

Sigma Chess 6.1.1 - HIARCS 9.60 Installation

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Installation under OS X

Copy (or Drag and Drop) the **Sigma Chess HIARCS** folder from the **Sigma61-HIARCS96 Installer** volume to a suitable location on your hard drive, for example inside the **Applications** folder. **DO NOT RUN THE SOFTWARE DIRECTLY FROM THE SIGMA61-HIARCS96 INSTALLER VOLUME!**

After you have finished installing and reading this document, you should **eject the installer volume** (by right-clicking on the volume icon and selecting the “Eject” command).

Within the *Sigma Chess HIARCS* folder you have installed on your hard drive you will find two folders:

- 1) **Sigma Chess 6.1** containing the *Sigma Chess* application and files
- 2) **HIARCS** containing the *HIARCS* application and files

Run the *Sigma Chess* application by double clicking on the *Sigma Chess 6.1* icon found in the *Sigma Chess 6.1* folder. Provided the *Sigma Chess 6.1* and *HIARCS* folders are within the same parent folder (e.g. in the *Sigma Chess HIARCS* folder as above), *Sigma Chess* will then automatically load and configure the *HIARCS* chess engine the first time *Sigma Chess* is started.

Existing Sigma Chess HIARCS owners

Dragging & dropping the *Sigma Chess HIARCS* folder into the same location as your previous installation will replace that installation (Finder will ask if you wish to replace). Therefore existing *Sigma Chess HIARCS* owners are advised to save any files they wish to keep from their current *Sigma Chess HIARCS* folder. In particular it is recommended that the *HIARCS* license keys are copied to your home folder. If you replace the installation in this way, *Sigma Chess* will automatically load the new *HIARCS 9.60 UCI* engine.

Alternatively you could choose to rename your existing *Sigma Chess HIARCS* folder before installing the new *Sigma Chess HIARCS* update.

When running the new *Sigma Chess 6.1* please go to the **Engine Manager** dialog (from the **Analyze->Engine** menu) and make sure the *HIARCS 9.60 UCI* engine is loaded. If it is not currently loaded you can load it using the **Add...** button to select the **uhiarcs** engine inside the *HIARCS* folder in the new *Sigma Chess HIARCS* folder you just installed.

Existing owners should also refer to the License Key section below.

HIARCS License Keys

Existing registered owners of HIARCS will need to move or copy their license key file (e.g. MU-E383-0B98-6A.HK2) either into the new HIARCS folder in this release or preferably into their own home folder. The advantage of copying your key to your home folder is that in future updates (for example, HIARCS 10) you will no longer have to move or copy key files as HIARCS will now always be able to find them in your home folder.

Note: The *HIARCS* engine requires write access to its own files in order to learn from the games it plays. Therefore, if you plan on running from a user account without write access to the *Application* folder, you can either get an admin user to check and add write permission for you to the *HIARCS* folder and files (*obook.hcs* and *hiarcs96.lrn*) or alternatively you may move the HIARCS folder to another location (e.g. your home folder). In this case, the *HIARCS* engine is not automatically loaded and configured when *Sigma Chess* first starts. To load *HIARCS* or any other UCI engine you need to manually open the *Sigma Chess Engine Manager* dialog from the **Analyze->Engine** menu, click the **Add...** button and locate the *HIARCS* engine (called **uhiarcs**) and select it. Once *Sigma Chess* knows about the location of the *HIARCS* chess engine it can automatically load it when needed in the future.

Installation under OS 9

Copy the **Sigma Chess 6.1** folder to a suitable location on your hard drive. The *HIARCS* engine only runs under OS X, so there is no need to copy the *HIARCS* folder.