

FCS Remover 2.5.9



User Manual

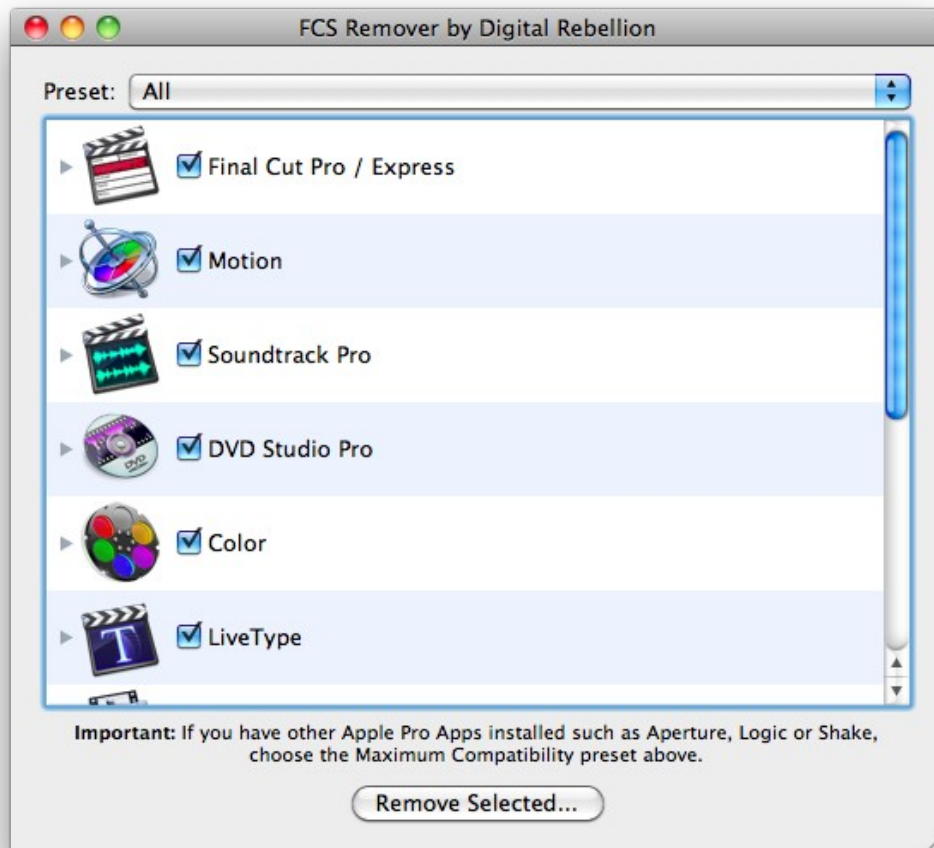
FCS Remover enables you to completely remove Final Cut Studio, Final Cut Express and Final Cut Server from your system. This is essential as a troubleshooting aid or when upgrading to a major new version of the software.

What's new in this version (2.5.9)

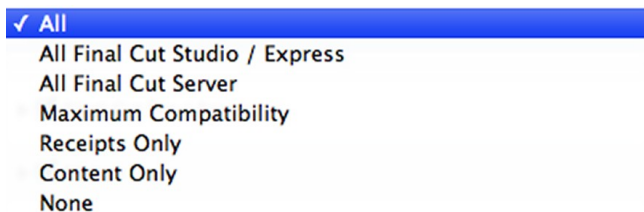
- Improved detection of content locations
- General bug fixes, tweaks and improvements

Quick Start

1. You will be presented with the following screen upon launching the application:



2. If you wish to uninstall all components of Final Cut Studio and you have no other Apple Pro Apps such as Logic or Shake on your system, skip to **Step 4**.
3. If you only wish to remove certain components, use the check boxes to select and deselect them or use the Preset dropdown menu at the top of the window.



The following presets are available:

All – Selects all components.

All Final Cut Studio / Express – This selects all Final Cut Studio / Express components and not Final Cut Server.

All Final Cut Server – This selects all Final Cut Server components and not Final Cut Studio.

Compressor and Qmaster Only – This selects only Compressor and Qmaster, as these are the most commonly reinstalled applications.

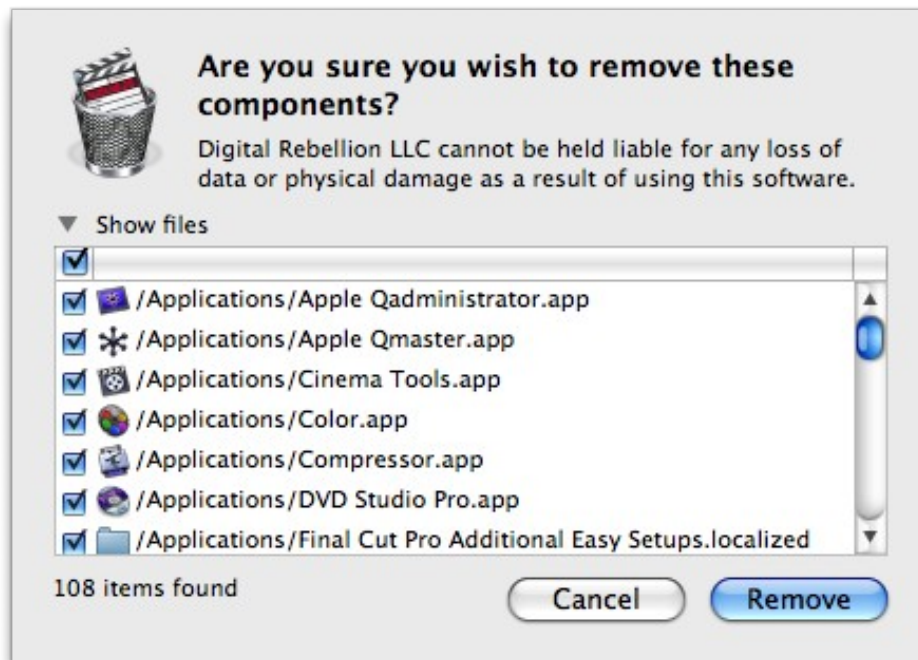
Maximum Compatibility – This removes Final Cut Studio but does not remove Final Cut Studio components that are shared by other Apple ProApps such as Logic and Shake. This allows you to remove Final Cut Studio without harming your other ProApp installations.

