Softmatic Barcode Extensions for Creative Cloud

Note: The following instructions only apply if you purchased your license through the Softmatic Online Store. If you purchased through the Adobe Exchange, installation happens automatically through the Creative Cloud app.

Installation

With your order confirmation you will have received a download link to the extension. The file names are as follows:

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Barcode Extension for Illustrator:      com.softmatic.aiexts.final.zxp
QR Designer for Illustrator:            com.softmatic.qraiexts.final.zxp
Barcode Extension for InDesign:         com.softmatic.idexts.final.zxp
QR Designer for InDesign:               com.softmatic.qridexts.final.zxp
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You will also have received a license key of the format:

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Barcode Extension for Illustrator:      AIS-xxxxx-xxxxx-xxxxx
QR Designer for Illustrator:            QRA-xxxxx-xxxxx-xxxxx
Barcode Extension for InDesign:         IDS-xxxxx-xxxxx-xxxxx
QR Designer for InDesign:               QRI-xxxxx-xxxxx-xxxxx
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Where the x stands for a digit from 0-9.

Installation of the extension can be done in two ways:

1. With an Extension Manager
2. Manually

Option 1 will be the best choice for most users. Manual installation should only be done if the installation through the Extension Manager fails.

Close Illustrator and / or InDesign before proceeding.

I. Installation with an Extension Manager

From our own experience, we recommend using the "aescripts" ZXP installer which can be downloaded for free and can be used to install extensions for all Creative Cloud apps:

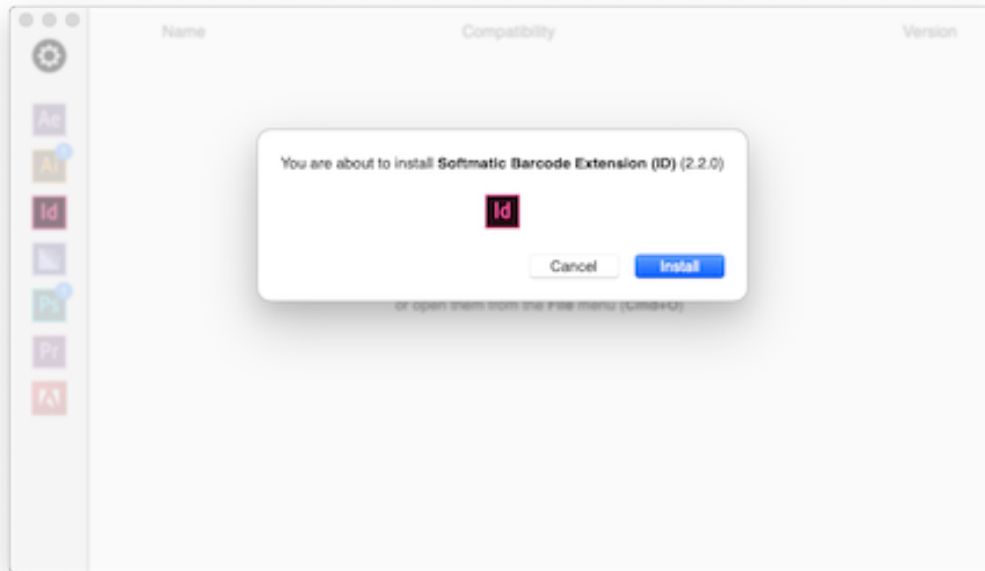https://aescripts.com/learn/zxp-installer/

