LiveCode 7.0.0-dp-8 Release Notes

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Overview

The LiveCode engine has undergone a large quantity of changes for the 7.0 release. The way values of variables are stored internally has been changed - in particular where before the engine used C-strings, it now uses a reference counted MCStringRef type. Every bit of code that displays text in LiveCode has been updated, and all the platform-specific API functions that manipulate characters now use the Unicode versions; as a result LiveCode is now fully Unicode compatible.

The other significant change to engine internals is the work done on syntax refactoring. The code that deals with statement execution, function evaluation and property access has been cleaned up and separated out from the parsing code, and moved into distinct modules based on functionality. This represents a major first step towards being able to implement Open Language.

Known issues

Every effort has been made to ensure that externally, the engine behaviour is identical to the current unrefactored release. In other words, users should not notice any difference in functionality in their existing stacks. However, users will notice a general slow-down caused by lack of optimisation in this release - this will be addressed for DP 2.

- The installer will currently fail if you run it from a network share on Windows. Please copy the installer to a local disk before launching on this platform.
- The engine files are much larger than previous versions due to inclusion of ICU data
- LiveCode does not run correctly when installed to Unicode paths on OSX
- On Windows, executing LiveCode from the installer fails as it cannot find the IDE
- Android app label is not yet Unicode compatible
- Auto-updater process doesn't terminate when dismissed

Platform support

The engine supports a variety of operating systems and versions. This section describes the platforms that we ensure the engine runs on without issue (although in some cases with reduced functionality).

Windows

The engine supports the following Windows OSes:

- Windows XP SP2 and above
- Windows Server 2003
- Windows Vista SP1 and above (both 32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows 7 (both 32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Server 2008
- Windows 8.x (Desktop)

*Note:* On 64-bit platforms the engine still runs as a 32-bit application through the WoW layer.

Linux

The linux engine requires the following:
- 32-bit installation, or a 64-bit linux distribution that has a 32-bit compatibility layer
- 2.4.x or later kernel
- X11R5 capable Xserver running locally on a 24-bit display
- glibc 2.3.2 or later
- gtk/gdk/glib (optional – required for native theme support)
- pango/xft
- icms (optional – required for color profile support in JPEGs and PNGs)
- gksu (optional – required for elevate process support)

Note: The optional requirements (except for gksu and lcms) are also required by Firefox and Chrome, so if your linux distribution runs one of those, it will run the engine.

Note: If the optional requirements are not present then the engine will still run but the specified features will be disabled.

Note: LiveCode and standalones it builds may work on remote Xservers and in other bit-depths, however this mode of operation is not currently supported.

Mac

The Mac engine supports:

- 10.6.x (Snow Leopard) on Intel
- 10.7.x (Lion) on Intel
- 10.8.x (Mountain Lion) on Intel
- 10.9.x (Mavericks) on Intel

Note: The engine runs as a 32-bit application regardless of the capabilities of the underlying processor.
Setup

Installation

Each distinct version has its own complete folder – multiple versions will no longer install side-by-side: on Windows (and Linux), each distinct version will gain its own start menu (application menu) entry; on Mac, each distinct version will have its own app bundle.

The default location for the install on the different platforms when installing for 'all users' are:

- Windows: <x86 program files folder>/RunRev/ LiveCode 7.0.0-dp-8
- Linux: /opt/runrev/livecode-7.0.0-dp-8
- Mac: /Applications/ LiveCode 7.0.0-dp-8.app

The default location for the install on the different platforms when installing for 'this user' are:

- Windows: <user roaming app data folder>/RunRev/Components/LiveCode 7.0.0-dp-8
- Linux: ~/.runrev/components/livecode-7.0.0-dp-8
- Mac: ~/Applications/ LiveCode 7.0.0-dp-8.app

Note: If your linux distribution does not have the necessary support for authentication (gksu) then the installer will run without admin privileges so you will have to manually run it from an admin account to install into a privileged location.

Uninstallation

On Windows, the installer hooks into the standard Windows uninstall mechanism. This is accessible from the appropriate pane in the control panel.

On Mac, simply drag the app bundle to the Trash.

On Linux, the situation is currently less than ideal:

- open a terminal
- cd to the folder containing your rev install. e.g.
  
  cd /opt/runrev/livecode-7.0.0-dp-8

- execute the .setup.x86 file. i.e.
  
  ./setup.x86

- follow the on-screen instructions.

Reporting installer issues

If you find that the installer fails to work for you then please file a bug report in the RQCC or email support@runrev.com so we can look into the problem.

