
Vivien Release 1.2

Release Notes

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These release notes provide the most up-to-date information about content and fixes made to the application. This document includes a list of the content made available in all post-release Updates, as well as the list of features and fixes posted in the original release notes.

- [Vivien 1.2.2 Update \(January 2007\)](#)
- [Vivien 1.2.1 Update \(April 2006\)](#)
- [Vivien 1.2 \(March 2006\)](#)

Vivien 1.2.2 Update (January 2007)

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Fixes

The Vivien 1.2.2 Update includes the following fixes:

When you merge items from one Vivien file into another, the objects are now placed accurately in the new file

When merging objects saved from one Vivien file into a new Vivien file, and choosing the Base Point with your mouse, the Merge function was placing objects at an incorrect location. This issue has now been fixed.

Vivien no longer crashes when you open it and manipulate objects for the first time

The first time you open Vivien, the program crashes when you add and manipulate objects on the Drawing Wireframe or Drawing Quad tabs, or when you click the Virtual View tab. This issue has now been fixed.

Vivien no longer crashes when you click the Tools menu while on the Drawing Quad tab, in the Virtual View quadrant

While on the Drawing Quad tab, if you highlight the Virtual View quadrant and then click the Tools menu, Vivien would crash. This issue no longer occurs.

Workarounds

The Vivien 1.2.2 Update includes the following workaround for a known issue:

Issue: You click the Layouts tab, create and attempt to save a new Layout and 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.

Installing the Update

To install the Vivien 1.2.2 Update

1. On the Vivien Web site (www.viviendesign.com), click the link for the Update file.
2. At the prompt, click **Save** to save the file on your computer.
3. Once the file has downloaded completely, double-click it to begin the installation.
4. When the installation is complete, click **Finish**. The appropriate .exe file in your Vivien/Bin folder is updated.
5. You can now start Vivien and work in it as you would normally.

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Fixes

The Vivien 1.2.1 Update includes the following fixes:

You can now open Vivien 1.0 and 1.1 files that contain walls

Previously, when opening a file in Vivien 1.2 that contained a wall and was created and saved in a previous version of Vivien, an error message appeared, saying there had been an access violation, and Vivien would close. This issue no longer occurs. You can now open and work with these files in Vivien 1.2.

Improved reliability on multi-CPU platforms (including dual processor, dual core and hyperthreading)

Vivien has been upgraded to offer improved reliability when running on computers that have dual processors, dual core CPUs, or hyperthreading CPUs.

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Vivien 1.2 (March 2006)

Thank you for installing Vivien Version 1.2. These release notes provide the most up-to-date information about known issues and documentation.

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 1.2 CD (in the \Support Documentation folder)
- from the Start>Programs>Vivien shortcut menu (once Vivien has been installed)
- from the CAST Web site <http://www.cast-soft.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 1.2

Vivien version 1.2 contains the following new features:

- **Projection Wizard** You can use this new wizard to add screens and projectors to your drawings. It enables you to choose from a number of styles of screens and projectors, customize them to suit your event, and place an image on the screen (from a graphic file that is saved in one of six formats—.bmp, .jpg, .gif, .tiff, .png, or .tga). The wireframe view of your drawing accurately represents the dimensions and spacing of the projector and screen, showing you how to set them up in real-life for optimum viewing.
 - **Import floorplans** You can now import into your Vivien drawings existing floorplans that you have saved in one of six graphic formats—.bmp, .jpg, .gif, .tiff, .png, or .tga. When importing the file, you specify the scale at which you want to import it. This enables you to accurately represent the venue for your event before you draw items or place objects from Vivien's library in it.
 - **Export plots** You can now export your plots to one of six graphic formats—.bmp, .jpg, .gif, .tiff, .png, or .tga. This feature enables you to save a picture of the plot so you can distribute it more easily by e-mail or print it to the desired printer.
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In-Place Update

The In-Place update available with Version 1.2 will update Version 1.1 of Vivien to the current release (version 1.2). This update is available on the Vivien CD and from the Cast Web site (<http://www.cast-soft.com/cast/software/downloads.jsp>).