The installer is available for Windows and Mac; shown below is the Mac version. Note that you may be prompted for an administrator password, depending on the security settings of your computer.
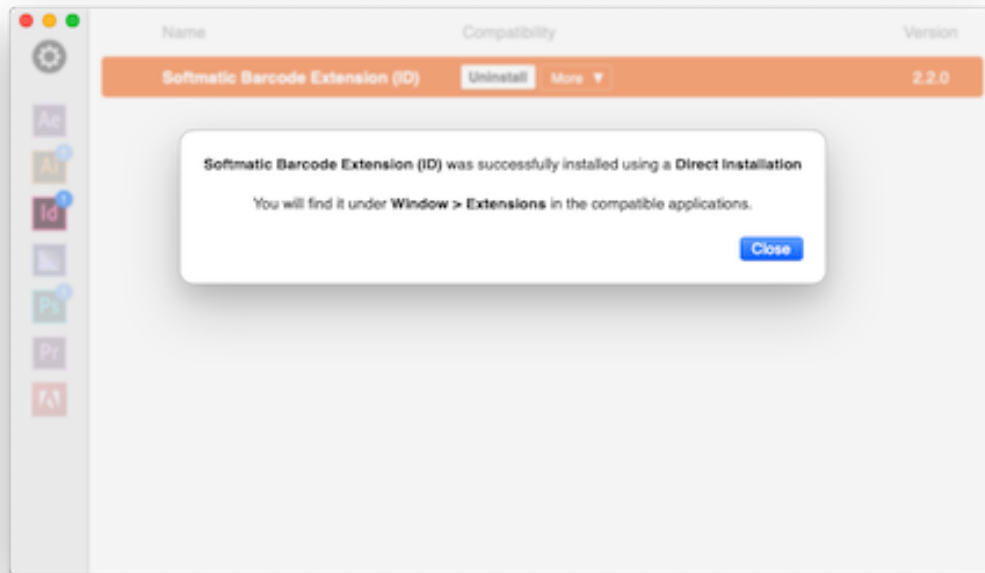
Then launch the installer. Shown is the main window:

Drag the downloaded extension (the "ZXP" file) over the installer window; here we are adding the Barcode Extension for InDesign:
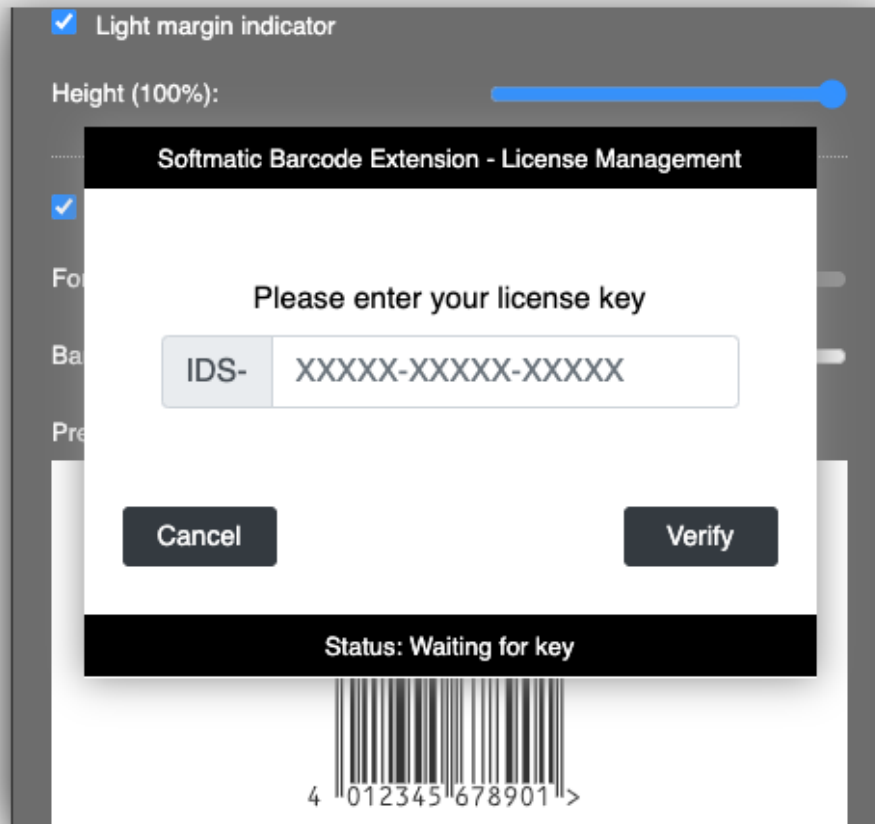
Click the "Install" button to install the extension; you should get confirmation of the successful installation:

The extension will now be available in Illustrator and / or InDesign under menu Window > Extensions.

