CHECK YOUR WORK WITH

AE Spell Checker

Scan. Review. Replace.

Installation

AE Spell Checker is an extension, not a script or a plugin. The easiest way to install and license is by using the aescripts + aeplugins manager. To install a trial you can select 'Add Trial' from the 'Account' menu.

Alternatively you can use the ZXP/UXP Installer.

To open the extension inside of After Effects, go to Window > Extensions > AE Spell Checker.

Installation troubleshooting

If AE Spell Checker opens but scanning or other controls are unavailable, try a manual installation. Extract the ZXP and move the extension folder to your Adobe CEP extensions folder, then restart After Effects. The panel will display the appropriate installation path if required.

Workflow

Scan text layers for misspellings, review suggestions, replace words quickly, and build Custom and Brand Dictionaries tailored to your workflow.

Note: AE Spell Checker prioritizes accuracy and user control. Auto-advance is intentionally disabled so you can visually confirm each replacement before moving to the next word.

Known limitations

Mixed-font / multi-style text layers:
After Effects may not reliably preserve character-level formatting when using Replace on text layers that contain multiple fonts or styles. In these cases, use the suggested correction as a reference and edit the text manually.

Copy/Paste:
After Effects can occasionally be unreliable when pasting directly from the Suggestions box into a text layer. For best results, copy the word, briefly switch focus outside After Effects (or to another application), then return to After Effects and paste.

Support:
SpellSupport@midnight-snacks.com

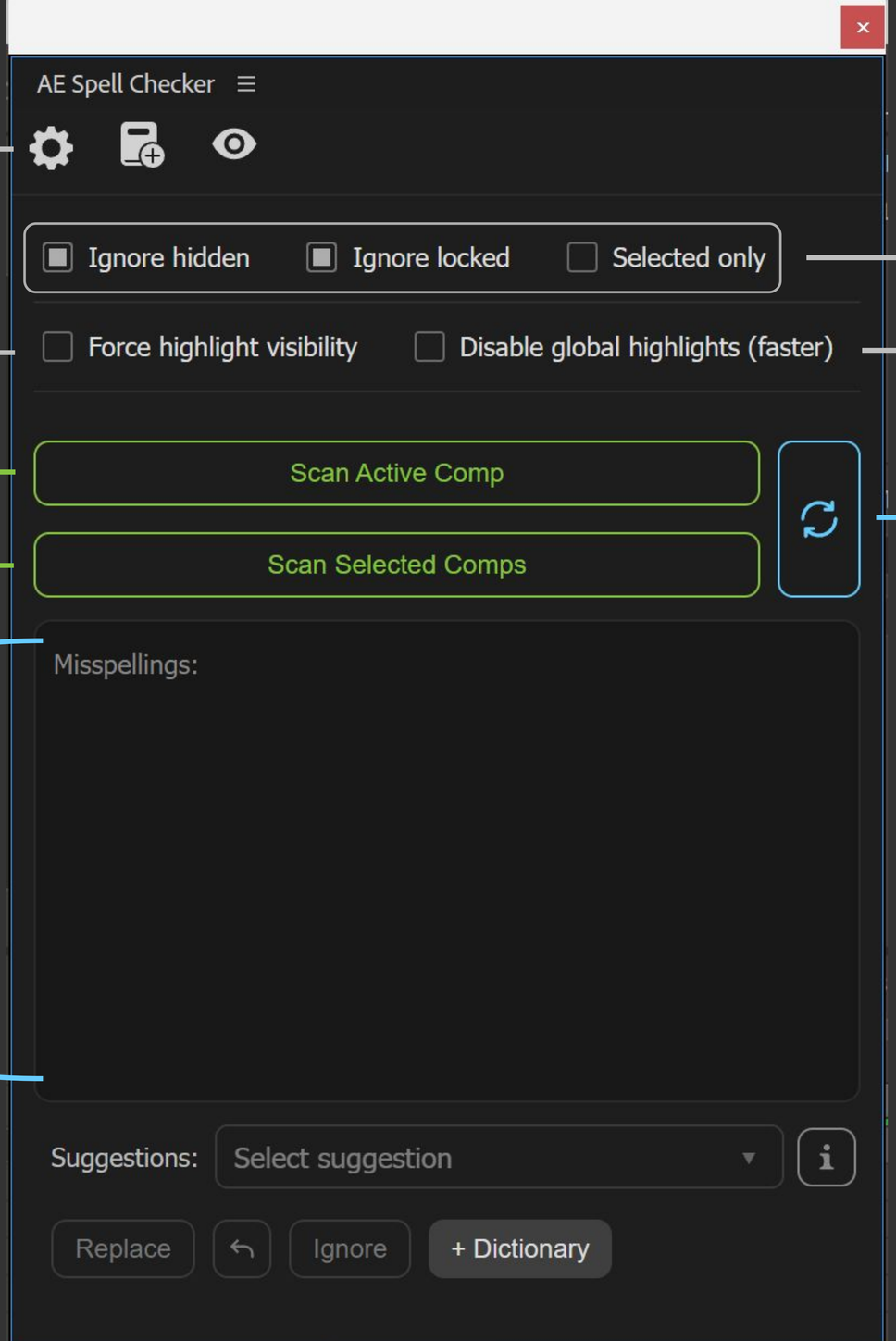
Please include:

