



# Composer

## Point-and-Click Package Creation

JAMF Software is pleased to announce the release of Composer 7, the easy-to-use software package-creation utility for IT systems administrators. Composer 7 allows administrators to easily create software installation packages for computers operating within Mac networks.

When software is purchased from manufacturers for use in enterprise-level networks, it often needs to be configured or customized by IT personnel to meet the needs of the end-users receiving it. By creating “packages”, any changes or configurations can be created prior to distribution, so that the software arrives at the end-user already pre-configured and ready for immediate use. Creating packages that are tailored to end-user configurations allows IT administration to save time and resources-as well as network bandwidth, since only the required data is being distributed.

Composer 7 is a utility that creates such packages. Part of the Casper Suite, as well as being available as a standalone application, Composer 7 lets users point-and-click their way through the package creation process. In doing so it quickly and easily creates software and/or file installation packages, in .pkg or .dmg format, for deployment with Apple Remote Desktop or any other patch management system.

A [video](#) with detailed information about the new features in **Composer 7** is available on the [JAMF Software website](#).

### Composer 7

New interFace, new Features.

#### File System Monitoring

In addition to the traditional ‘Before & After’ snapshot method of creating packages, Composer 7 has the ability to monitor the file system using FSEvents. This allows the capture of any changes that may occur during an installation, without having to take the time to create a snapshot of the hard drive.

#### Drag-and-Drop Package Building

Simply drag the software components and/or files to be distributed onto the Composer application window to create preconfigured software or file packages, quickly and easily.

#### Built-in Quick Look File Viewer

Easily see critical information about files and folders without having to locate them in the OS X Finder.

#### Developer Tools Independent

Composer 7 no longer requires the pre-installation of Apple’s Developer Tools to create PKG-style packages..

#### Download DiFFs

Composer allows the building of packages from software that is already installed and configured, using “PreInstalled Diff” files. These files, which can be created by the entire community, can be updated at anytime from inside Composer’s interface.

#### Package Editor

Composer’s Package Editor adds a range of productivity features, including the ability to manage pre-flight, post-flight and other scripts, create and modify localizations, easily identify new, modified or deleted files, and diff file creation.

**Requirements:** Mac OS X: 10.4, 10.5, 10.6

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