

Poliscript End of Life (EOL) Notification

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Dear Valued Customer:

This is to inform you of the upcoming end-of-life (EOL) status for Poliscript. Poliscript has been our benchmark authoring and QC software for PAC subtitle files for over 20 years, but its time is coming to an end, and it can no longer be effectively supported. It is possible that new problems cannot be fixed as the software is increasingly becoming unstable and incompatible with current technology and operating systems. As a result, hardware upgrades or license transfers are no longer supported and fixes that require new development can no longer be implemented.

New orders will cease to be available in the Store as of 15 November 2024. All support will end as of 31 December 2024. Support via Remote Access will no longer be available. Email support will be provided until the end of December 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION STEPS

Please take the following steps to continue with your subtitling efforts:

- 1. Switch to Wincaps Q4 as soon as possible. Wincaps is being fully supported moving forward and provides most of the features that Poliscript provided, plus other functionality such as full clipboard access and a wider range of subtitle file formats. Wincaps is available in two variants, both available in our Store for a small monthly subscription. You can get either version at 50% off for three months (use code WinCapsIntroMonthly50) or get six months for the price of three months (use code WinCapsIntroSixMonth50). Codes valid until 31 December 2024. There's also a free 7-day introductory trial on the standard version to get you started. If you need a group subscription, rather than individual, please contact Support for details.
 - a. <u>Wincaps Q4 Standard</u> Complete subtitle preparation software solution that is compatible with all production and delivery requirements and supports a range of comprehensive workflows, media types, file formats, and supports translation subtitling and same language captioning. <u>You can learn more here.</u>
 - b. Wincaps Q4 Pro Adds an innovative text-to-speech aligner for automatic timing in Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Spanish or Swedish, and includes enhanced support for the use of re-speaking techniques (as commonly used for live captioning) all offering the potential for greatly increased productivity for those working on same language captions. Learn more here. If you want to take advantage of the latest ASR technology you should consider SubCaptioner, our online portal for file-based same language captions and translation subtitles. SubCaptioner features an innovative, excellent editor that allows you to correct ASR errors and adjust

caption segmentation quickly and easily while retaining accurate word timing. Simply upload your file and get captions and transcripts for one low price in just minutes.

- 2. Alternatively, you may like to consider <u>WincapsASR</u> This is an enterprise level solution for automated file-based captioning using ASR. Subtitle files produced by WincapsASR can be opened in Wincaps for correction with helpful metadata to guide you to where the technology is least confident in its results.
- 3. If you are not sure about next steps please <u>Contact BroadStream Support</u> or your <u>Sales</u> <u>Director</u> with any questions.

Thank you for choosing BroadStream Solutions for your subtitling requirements. We value your trust and look forward to supporting your needs into the future and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause as our industry continues to migrate to newer, better solutions.

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About BroadStream

BroadStream (https://broadstream.com) specializes in flexible and highly scalable solutions for integrated playout, live automated captioning & subtitling, file-based, captioning & subtitling, caption encoding and subtitling software tools. Our OASYS Integrated Playout solution is used world-wide by broadcasters of all sizes for Content Preparation, Playout and Management. Designed to improve workflow efficiency, solutions are available in SD, HD, and IP as well as SD/HD-SDI and SDI/IP hybrid playout configurations to provide a solid migration path to future technologies, including the cloud, to make transitioning easier.

In 2018, BroadStream acquired Screen Subtitling Systems in the UK. Screen specialises in products for the preparation and delivery of captions, subtitles and value-add information services across multiple platforms and devices. Our combined 60+ years of hands-on experience consistently delivers quality, flexibility, dependability, improved workflows, and operational efficiency that scale from single channel facility to multichannel broadcasters and service providers operating hundreds of channels.

In 2023 we partnered with Broadcast Pix and their Live Online Streaming Production Solutions. Their new platform is fully integrated with our live subtitling solution, VoCaption, to provide captioning for your live streaming needs.