- Copy Diagnostics output (click the gear icon, then Copy Diagnostics)
- A brief description of the issue
- A screenshot or short screen recording, if applicable
- The language selected when the issue occurred

Support response times may vary.

Extension version: 2.0.1

Host compatibility: Tested in After Effects 2025/2026 on Windows and macOS with Apple Silicon (M-series).



Settings Panel
(see page 4)

Temporarily removes any effects or layer styles on text layers

Scans active comp (including all precomps within) for spelling errors

Scans selected comps (in project panel) for spelling errors

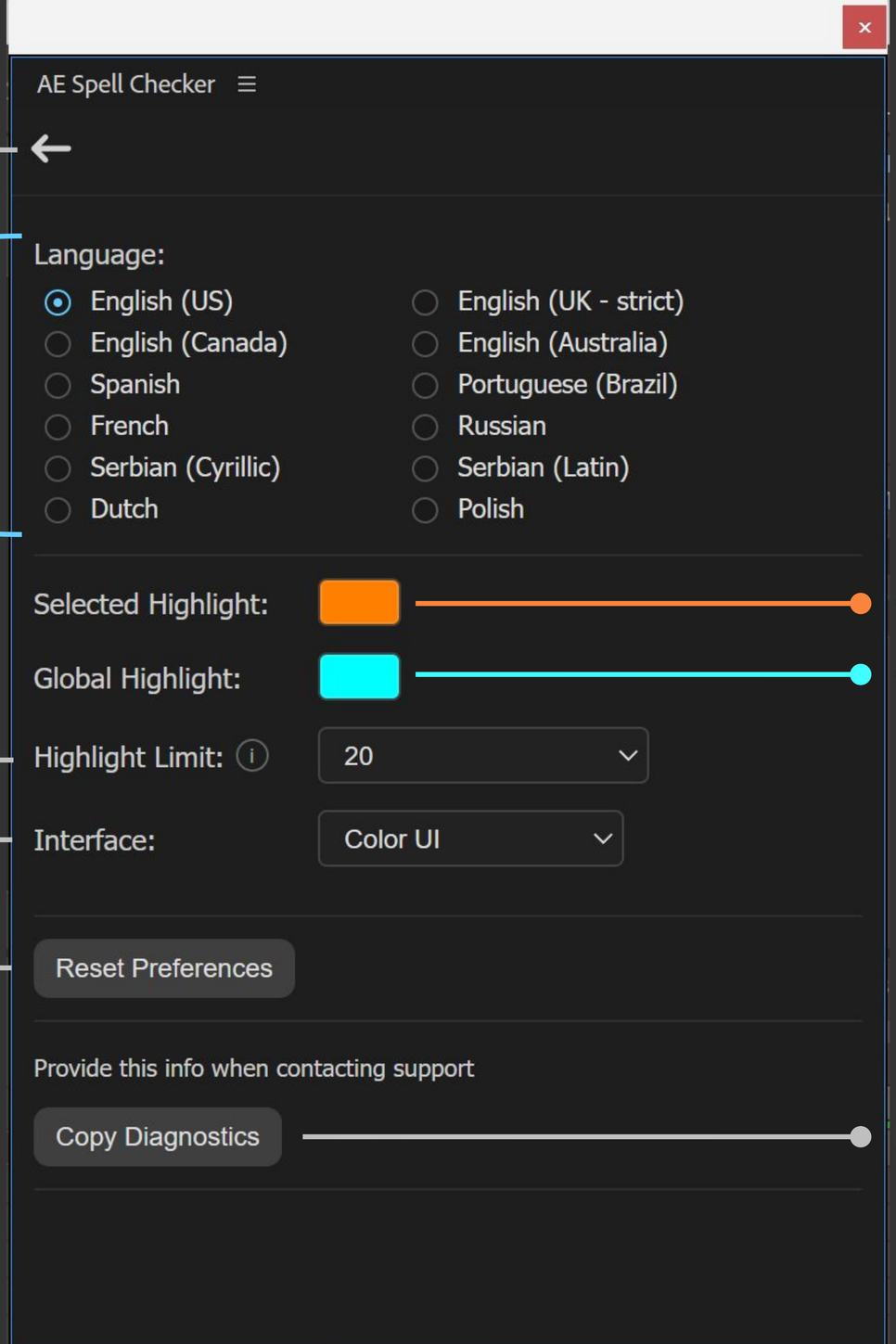
Misspellings panel
(see page 5)

