PLATFORM FOR THE FUTURE

Recommended Upgrade

Digital Rowing recommends that all current users of RowPro upgrade to RowPro 4 for the following reasons:

1. RowPro 4 has been upgraded to install and run in Windows 8. Earlier versions of RowPro do not install and run correctly in Windows 8. Note: RowPro 4 also installs and runs in Windows 7, but can not be installed in earlier versions of Windows.

2. RowPro 4 is the platform Digital Rowing will use for its future developments, including a number of important developments described below. Note: All 4.x upgrades will be free of charge once you have upgraded to RowPro 4.

SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS

Designed for Windows 8 and Windows 7

RowPro 4 has a number of key changes that enable it to install and run in Windows 8. These include shifting from the Microsoft .Net Framework 2.0 to .Net 4, a more recent version of Crystal Reports, an updated version of the C Runtime Library, plus updates to several internal RowPro components. RowPro 4 is also recommended for Windows 7 users.

What about Mac OS-X?

The Mac community has been waiting patiently while we re-engineer RowPro to run natively in OS-X. This work is progressing, but is not yet finished. RowPro 4 and planned 4.x updates represent important steps towards the OS-X version of RowPro. We have already rowed with RowPro running in OS-X in the lab, and soon we plan to open a Customer Lab so we can finish the development with active feedback from OS-X users.

What about Windows XP and Vista?

Windows XP is now over a decade old and Microsoft has recently announced the end of support early next year. Computers of the XP and Vista era tend to have issues with the RowPro 3D graphics, and with the new improved 3D graphics in RowPro 4 it was time to move on from the older computers and versions of Windows. RowPro 3.016 will be the last release of RowPro that runs in Windows XP or Vista.

Note: For the above reasons, we strongly recommend running RowPro 4 in computers that shipped new with Windows 8 or Windows 7, i.e. not in computers that have been upgraded from earlier versions of Windows.

UPGRADE ELIGIBILITY

Upgrading from RowPro Home Edition 1, 2 or 3

RowPro users who have a valid RowPro Home Edition v1, v2 or v3 permanent license are eligible to upgrade to RowPro 4 for the upgrade price.

Upgrading from Annual to Permanent

RowPro users who have a current or expired RowPro Home Edition annual license are eligible to upgrade to a permanent RowPro 4 license at the annual-to-permanent upgrade price.

RowPro users who have a current RowPro Home Edition annual license can upgrade their RowPro software to RowPro 4 free of charge without needing to upgrade their license.

Upgrading RowPro School or Gym Edition

RowPro users who have a current RowPro School or Gym Edition annual license can upgrade their RowPro software to RowPro 4 free of charge without needing to upgrade their license.

Future 4.x upgrades

All 4.x upgrades will be free of charge once you have upgraded to RowPro 4.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Users with RowPro 4 will be eligible for the following planned future developments:

Cross-Platform

We are continuing to make RowPro cross-platform so it can be installed in either Windows or OS-X. Once this work is completed we plan to release this as one of the RowPro 4x releases.

We plan to make cross-grades from Windows to OS-X and back the other way free of charge.

RowPro Plus

We plan to move several components of RowPro online in future 4.x releases as 'RowPro Plus':

1. **Training Plans** – We plan to make it possible to download training plans into RowPro. This will open up a number of training plan options not currently available.

2. **Logbook and Analysis** – We plan to make it possible to upload rows from RowPro to a full-featured online logbook and analysis system. This will open up a number of reporting and analysis options not currently available, and will enable users to access their results using a web browser. It will also simplify moving RowPro from one computer to another over time.

3. **Oarbits** – There is already an Oarbits Online Live Feed. We plan to access this directly from within RowPro rather than having a separate Oarbits embedded within RowPro.

RowPro Apps

We are releasing an update of the Oarbits online rowing app as part of the RowPro 4 release.

We are also developing a RowPro App for iOS and Android. The plan is for the RowPro App to be able to use the same online training plan system and online logbook and analysis system as RowPro 4.x. The timeframe for the release of the RowPro App, and its pricing, have not been set yet. At some point we plan to open a Customer Lab for the development of the RowPro App.

LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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