

## What You Should Know Before Installing

Before installing, modifying, or upgrading Dragon, you should know about issues with Vista and coexistence with other Dragon products.

### Installing on Windows Vista

Dragon Version 10 is compatible with all editions of Windows Vista. Versions 8.x, 9.0, and 9.1 of Dragon do not install or run on Windows Vista. (Versions 9.5 and higher do work on Windows Vista.) If you upgrade a machine from a previous version of Windows to Windows Vista and that machine has Version 8.x, 9.0, or 9.1 of Dragon installed, that version of Dragon will not work after upgrading to Windows Vista. All your user profiles from these previous versions remain intact and can be upgraded when you install Dragon Version 9.5 or higher.

### Coexistence with other Dragon products

Coexistence with previous versions of Dragon You can have only one version of Dragon NaturallySpeaking installed on your system.

**NOTE:** Running Version 8.x or 9.x concurrently with Version 10 is not supported. Coexistence with Dragon NaturallySpeaking SDK

### Client Edition

You can install Dragon SDK Client Edition 10 on the same machine where Dragon 10 is installed. In addition, Dragon 10 and Dragon SDK Client Edition 10 can share users and vocabularies. You can only run one product at a time. For example, if you are running Dragon, you cannot run any of the SDK Client tools or samples.

**NOTE:** Coexistence of Version 10 with Dragon SDK Client Edition Version 8.x or 9.x is not supported.

### Before installing the software

Before installing, modifying, or upgrading Dragon:

1. Close all open applications.
2. Turn off or disable antivirus software; the installation process can sometimes trigger a false virus report.

**NOTE:** You must have Administrator rights to install or uninstall Dragon on Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows Vista. Administrator rights are not required to create a user or use the software after installation.

3. On Windows 2000, Windows XP Professional, and Windows Vista systems, if as an administrator you want to create a Dragon user for a Windows limited user (user with restricted privileges), you must log on using that Windows limited user account before creating the Dragon NaturallySpeaking user. If you create a Dragon user account for a limited user while logged in as a Windows administrator, the limited user will not be able to access that user account. These restrictions also apply to an upgrade installation.
4. Choose the type of installation to carry out.

#### Choose Installation Type

Choose whether to install the entire product or only particular features of the product, as explained in the next section.

You can also carry out an MSI installation. Refer to the online [Dragon System Administrator Guide PDF](#) or [Help file](#) for details.

## Choosing type of installation

When you install Dragon, you can either do a complete (typical) installation or a custom installation. Nuance recommends you do a complete installation unless you are experienced with the product. The table below tells more about each installation type.

**NOTE:** *If you decide not to install some Dragon components by selecting Custom installation, you can install them later by running the Setup program again and choosing Modify.*

If you are installing the product for multiple users, you should choose a Custom installation rather than a Typical/Complete installation. To carry out a custom installation, proceed to Installing software — Custom Installation. Otherwise, proceed.