

# ABBYY® FlexiCapture® | How to Upgrade

## About the document

This document describes how to upgrade from FlexiCapture 10 and 11 and start using FlexiCapture 12. You can find a description of new functionality and a list of all improvements in the help file, on the ABBYY FlexiCapture product website and in the online help at <http://help.abbyy.com/>.

## Installation

Old and new versions of the FlexiCapture products have completely separate installation processes, which means that configuration of the old version will not be inherited by the new installation. Old and new versions are treated as separate products.

FlexiCapture 10 or 11 and FlexiCapture 12 can be installed on the same machine. You will find the installation instructions for FlexiCapture 12 in the Administrator's Guide.

You can use ABBYY FlexiCapture and ABBYY FlexiLayout projects and FlexiLayouts created in earlier versions of the program. When you open an ABBYY FlexiCapture and ABBYY FlexiLayout® project created in an earlier version of the program, it will be converted to the ABBYY FlexiCapture 12 format. Once a project is converted, it can no longer be opened in the earlier versions.

If you have documents already loaded into the system, we highly recommend to complete processing of all previously imported documents and delete them before upgrading the system and only then migrate to ABBYY FlexiCapture 12.

After you install ABBYY FlexiCapture 12, it will become the default application for all FlexiCapture and FlexiLayout Studio projects, even if ABBYY FlexiCapture 10 or 11 is installed on your computer.

## Licenses

A new FlexiCapture 12 license is required in order to use FlexiCapture 12. You cannot use your ABBYY FlexiCapture 10 and 11 serial numbers to run ABBYY FlexiCapture 12.

## Upgrading from ABBYY FlexiCapture 10 and 11 to FlexiCapture 12

There are several ways to migrate from an earlier version to ABBYY FlexiCapture 12:

- Connecting to a database created in an earlier version of ABBYY FlexiCapture
- Moving projects created in an earlier version of ABBYY FlexiCapture to a new database (recommended)

### Connecting to a database created in an earlier version of ABBYY FlexiCapture

1. Finish processing all batches currently pending in FlexiCapture 10 or 11.
2. Close all open sessions via the Administration and Monitoring Console.
3. Install FlexiCapture 12 (both servers and stations).
4. Make sure that FlexiCapture does not use the database. There are two easy ways to do this:
  - 4.1. Delete FlexiCapture 10.0 or 11.0 from your computer, or
  - 4.2. For FlexiCapture 10: Delete the Connection String from the Windows Registry: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ABBYY\FlexiCapture\10.0\WebServices, "DBConnectionString" parameter  
For FlexiCapture 11: Delete the key `<add name="FlexiCapture11ConnectionString" ...></add>` from the Server web.config file. You can find this file under IISRootPath\FlexiCapture 11\Server
5. Upgrade the database to the version used by ABBYY FlexiCapture 12.
6. Open your projects from Server on the Project Setup Station. They will be converted into the FlexiCapture 12 format automatically.
7. Check to make sure that the project and document definition settings are correct.
8. Continue working with your project.

### Moving projects created in an earlier version of ABBYY FlexiCapture to a new database

If you wish to keep your earlier version of ABBYY FlexiCapture and at the same time use its projects in ABBYY FlexiCapture 12, you need to create a new database in ABBYY FlexiCapture 12 and move the required projects to this database.

1. Export the projects created in your earlier version of ABBYY FlexiCapture from the Application Server to the file system.
2. Create a new database in ABBYY FlexiCapture 12 and specify the path to the new file storage location.
3. Open projects in FlexiCapture 12 and confirm the update.

For detailed descriptions of the migration and update processes please refer to the System Administrator's Guide.