



**iLiad Release Notes
Software Version 2.9.5**

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1 Preface:

These Release Notes cover what is new in the software release 2.9.5 and provide the download and installation instructions.

The software release 2.9.5 is part of an ongoing process to extend the functionalities of the iLiad and to improve the overall performance to ensure an even better electronic reading experience for our customers. We recommend that all users upgrade to this latest version.

The release notes of previous software versions can be found on the download section of our website:

<http://www.irextechnologies.com/downloads/docs>

2 What's new in the software release 2.9.5?

This release does not add any major new functionality, but it paves the way for the following functions that will be released shortly after this one:

- The Mobipocket Viewer: this viewer will give the ability to read books and documents protected with this popular DRM format as well as offline RSS feeds. More details to follow.
- Full GPL compliance of the software running on your iLiad: the Linux kernel is now 100% identical to what we've published online.
- System prepared for recovery function: a way for the end-user to go back to an iRex-supplied working software version using a CF card. The actual recovery software is sent as separate software update.
- A minor bug in the WiFi driver has been resolved which should make software upgrades seamless from the next releases onwards; specific when automatic restarting and reconnecting to iDS using WiFi.

3 How to download and install the latest release?

In order to benefit from this release and any future software releases you will need to create a user account to connect to iDS. If you have an account, you can skip 3.1 and proceed to 3.2 “Backup all files of your iLiad”.

3.1 *Create an account*

- Go to <https://myirex.irexnet.com/user.php> and fill in your e-mail address.
- You will receive an automatic e-mail with a password in your e-mail inbox.
- Configure the *iLiad Settings* on your iLiad and insert your e-mail address and the password you received.

3.2 *Backup all files of your iLiad*

Installing this software upgrade will destroy all data on your iLiad. To prevent lost data, you must **backup all documents** on the internal memory of your iLiad to a safe place on your computer (using USB).

Backup data on internal memory by:

- Create a backup folder on your computer.
- Connect the iLiad to your computer using the USB cable.
- Copy all files and folders to the backup folder on your computer.
- Safely remove the iLiad from your computer.

Do not use iLiad Companion Software to backup data!
(2.9.5 update only)

Though the iLiad Companion Software version 1.1 release 4 provides a backup function it does not work with this update as intended. iLiad Companion Software creates a backup but also synchronizes the backup with the device content. After this update the device is blank and iLiad Companion Software synchronizes and deletes all data!

3.3 Download and install the software release 2.9.5

Step 1: Charge the battery of the iLiad.

Your battery must be fully charged before you can attempt this upgrade.

Step 2: Installing the software Upgrade

- Connect to the iDS by pressing the connect key of your iLiad for 2 seconds.
- After connecting to the server you will get a message: **Downloading Software Update v2.9.5** and the progress of the download. This might take a bit longer than usual, especially the **Unpacking**.
- After the download you will be presented with a confirmation screen. You have to acknowledge (using the stylus) the fact that you will lose all data on your internal memory. This screen will also wait for your battery to be fully charged and the iLiad to be connected to the power plug before continuing.



- A 6-step progress screen will appear to show the progress of the update itself, no interaction is needed.
- After step 6 the iLiad will restart and will try to reconnect to iDS to download additional software. This step needs to complete successfully for the upgrade to be complete. In case the iLiad does not connect automatically, connect to the iDS again by pressing the connect key of your iLiad for 2 seconds.
- Depending on your custom applications, the iLiad might restart again.



Note:

If your iLiad stops at Step 1 (indicated by a cursor) for longer than 10 minutes, you need to manually reset and switch on the iLiad to continue the update.

Caution:

Please make sure the iLiad is NOT **reset** while the software upgrade is being installed (steps 2...6). If the installation is interrupted at these stages, the iLiad is programmed with incomplete software, rendering it unusable.

Note:

Due to network problems the update process may be interrupted. Restart your iLiad and connect again to continue the upgrade process.

Known hold points are (same screen for 10-15 minutes):

- After a download and auto reboot the iLiad does not always reconnect automatically. Reset and restart your iLiad again and connect manually to continue the update process.
- Your iLiad stops at the start up screen. Restart it to continue the update process.
- When you see the message “File corrupt: ...” Click at the message to continue the update process.

It may be necessary to restart the unit several times.

The update process to 2.9.5 is completed when an empty “Recent Document list” is shown.

Verify the software version on your iLiad in the settings menu title bar.



3.4 *Restore the content on your iLiad*

- Connect your iLiad over USB to your computer to restore the backup of your content. Copy all data from the backup made in 3.2 back to the device.

4 Technical Support

If you experience problems with the installation please contact our Tech Support centre.

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