Select which layers to scan for spelling mistakes

Only show highlight on selected word

Reload / refresh panel

AE Spell Checker | Settings



Back to main panel

Language selection

Color applied to selected misspelled word

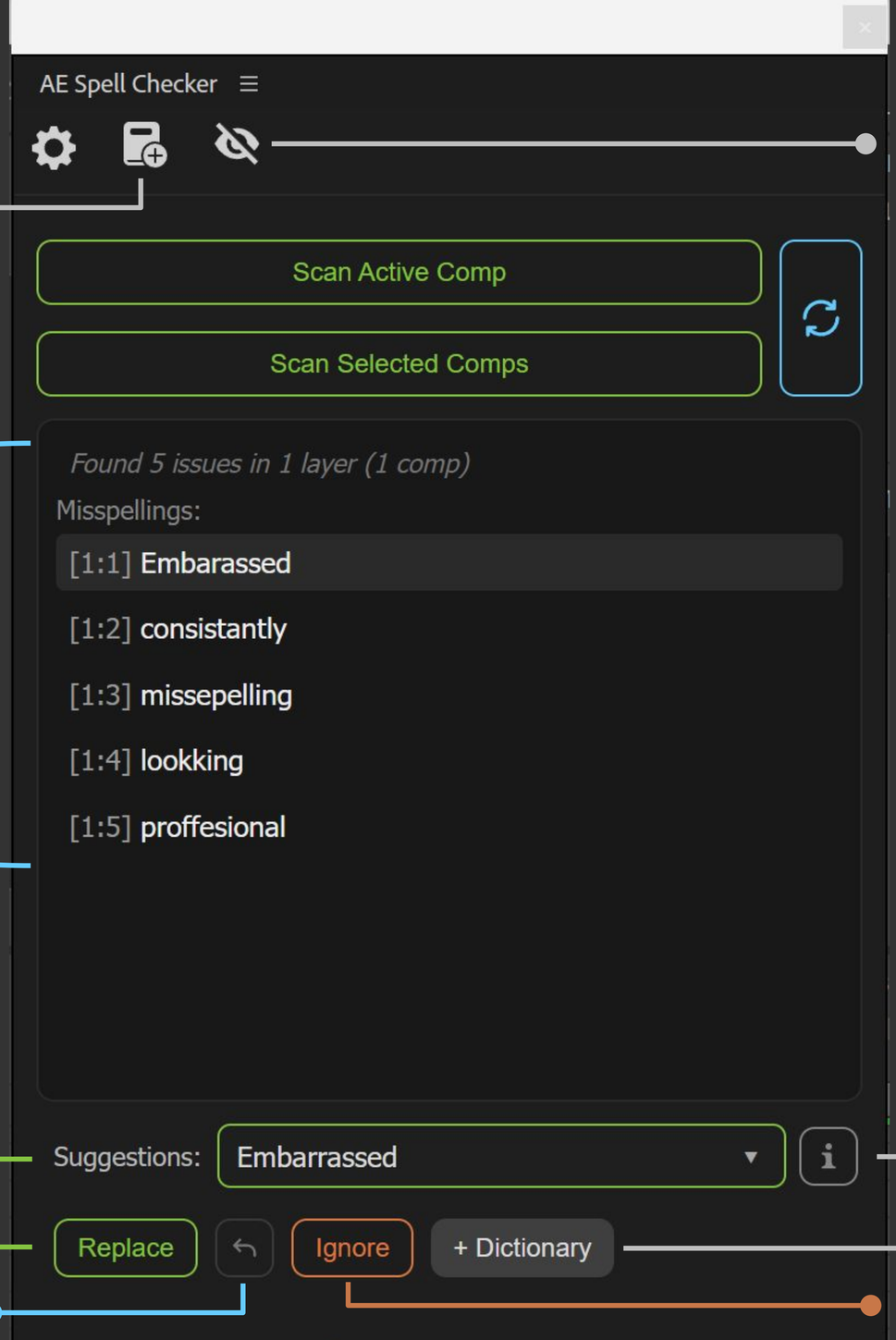
Color applied to all misspelled words

Maximum global highlights per text layer

Color vs Grayscale UI

Resets all checkboxes & colors back to default. Resets language to English (US)

Debug information



Custom & Brand Dictionary
(see page 6)

Hides all checkboxes

All misspellings found

Numbers = [layer index : word index]