In the case of failed install it is vitally important that you include the following information:

- Your platform and operating system version
- The location of your home/user folder
- The type of user account you are using (guest, restricted, admin etc.)
- The installer log file located as follows:
  
  Windows 2000/XP: <documents and settings folder>/<user>/Local Settings/
Windows Vista/7: `<users folder>/<user>/AppData/Local/RunRev/Logs`

Linux: `<home>/.runrev/logs`

Mac: `<home>/Library/Application Support/Logs/RunRev`

Activation

The licensing system ties your product licenses to a customer account system, meaning that you no longer have to worry about finding a license key after installing a new copy of LiveCode. Instead, you simply have to enter your email address and password that has been registered with our customer account system and your license key will be retrieved automatically. Alternatively it is possible to activate the product via the use of a specially encrypted license file. These will be available for download from the customer center after logging into your account. This method will allow the product to be installed on machines that do not have access to the internet.

Multi-user and network install support (4.5.3)

In order to better support institutions needing to both deploy the IDE to many machines and to license them for all users on a given machine, a number of facilities have been added which are accessible by using the command-line.

Note: These features are intended for use by IT administrators for the purposes of deploying LiveCode in multi-user situations. They are not supported for general use.

Command-line installation

It is possible to invoke the installer from the command-line on both Mac and Windows. When invoked in this fashion, no GUI will be displayed, configuration being supplied by arguments passed to the installer.

On both platforms, the command is of the following form:

```
<exe> install noui options
```

Here `options` is optional and consists of one or more of the following:

- `-allusers` Install the IDE for all users. If not specified, the install will be done for the current user only.
- `-desktopshortcut` Place a shortcut on the Desktop (Windows-only)
- `-startmenu` Place shortcuts in the Start Menu (Windows-only)
- `-location location` The location to install into. If not specified, the location defaults to those described in the `Layout` section above.
- `-log logfile` A file to place a log of all actions in. If not specified, no log is generated.

Note that the command-line variant of the installer does not do any authentication. Thus, if you wish to install to an admin-only location you will need to be running as administrator before executing the command. As the installer is actually a GUI application, it needs to be run slightly differently from other command-line programs.

In what follows `<installerexe>` should be replaced with the path of the installer executable or app (inside the DMG) that has been downloaded.

On Windows, you need to do:

```
start /wait <installerexe> install noui options
```
On Mac, you need to do:

"<installerexe>/Contents/MacOS/installer" install noui options

On both platforms, the result of the installation will be written to the console.

**Command-line activation**

In a similar vein to installation, it is possible to activate an installation of LiveCode for all-users of that machine by using the command-line. When invoked in this fashion, no GUI will be displayed, activation being controlled by any arguments passed.

On both platforms, the command is of the form:

```<exe> activate -file license -passphrase phrase```

This command will load the manual activation file from `license`, decrypt it using the given `passphrase` and then install a license file for all users of the computer. Manual activation files can be downloaded from the 'My Products' section of the RunRev customer accounts area.

This action can be undone using the following command:

```<exe> deactivate```

Again, as the LiveCode executable is actually a GUI application it needs to be run slightly differently from other command-line programs.

In what follows `<livecodeexe>` should be replaced with the path to the installed LiveCode executable or app that has been previously installed.

On Windows, you need to do:

```start /wait <livecodeexe> activate -file license -passphrase phrase```
```start /wait <livecodeexe> deactivate```

