

Release Notes 2026

MIKE Animator Plus

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Introduction

Welcome to Release 2026.

In this Release Note, you will find information about new features, improvements and fixes, and what you need to know to install and get started with Release 2026.

MIKE Animator Plus is a 3D visualisation and animation environment supporting many kinds of spatial and temporal data. In addition to visualisation, it provides tools for creating flight paths through the data-space and generating output in digital movie format.

System requirements

Supported Operating Systems

The supported operating systems listed below have been tested in accordance with MIKE's Quality Assurance procedures. DHI's warranty, as set out in the General Terms and Conditions ([Schedule 1](#)) for MIKE software and Software Maintenance Agreement ([Schedule 4](#)) only apply when MIKE software is installed and used on these supported systems:

Windows 10 Pro version 22H2, Windows 11 Pro versions 24H2 & 23H2, Windows Server 2022 version 21H2

Any operating system **not listed** is considered **unsupported**. Installing or using MIKE software on an unsupported system is at Licensee's own risk and DHI provides **no warranty**, **no maintenance coverage**, and is **not obligated** to offer support or troubleshooting.

Please note: Even if an operating system is listed as supported, it will be considered **unsupported** if MIKE software is run in a virtualized environment, e.g., a guest operating system or a Docker container.

Minimum hardware/software requirements

Processor	Compatible with x64 instruction set, 2.2 GHz or higher
Memory (RAM)	4 GB or higher *
Storage	64 GB or higher *
Display	resolution 1024 x 720 (High-Definition) or higher, 24-bit color (true color)

Graphics adapter	64 MB RAM (256 MB RAM or higher recommended), 32-bit true color
Software requirements	Microsoft .NET Desktop Runtime 8.0.0 (or later patch)

* The actual required amount of memory and disk space depend on the usage (application, model setup, size of data files etc.)

Colors and resolutions: The user interface of MIKE Animator Plus is designed in a way that resolution of 1024x768 and 24-bit true color are required to view the full contents of all dialogues and to fully profit from the graphical tools. It is possible to run MIKE Animator Plus with smaller resolution and less colors, but certain parts of the dialogues and graphics may not be optimal.

MIKE Animator Plus is based on the OpenGL 3D library and requires at least a 16-bit color graphics adapter to run, but true color (32-bit) is recommended. MIKE Animator Plus will run on any 2D graphic card with 24 bits, but significant performance enhancements can be achieved by using graphics cards with 3D OpenGL rendering capabilities. Using cards with graphic accelerators speed up the displaying and refreshing of images on the screen and computation of details and special effects, in response to user input, occurs with a speed that makes the user feel involved with the scene without compromising performance

Installation

To install MIKE Animator Plus, please go to the 'MIKE Animator Plus' product folder and execute the setup.exe file from the downloaded, un-zipped installation files. Press the 'Install' button to begin installation.

The setup program will automatically install all necessary files and folders onto your computer. Additionally, an entry is created in the Start Menu for MIKE Animator Plus.

Licensing

With Release 2026, we are introducing a new licensing system for MIKE software.

For on-line users, the new Internet License Server is more secure and robust, and less dependent on a stable internet connection. This should significantly increase the overall reliability of the Internet License Server.

For off-line users, the main difference is that dongles and license files are replaced by a Network License Server that is locked to specific computer. Just like the old dongles, a Network License Server can distribute licenses across a local network.

The existing Internet License Server will be phased out by the end of 2026. We will communicate more details of this phase-out to users of the existing system in Q2 2026.

In the new system,

- Every company needs an Administrator to manage Entitlements. This person will be created automatically by Customer Care.
- The Administrator can add Users in their company's Webportal.
- The Administrator can set up Local License Servers for off-line usage.
- Users can configure their connection to the Internet License Server or a Local License Server from the new desktop DHI License Manager.

All the required files will be installed during the MIKE Software installation. The details of the installation, configuration and connecting to your License Server are described in the documentation for the DHI License Manager.

Note: Starting any MIKE Software without a valid license will cause the program to run in demo mode. When running in demo mode, the software has access to all editors, computational engines and editing facilities. The restrictions that apply to saving setups and executing simulations are product specific.

Product invocation

Launch 'MIKE Animator Plus' from the Windows Start menu.

Starting the program without a valid DHI license will cause the program to run in demo mode. If this happens, a message box will inform you during program initialization.

Support

For general support, please refer to our [Customer Care Portal](#).

If you experience any difficulties, or if you have questions, please contact our Customer Care team at mike@dhigroup.com.

You can also contact your local Customer Care team for support in your local language. A list can be accessed from [here](#).

New features and fixed issues

The MIKE Animator Plus 2026 release does not include any new features or fixed issues.