Library Additions

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

Additions to Library Items (Furniture)

Item	Comment
3ft Round Folding Table	New Table (Folding legs)
4ft Round Folding Table	New Table (Folding legs)
5ft Round Folding Table	New Table (Folding legs)
6ft Round Folding Table	New Table (Folding legs)
3ft Round Folding Table_4 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
3ft Round Folding Table_6 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
4ft Round Folding Table_4 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
4ft Round Folding Table_6 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
4ft Round Folding Table_8 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
5ft Round Folding Table_10 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table

Item	Comment
5ft Round Folding Table_4 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
5ft Round Folding Table_6 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
5ft Round Folding Table_8 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
6ft Round Folding Table_10 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
6ft Round Folding Table_12 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table
6ft Round Folding Table_8 chairs_no skirt	New Folding Round Table

Additions to Library Items (People)

Person	Position Type	Position Name
Business Man	Standing	Standing 1
		Standing 2
		Standing 3
		Standing 4
		Standing 5
		Standing 6
		Standing 7
		Standing 8
	Sitting	Sitting 1
		Sitting 2
		Sitting 3
		Sitting 4
		Sitting 5
	Reclining	Reclining 1
		Reclining 2
		Reclining 3
		Reclining 4
		Reclining 5
		Reclining 6
	Walking	Walking 1
		Walking 2
		Walking 3
		Walking 4
		Walking 5
		Walking 6
		Walking 7
	Running	Running 1
		Running 2
		Running 3
		Running 4
		Running 5
		Running 6
	Jumping	Jumping 1
		Jumping 2
Jumping 3		
Sports	Fencing 1	
	Baseball 1	
	Golfing 1	
Creative	Guitar 1	
Casual Man	Standing	Standing 1
		Standing 2

Person	Position Type	Position Name	
Casual Man (cont'd)		Standing 3 Standing 4 Standing 5 Standing 6 Standing 7 Standing 8	
	Sitting	Sitting 1 Sitting 2 Sitting 3 Sitting 4 Sitting 5	
	Reclining	Reclining 1 Reclining 2 Reclining 3 Reclining 4 Reclining 5 Reclining 6	
	Walking	Walking 1 Walking 2 Walking 3 Walking 4 Walking 5 Walking 6 Walking 7	
	Running	Running 1 Running 2 Running 3 Running 4 Running 5 Running 6	
	Jumping	Jumping 1 Jumping 2 Jumping 3	
	Sports	Fencing 1 Baseball 1 Golfing 1	
	Creative	Guitar 1	
	Business Woman	Standing	Standing 1 Standing 2 Standing 3 Standing 4 Standing 5 Standing 6 Standing 7 Standing 8
		Sitting	Sitting 1 Sitting 2 Sitting 3 Sitting 4 Sitting 5
		Reclining	Reclining 1 Reclining 2

Person	Position Type	Position Name
Business Woman (cont'd)	Walking	Reclining 3
		Reclining 4
		Reclining 5
		Reclining 6
		Walking 1
		Walking 2
		Walking 3
	Running	Walking 4
		Walking 5
		Walking 6
		Walking 7
		Running 1
		Running 2
	Jumping	Running 3
		Running 4
		Running 5
	Sports	Running 6
		Jumping 1
		Jumping 2
	Creative	Jumping 3
	Fencing 1	
Baseball 1		
Golfing 1		
Guitar 1		
Casual Woman	Standing	Standing 1
		Standing 2
		Standing 3
		Standing 4
		Standing 5
		Standing 6
		Standing 7
		Standing 8
	Sitting	Sitting 1
		Sitting 2
		Sitting 3
		Sitting 4
		Sitting 5
	Reclining	Reclining 1
		Reclining 2
		Reclining 3
		Reclining 4
		Reclining 5
		Reclining 6
	Walking	Walking 1
		Walking 2
Walking 3		
Walking 4		
Walking 5		
Walking 6		
Walking 7		
Running	Running 1	
	Running 2	

Person	Position Type	Position Name
Casual Woman (cont'd)	Jumping	Running 3
		Running 4
		Running 5
		Running 6
		Jumping 1
		Jumping 2
	Sports	Jumping 3
		Fencing 1
		Baseball 1
	Creative	Golfing 1
		Guitar 1

Fixes

- Bug description:** When screens containing images are placed on colored layers, the rendering shows the layer color around the edge of the screen surrounding the image, regardless of whether you choose a custom rendering color.

Fix: When you choose a custom rendering color for the screen, this is the color that now appears in renderings.
- Bug description:** Resizing the seating area causes all custom properties, such as color, texture, etc. to disappear.

Fix: This issue no longer occurs. You can now resize the seating area without losing custom properties.
- Bug description:** When you use the Seating Wizard to fill a non-rectangular seating area, chairs are sometimes drawn outside of the seating area boundary.