On Mac, you need to do:

```
"<livecodeexe>/Contents/MacOS/LiveCode" activate -file license -passphrase phrase
"<livecodeexe>/Contents/MacOS/LiveCode" deactivate```

On both platforms, the result of the activation will be written to the console.

**Proposed changes**

The following changes are likely to occur in the next or subsequent non-maintenance release:

- The engine (both IDE and standalone) will require gtk, gdk and glib on Linux
Engine changes

Showing a modal dialog confuses mouse state. (7.0.0-dp-8)

When a modal dialog is shown, the engine will now immediately reset the mouse state to ensure the context of events is the new dialog. In particular, mouseRelease will be sent if the mouse is down and mouseLeave will be sent if the mouse is within the previous window.

Don't draw tab characters (7.0.0-dp-7)

Hebrew text is shown in reverse character order on Android (7.0.0-dp-7)

This bug fix involved incorporating the HarFuzz library in Android builds. In addition to resolving bugs related to RTL text display, this has also enabled support for complex text shaping, so that combinations of characters in complex scripts such as Arabic are displayed correctly.

[[ Bugfix 12502 ]] Fix a null-pointer deref in PDF printin (7.0.0-dp-5)

Password protected stacks are corrupted by LiveCode 7 (7.0.0-dp-2)

Unicode Support (7.0.0-dp-1)

Unicode and LiveCode

Traditionally, computer systems have stored text as 8-bit bytes, with each byte representing a single character (for example, the letter 'A' might be stored as 65). This has the advantage of being very simple and space efficient whilst providing enough (256) different values to represent all the symbols that might be provided on a typewriter.

The flaw in this scheme becomes obvious fairly quickly: there are far more than 256 different characters in use in all the writing systems of the world, especially when East Asian ideographic languages are considered. But, in the pre-internet days, this was not a big problem.

LiveCode, as a product first created before the rise of the internet, also adopted the 8-bit character sets of the platforms it ran on (which also meant that each platform used a different character set: MacRoman on Apple devices, CP1252 on Windows and ISO-8859-1 on Linux and Solaris). LiveCode terms these character encodings "native" encodings.

In order to overcome the limitations of 8-bit character sets, the Unicode Consortium was formed. This group aims to assign a unique numerical value ("codepoint") to each symbol used in every written language in use (and in a number that are no longer used!). Unfortunately, this means that a single byte cannot represent any possible character.

The solution to this is to use multiple bytes to encode Unicode characters and there are a number of schemes for doing so. Some of these schemes can be quite complex, requiring a varying number of bytes for each character, depending on its codepoint.

LiveCode previously added support for the UTF-16 encoding for text stored in fields but this could be cumbersome to manipulate as the variable-length aspects of it were not handled transparently and it could only be used in limited contexts. Unicode could not be used in control names, directly in scripts or in many other places where it might be useful.
In LiveCode 7.0, the engine has been extensively re-written to be able to handle Unicode text transparently throughout. The standard text manipulation operations work on Unicode text without any additional effort on your part; Unicode text can now be used to name controls, stacks and other objects; menus containing Unicode selections no longer require tags to be usable - anywhere text is used, Unicode should work.

Adding this support has required some changes but these should be minor. Existing apps should continue to run with no changes but some tweaking may be required in order to adapt them for full Unicode support - this is described in the next section - Creating Unicode Apps.

Creating Unicode Apps

Creating stacks that support Unicode is no more difficult than creating any other stack but there are a few things that should be borne in mind when developing with Unicode. The most important of these is the difference between text and binary data - in previous versions of LiveCode, these could be used interchangeably; doing this with Unicode may not work as you expect (but it will continue to work for non-Unicode text).

When text is treated as binary data (i.e. when it is written to a file, process, socket or other object outside of the LiveCode engine) it will lose its Unicode-ness: it will automatically be converted into the platform's 8-bit native character set and any Unicode characters that cannot be correctly represented will be converted into question mark '?' characters.

Similarly, treating binary data as text will interpret it as native text and won't support Unicode.

To avoid this loss of data, text should be explicitly encoded into binary data and decoded from binary data at these boundaries - this is done using the `textEncode` and `textDecode` functions (or its equivalents, such as opening a file using a specific encoding).

Unfortunately, the correct text encoding depends on the other programs that will be processing your data and cannot be automatically detected by the LiveCode engine. If in doubt, UTF-8 is often a good choice as it is widely supported by a number of text processing tools and is sometimes considered to be the "default" Unicode encoding.

New & Existing apps - things to look out for

- When dealing with binary data, you should use the `byte` chunk expression rather than `char` - `char` is intended for use with textual data and represents a single graphical character rather than an 8-bit unit.
- Try to avoid hard-coding assumptions based on your native language - the formatting of numbers or the correct direction for text layout, for example. LiveCode provides utilities to assist you with this.
- Regardless of visual direction, text in LiveCode is always in logical order - word 1 is always the first word; it does not depend on whether it appears at the left or the right.
- Even English text can contain Unicode characters - curly quotation marks, long and short dashes, accents on loanwords, currency symbols...