Suggestions dropdown

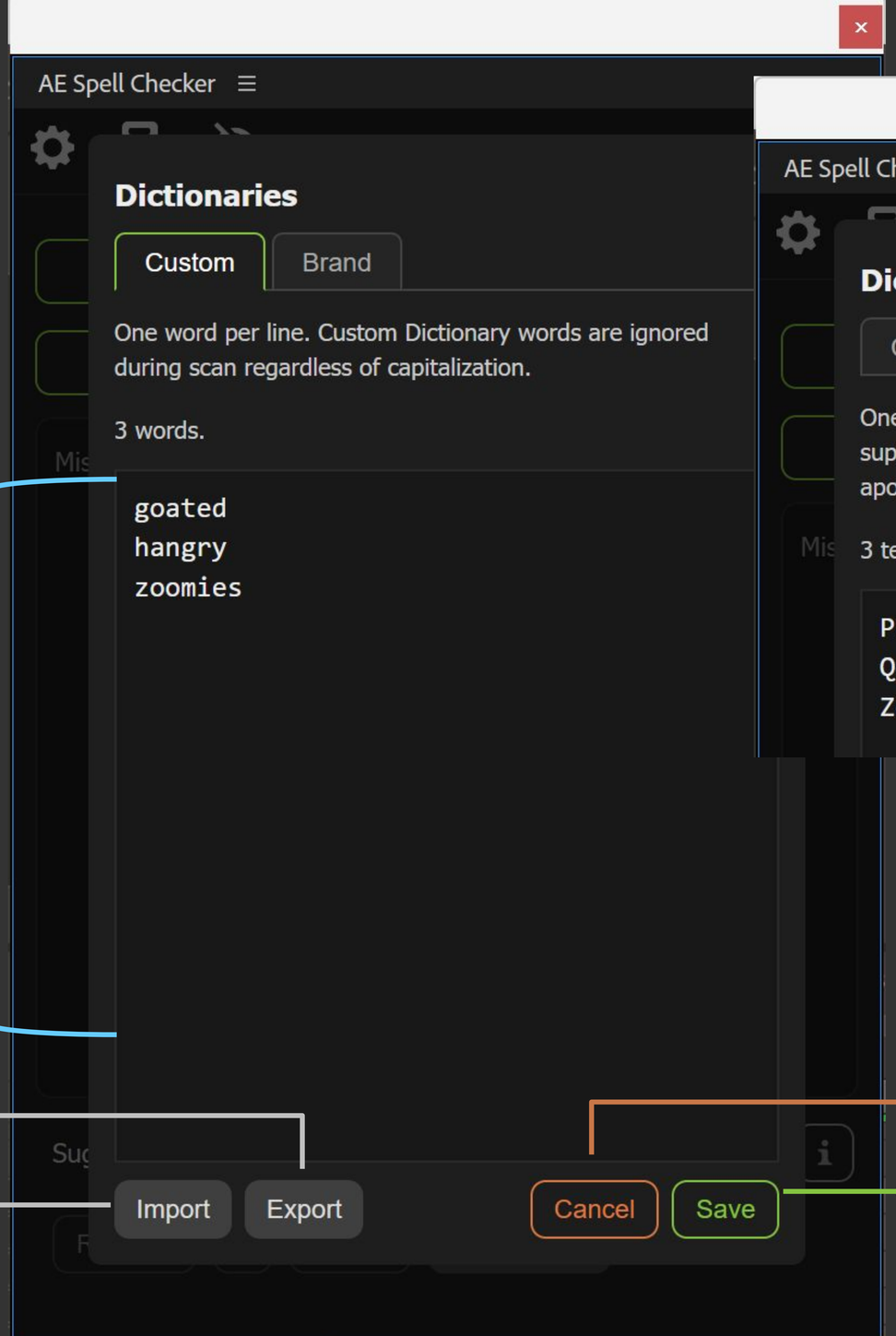
Important info (see page 7)