On first launch you will be prompted for your license key:

Type in or paste your key without the prefix but including the hyphens, e.g. 12345-12345-12345. Then click "Verify". Upon successful verification the dialog will disappear and the license information in the lower right corner of the panel will be updated accordingly:

II. Manual installation

Manual installation involves three steps:

1. Rename the extension

The extension is in essence a compressed ZIP file. Rename it accordingly by changing the extension from "zxp" to "zip", e.g.:
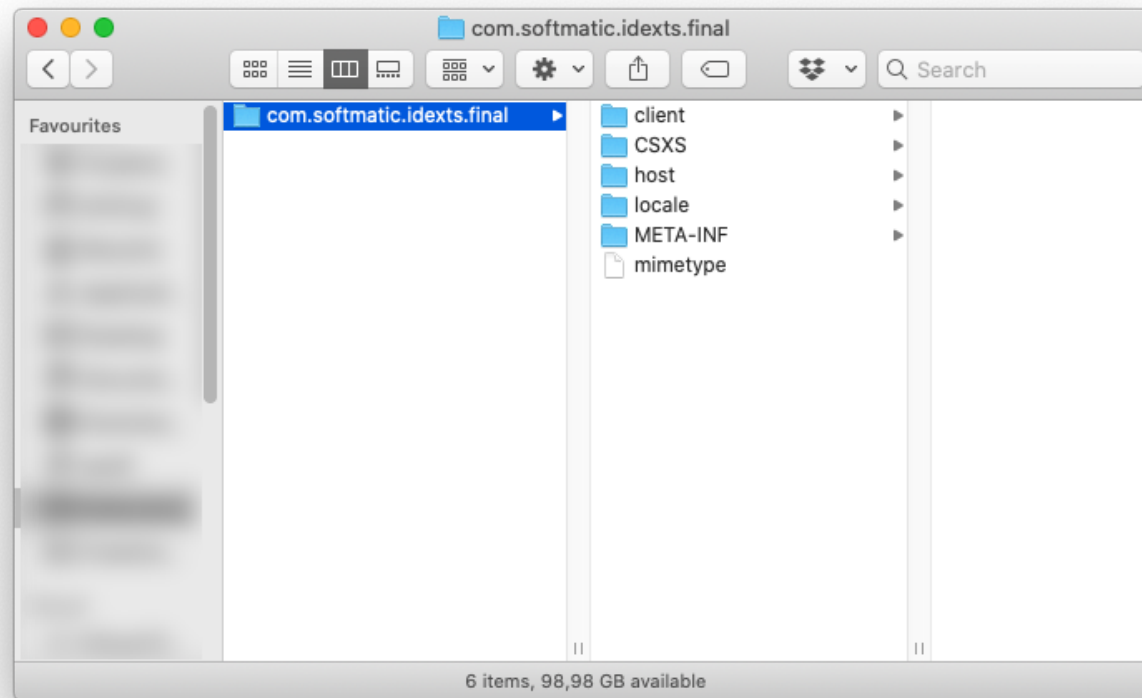
com.softmatic.idexts.final.zxp

must be renamed to

com.softmatic.idexts.final.zip

2. Expand the ZIP file

On Mac: Double-click the file

On Windows: Right-click the file and select "Expand all" from the context menu

You will the get the following folder structure (shown on a Mac):

3. Copy the expanded folder

The folder com.softmatic.idexts.final (or com.softmatic.aiexts.final with the Illustrator extension) must now be copied into the Adobe *Extensions* folder on your computer. The default locations are as follows:

Mac: /Library/Application Support/Adobe/CEP/extensions

Windows: C:\Program Files\Common Files\Adobe\CEP\extensions

Here shown on a Mac: