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Questions and answers

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1. General information

1.1 What is happening to the Mac support for Autodesk Alias and VRED?

After July 13th, 2018, Autodesk will no longer provide Mac versions of Alias and VRED, beginning with version 19.1.

Alias: Prior versions of Alias (2019.0 and earlier) can continue to run on Sierra or earlier.

VRED: Prior versions of VRED (2019.0 and earlier) can run on High Sierra or earlier. Once Apple releases Mojave, no versions of VRED will run on that due to the OpenGL deprecation.

1.2 Why is Autodesk making this change?

This change will allow Autodesk development teams to focus on bringing innovations to market faster, and allowing for more frequent software updates. In the end, the entire Alias and VRED community will benefit from this streamlined approach.

1.3 What are the alternative software options?

If you're a current Mac user, you can migrate to the Windows version or utilize Mac-supported software such as Boot Camp. These options will still offer all the functionality you need, and will be supported by future updates of Alias. Though we are not able to support technical issues with Boot Camp or Windows OS, the Windows versions of Alias and VRED are equipped to run on a 'boot camped' Windows.

1.4 What if I don't want to change?

If you don't want to use either the Windows version or Boot Camp (or similar software) it is possible to remain on Sierra or earlier MacOS versions and continue with your existing version of Alias (Alias 2019.0 or prior). Alias does not support High Sierra, due to an incompatibility issue with OSX for which there are no plans by Apple to fix. If you choose this option, Autodesk can only continue to support the Mac version as long as you never upgrade past the Sierra version of OSX.