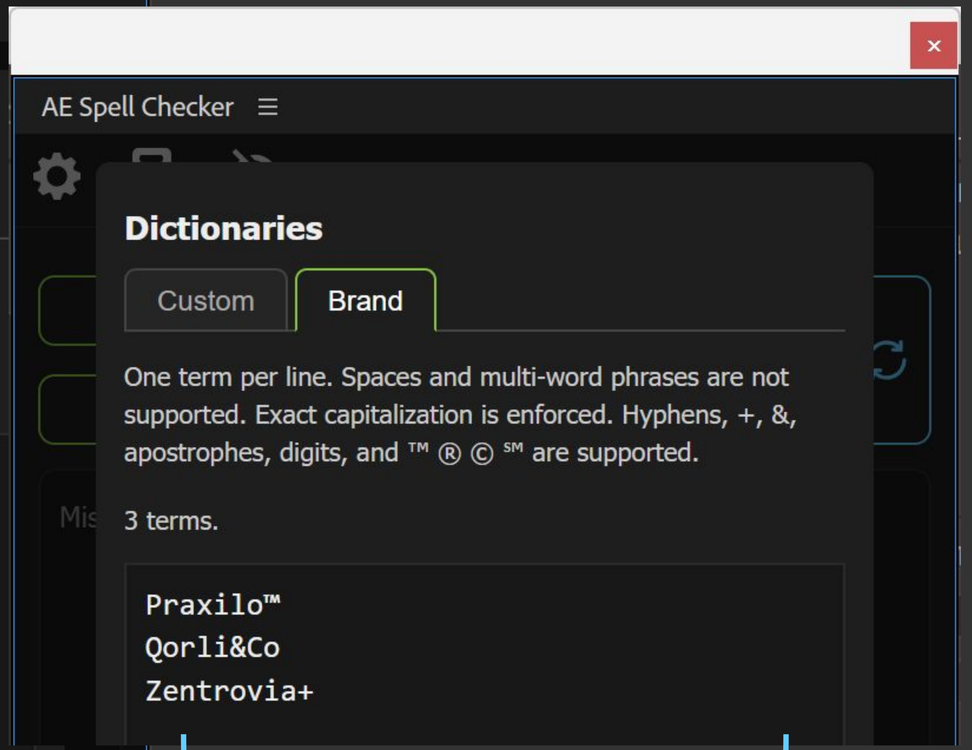
Replace misspelled word with word suggestion