Receipts only – This only removes receipts. Receipts are used by the Final Cut Studio installer to keep track of what has been installed, so removing only receipts is a way of causing the installer to overwrite the original files on the disk without actually removing them.

Content only – This only removes extra content such as Soundtrack Pro loops, LiveFonts, DVD Studio Pro templates, etc.

None – Selects no components (this saves deselecting everything if you are only removing one component).

4. Click **Remove Selected** at the bottom of the window. A dialog will appear asking you to confirm whether you wish to remove the selected components. You can click the **Show files** disclosure triangle to view a list of the files to be removed and deselect any items you wish to keep.



5. **Click Remove.** If you have any Final Cut Studio applications running (even if you are not uninstalling that particular application), you will be asked to close them before continuing.
6. You will be asked to enter an administrator password. Contact your system administrator if you do not know this.



7. When removal is complete, all removed items will be placed in your Trash. You will be asked to restart your computer, as Mac OS X cannot remove items from the Trash that are currently in use elsewhere.



8. After restarting, empty your Trash.

Command-line Functionality

FCS Remover supports GUI-less command-line operation, which is useful for remote operation and scripting.

The default location of the executable file (assuming the application was installed in /Applications) is **/Applications/FCS Remover.app/Contents/MacOS/FCS Remover**. When typing this path on the command line, enclose it in quotes (“”) or escape the space characters, otherwise an error will be returned.

The following commands are available:

- **-help** – Displays a list of valid commands.
- **-auto** – Activates command-line mode and removes ALL applications automatically.
- **-silent** – Suppresses output (ignored if -auto is not set).
- **-custom [app index]** - Allows you to choose which applications to remove (ignored if -auto is not set). Applications are specified by a number; to remove multiple applications, add these numbers together.

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| 1 | Final Cut Pro |
| 2 | Motion |
| 4 | Soundtrack Pro |
| 8 | DVD Studio Pro |
| 16 | Color |

32	LiveType
64	Compressor
128	Cinema Tools
256	Qmaster
512	Final Cut Server
1024	Shared Files

So to remove Final Cut Pro, Motion and Color you would calculate 1+2+16 and type **-custom 19**. To remove Compressor and Qmaster, use **-custom 320**.

Command-line Examples

Command:

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/Applications/FCS\ Remover.app/Contents/MacOS/FCS\ Remover -auto
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Returns:

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2009-01-13 23:01:59.004 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Building file list...
2009-01-13 23:01:59.010 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Authorizing...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.922 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing files...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.923 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Final Cut Pro
/ Express...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.929 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Motion...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.933 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Soundtrack
Pro...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.937 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing DVD Studio
Pro...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.942 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Color...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.943 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing LiveType...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.944 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Compressor...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.945 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Cinema
Tools...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.946 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Qmaster...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.948 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removing Final Cut
Server...
2009-01-13 23:02:00.950 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Finishing...
2009-01-13 23:02:01.059 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Done.
2009-01-13 23:02:01.060 FCS Remover[15584:10b] Removal complete.
Items have been placed in your Trash. Some files may still be in use.
You are advised to restart your machine and then empty the Trash.
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Command:

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/Applications/FCS\ Remover.app/Contents/MacOS/FCS\ Remover -auto  
-custom 19
```

Returns:

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2009-01-13 23:05:23.013 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Building file list...  
2009-01-13 23:05:23.017 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Authorizing...  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.243 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Removing files...  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.243 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Removing Final Cut Pro  
/ Express...  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.249 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Removing Motion...  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.256 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Removing Color...  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.267 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Finishing...  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.356 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Done.  
2009-01-13 23:05:25.356 FCS Remover[15612:10b] Removal complete.  
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Command:

```
/Applications/FCS\ Remover.app/Contents/MacOS/FCS\ Remover -auto  
-silent
```

Returns:

(nothing)

Support

Email support can be accessed directly within FCS Remover.

- To report a bug or any other issue, go to **Help > Report a Bug**.
- To request a new feature, go to **Help > Suggest a Feature**.

As a troubleshooting measure, click **FCS Remover > Trash Preferences**. This will reset all preferences to their default settings. This is useful if you have dragged the main window off-screen or onto another monitor that has since been disconnected, and can no longer see the main window.