Fix: You can now use the Seating Wizard to fill a non-rectangular seating area and keep the chairs within the seating outline.
- Bug description:** When you draw walls interactively while ortho is activated, the ortho settings are ignored, enabling you to draw a wall in any direction.

Fix: This issue no longer occurs. When you activate an ortho setting, and then you draw walls interactively, the walls are only drawn in the direction allowed by the ortho setting.
- Bug description:** On the Images tab, the View menu item "Zoom to 100%" was always disabled.

Fix: This menu item is now enabled.
- Bug description:** When you set a new drawing origin using the Set User Origin command, and then you add a piece of truss with the Truss Wizard, the truss appears at the wrong trim height because it uses the original origin (ignoring the new origin specified).

Fix: This issue no longer occurs. When you set a new origin and then you add a piece of truss, it is placed at the correct trim height as it uses the newly specified origin. For example, if the trim height is 16' and the origin is 4', the truss is placed 20' off the ground.
- Bug description:** When you select a camera in a Shaded view, and then you delete the camera, the image in the Shaded view turns black (instead of reverting to the default view).

Fix: This issue no longer occurs. When you select a camera in a Shaded view,

- and then subsequently delete the camera, the image in the Shaded view is shown from the default perspective.
8. **Bug description:** When you create custom colors on either the General or Appearance tab, save and then reopen the file, the custom colors are not saved.
Fix: You can now create custom colors on either tab and save the colors so you can work with them each time you open the file.
 9. **Bug description:** When you export a Vivien file to DWG format and then open the same DWG file in Vivien, some layers in the file are rearranged or altered.
Fix: This issue no longer occurs. When you export a file as DWG and then open the file, the layers, including their properties, remain intact.
 10. **Bug description:** When you open a Vivien file in WYSIWYG, any gobos that you added to the file appear changed or distorted.
Fix: You can now open Vivien files in WYSIWYG without affecting any of the gobos in the file.
 11. **Bug description:** When you add gobos to either moving or theatre lights, and then render the image, the gobos appear distorted in the rendering (they are a mixture of the gobos that you chose and the adjacent gobos on the gobo wheel).
Fix: When you render files containing gobos, the renderings display only the gobos that you chose.
 12. **Bug description:** When you mirror a circle, the mirrored copy does not appear in the correct location.
Fix: This issue no longer occurs. When you mirror a circle it now appears in the correct location.
 13. **Bug description:** In all drawing views *except* Plan view, the Fillet tool does not function properly (either the arc is not drawn between the lines, or it appears in the wrong place).
Fix: The fillet tool now functions properly in all drawing views, joining two non-parallel lines with an arc of the specified radius and grouping both lines and the arc together.
 14. **Bug description:** When you are on the Plots tab and you choose a print scale of 1:1 for any Plot item (select an item, right-click and choose Item Properties > Drawing, then choose the 1:1 print scale), the item does not print to the correct scale.
Fix: You can now accurately print Plot items at the 1:1 scale.
 15. **Bug description:** When you mirror an object (for example, a chair), and then apply the same custom color to both the original and mirrored object, there is a color discrepancy between the two objects when they are viewed in the Shaded tab.
Fix: Now when you apply the same custom color to both the original and mirrored object, the color of both objects is the same in the Shaded tab.

Known Issues

You can only move a projector (with or without a screen) by clicking and dragging the projector beams or screen

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.

Library error appears when working in the latest release of Vivien (the version installed by downloading the web-only installation file)

After you download and install the latest build of Vivien 1.2 (the web-only installation file), and you open a Vivien file that was created in a previous Vivien build, you may receive a library error telling you that up to four library items are not available. All previous builds of Vivien included both Vivien and WYSIWYG library items for you to use. However, to save download time and installation space, this latest Vivien installation file (available by download only) includes only Vivien library items. Therefore, if you are working in a Vivien 1.0 file, or if you are attempting to open a WYSIWYG file in Vivien, the program notifies you that there are missing library items. Click OK to close this error dialog.

As a workaround, and to keep any of these WYSIWYG-specific library items in your Vivien file, you can download the WYSIWYG Compatibility Pack separately (containing all WYSIWYG library items).

Spreadsheet border settings are lost when printing to certain printers

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.)

As a workaround, ensure that you 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.

Cannot Copy, Paste, Array, or Move a selection of objects that includes 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 Plots tab

Copy, Cut, and Paste commands are not available on the Edit menu or toolbar in the Plots 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.cast-soft.com web sites before contacting Technical Support. You can contact Technical Support at the following location.

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