbox v4 and Mbox Player are compiled for Intel CPUs only. Both are compatible with Apple Silicon hardware.
 - With the use of the Rosetta 2 interpreter, Mbox media server software v4.4.5 and Mbox Player v1.3.2 run on Apple Silicon CPUs without issue.
- + All Mbox v4/v5 and Mbox Player software is written for 64-bit processors only and will not run on 32-bit processors. The Mbox v4/v5 and Mbox Player software will not run on older PowerPC CPUs

macOS Compatibility

- + The Mbox v5 media server software is compatible with macOS versions 10.14.6 Mojave through 13 Ventura. We are aware of some issues with macOS 14 Sonoma, and more testing is being performed. Therefore, we do not recommend using Sonoma at this point in time. If you must use Sonoma and experience any issues, please contact MboxSupport@prg.com for assistance.
- + The Mbox v4.x media server and Mbox Player software is compatible with macOS versions starting with macOS 10.10 Yosemite. Mbox v4.4.5 and Mbox Player v1.3.2 software are compatible with macOS 11 Big Sur, 12 Monterey, and 13 Ventura. Mbox Director and Mbox Remote versions prior to v4.4.4 may exhibit performance issues with Big Sur and newer macOS versions, therefore we recommend the use of v4.4.5.
- + No testing has been performed with Mbox v4.x on macOS 14 Sonoma, and development of the Mbox v4.x software has ceased. If need to use Sonoma, please upgrade to Mbox v5.
- + Versions of Mbox software prior to v4.4.1 are not compatible with macOS 10.15 Catalina or newer macOS versions.
- + Versions of Mbox software prior to v4.3.2 are not compatible with macOS 10.14 Mojave or newer macOS versions.
- + The Mbox v3.x media server software is only fully compatible with macOS versions up to 10.10 Yosemite. The Mbox v3 software is obsolete and its usage is strongly discouraged.

Compatibility Testing

- + We make every attempt to confirm compatibility and full performance/functionality between the Mbox software and Mac hardware/macOS, but you should always test the software on your hardware and/or new macOS versions before purchasing a license or committing to using that hardware/OS on a show.
- + In all cases where the Mbox software is working correctly on an existing installation of macOS, upgrading the macOS version is not recommended, as doing so may lead to unforeseen issues.

If you have any questions regarding hardware/software compatibility, please contact MboxSupport@prg.com