Add word to custom dictionary

Undo last replace

Skip this instance





Add names, terminology, abbreviations, or specialty words you don't want flagged again. Custom entries are case-insensitive and can include numbers, hyphens, and apostrophes.

Use this field to add brand names, product names, or approved terms where exact capitalization should be enforced

Export word list as text file

Import text file

Cancel / close panel

Save changes

Suggestions

- Suggestions reflect the casing of the original word.
- If no suggestions appear, the word may be correct, specialized, or outside the current dictionary.
- No suggestion is shown when a safe correction cannot be determined.

Replace

- Replace works best on single-style text layers.
- Multi-style or mixed-font layers should be edited manually

Undo Last Replace

- Reverts the most recent replacement made by the Spell Checker.
- This action is limited to one step and does not affect After Effects undo history.

Language Support

- English: US, UK, Canada, Australia
- Spanish
- French
- Dutch
- Russian
- Portuguese: Brazil
- Polish
- Serbian: Cyrillic and Latin

Each language uses its own dictionary and language-specific rules. Switching languages resets the current scan to ensure results are based on the selected language.

Keyboard Shortcuts

- Enter = Replace

Tip

- Click reload or close the AE Spell Checker panel to clear temporary word highlights.

Version History

v2.0.1

- Improved extension startup and error handling when required support files cannot be loaded.
- Added clear in-panel troubleshooting and manual installation guidance when support files are unavailable.
- Improved resilience when reading or saving highlight color preferences.
- Improved spelling suggestions for common typos involving repeated or missing letters.
- Expanded diagnostics to provide clearer information when host support files fail to load.
- Various stability and compatibility improvements across Windows and macOS.

v2.0.0

- Added support for additional languages, including **English (Canada)**, **English (Australia)**, **French**, **Dutch**, **Russian**, **Portuguese (Brazil)**, **Polish**, and **Serbian (Cyrillic and Latin)**, alongside English (US), English (UK), and Spanish.
- Introduced the **Brand Dictionary**, allowing approved brand names and terms to retain exact capitalization.
- Upgraded the spell-checking engine for improved dictionary coverage, accuracy, and spelling suggestions across supported languages.
- Added expanded support for accented characters, Unicode text, punctuation, symbols, and common brand-name formatting.
- Added new highlight and interface settings, including customizable highlight limits.
- Improved Custom Dictionary and Brand Dictionary management, including import/export and automatic cleanup of invalid entries.
- Added expanded diagnostics to make troubleshooting and support easier.
- Various performance, compatibility, and stability improvements across Windows and macOS.

v1.1.0

- Updated **Scan Active Comp** to scan all nested precomps within the active comp.
- Added **Scan Selected Comps**, which scans all comps selected in the Project panel.

v1.0.0

- Initial release