Squash & Stretch Pro V2 Installation Guide

1. Automatic Installation (Recommended)

1. **Install the aescripts + aeplugins Manager**
   - Download and install it from: https://aescripts.com/learn/aescripts-aeplugins-manager-app/
2. **Launch the Manager** and sign in to your aescripts account.
3. **Locate** “Squash & Stretch Pro” in your purchased products list.
4. **Click Install**.
   - The Manager installs the CEP extension **and** automatically copies the **Squash And Stretch Bundles** folder (including the Core Bundle) into your **Documents** folder.
5. (Optional) **Install Additional Bundles**:
   - Find bundles like **Cartoon Bundle** or **Broadcast Bundle** in the Manager and click **Install**—they’ll be placed alongside the Core Bundle in **Documents/Squash And Stretch Bundles**.

2. Manual Installation

> Use this method if you need custom bundle locations (e.g., on a shared drive).

2.1 Install the CEP Panel

- **Via Manager**: Complete steps 1–4 above to install the extension, then skip to **2.2**.
- **Via ZXP/UXP Installer**:
  i. Download the **Squash & Stretch Pro V2 product ZIP** from https://aescripts.com/downloadable/customer/products/, then **unzip** it.
  ii. **Locate** and **copy** `SquashAndStretch_Pro.zxp` from the unzipped folder.
  iii. Open the aescripts ZXP/UXP Installer: https://aescripts.com/learn/zxp-installer/
  iv. Drag `SquashAndStretch_Pro.zxp` onto the installer window and install.
  v. Restart After Effects.
  vi. Open the panel under **Window → Extensions → Squash & Stretch Pro**.

2.2 Configure the Bundles Folder

1. **Locate** the folder named **Squash And Stretch Bundles** in the Squash & Stretch Pro ZIP (it contains the subfolder `Core Bundle`).
2. **Copy** the entire **Squash And Stretch Bundles** folder to your chosen location:
   - **Default** (Manager path): `~/Documents/Squash And Stretch Bundles`

- **Custom** (e.g., network share): any folder you prefer.

3. **First Launch**: On startup, Squash & Stretch Pro prompts you to select the **Squash And Stretch Bundles** folder—point it to where you copied.

2.3 Installing Additional Bundles Manually

> Bundles like Cartoon or Broadcast now ship as a **Squash And Stretch Bundles** folder containing the specific bundle subfolder.

1. **Download** the bundle ZIP from https://aescripts.com/downloadable/customer/products/, then unzip it .
2. Inside the unzipped folder, you'll see **Squash And Stretch Bundles/Cartoon Bundle** (or `Broadcast Bundle` ,...).
3. **Open** your existing `Squash And Stretch Bundles` location (the one AE will use).
4. **Copy** only the bundle subfolder (e.g., `Cartoon Bundle`) from the downloaded `Squash And Stretch Bundles` into your Ae bundles folder so it sits alongside `Core Bundle` :

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Your/Bundles/Path/Squash And Stretch Bundles/

* Core Bundle/
* Cartoon Bundle/      ← copy this folder here
```

5. **Restart** Squash & Stretch Pro to load new behaviors.

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3. Troubleshooting & Support

- **Where to Find the Panel?** In After Effects, navigate to `Window → Extensions → Squash & Stretch Pro` to open the panel.
- **Panel Won't Open?**\ Reinstall via Manager or ZXP installer; ensure Ae is restarted.
- **Bundles Not Found?**\ Check that your `Squash And Stretch Bundles` folder is correctly named and contains at least `Core Bundle` and any additional subfolders.
- **Need Help?**</p>

Submit a ticket: https://aescripts.com/contact/?direct=1&product_id=2675