New Commands, Functions & Syntax

**Chunk expressions:** `byte`, `char`, `codepoint`, `codeunit`

- `byte x to y of text` -- Returns bytes from a binary string
- `char x to y of text` -- As a series of graphical units
- `codepoint x to y of text` -- As a series of Unicode codepoints
- `codeunit x to y of text` -- As a series of encoded units

A variety of new chunk types have been added to the LiveCode syntax to support the various methods of...
referring to the components of text. This set is only important to those implementing low-level functions and can be safely ignored by the majority of users.

The key change is that `byte` and `char` are no longer synonyms - a byte is strictly an 8-bit unit and can only be reliably used with binary data. For backwards compatibility, it returns the corresponding native character from Unicode text (or a '?' if not representable) but this behaviour is deprecated and should not be used in new code.

The `char` chunk type no longer means an 8-bit unit but instead refers to what would naturally be thought of as a single graphical character (even if it is composed of multiple sub-units, as in some accented text or Korean ideographs). Because of this change, it is inappropriate to use this type of chunk expression on binary data.

The `codepoint` chunk type allows access to the sequence of Unicode codepoints which make up the string. This allows direct access to the components that make up a character. For example, á can be encoded as (a,combining-acute-accent) so it is one character, but two codepoints (the two codepoints being a and combining-acute-accent).

The `codeunit` chunk type allows direct access to the UTF-16 code-units which notionally make up the internal storage of strings. The codeunit and codepoint chunk are the same if a string only contains unicode codepoints from the Basic Multilingual Plane. If, however, the string contains unicode codepoints from the Supplementary Planes, then such codepoints are represented as two codeunits (via the surrogate pair mechanism). The most important feature of the 'codeunit' chunk is that it guarantees constant time indexed access into a string (just as `char` did in previous engines) however it is not of general utility and should be reserved for use in scripts which need greater speed but do not need to process Supplementary Plane characters, or are able to do such processing themselves.

The hierarchy of these new and altered chunk types is as follows: `byte` w of `codeunit` x of `codepoint` y of `char` z of `word`...

**Chunk expressions: paragraph, sentence and trueWord**

The `sentence` and `trueWord` chunk expressions have been added to facilitate the processing of text, taking into account the different character sets and conventions used by various languages. They use the ICU library, which uses a large database of rules for its boundary analysis, to determine sentence and word breaks. ICU word breaks delimit not only whitespace but also individual punctuation characters; as a result the LiveCode `trueWord` chunk disregards any such substrings that contain no alphabetic or numeric characters.

The `paragraph` chunk is identical to the existing `line` chunk, except that it is also delimited by the Unicode paragraph separator (0x2029), which reflects paragraph breaking in LiveCode fields.

The hierarchy of these new chunk types is as follows: `trueword` v of `word` w of `item` x of `sentence` y of `paragraph` z of `line`...

**Synonym: segment**

The `segment` chunk type has been added as a synonym to the existing `word` chunk. This in order to allow you to update your scripts to use the newer syntax in anticipation of a future change to make the behaviour of the `word` chunk match the new `trueWord` behaviour.

We would anticipate changing the meaning of `word` with our 'Open Language' project. It requires us to create a highly accurate script translation system to allow old scripts to be rewritten in new revised and cleaner syntax. It is at this point we can seriously think about changing the meaning of existing tokens, including `word`. Existing scripts will continue to run using the existing parser, and they can be converted (by the user)
over time to use the newer syntax.

**Property: the formSensitive**

set the `formSensitive` to false -- Default value

This property is similar to the `caseSensitive` property in its behaviour - it controls how text with minor differences is treated in comparison operations.

Normalization is a process defined by the Unicode standard for removing minor encoding differences for a small set of characters and is more fully described in the `normalizeText` function.

**Command: open file/process/socket ... for <encoding> text**

`open file "log.txt" for utf-8 text read` -- Opens a file as UTF-8

Opens a file, process or socket for text I/O using the specified encoding. The encodings supported by this command are the same as those for the `textEncode / textDecode` functions. All text written to or read from the object will undergo the appropriate encoding/decoding operation automatically.

**Functions: textEncode, textDecode**

- `textEncode(string, encoding)` -- Converts from text to binary data
- `textDecode(binary, encoding)` -- Converts from binary data to text

Supported encodings are (currently):

- "ASCII"
- "ISO-8859-1" (Linux only)
- "MacRoman" (OSX only)
- "Native" (ISO-8859-1 on Linux, MacRoman on OSX, CP1252 Windows)
- "UTF-16"
- "UTF-16BE"
- "UTF-16LE"
- "UTF-32"
- "UTF-32BE"
- "UTF-32LE"
- "UTF-8"
- "CP1252" (Windows only)

Spelling variations are ignored when matching encoding strings (i.e all characters other than [a-zA-z0-9] are ignored in matches as are case differences).

It is very highly recommended that any time you interface with things outside LiveCode (files, network sockets, processes, etc) that you explicitly `textEncode` any text you send outside LiveCode and `textDecode` all text received into LiveCode. If this doesn't happen, a platform-dependent encoding will be used (which normally does not support Unicode text).

It is not, in general, possible to reliably auto-detect text encodings so please check the documentation for the programme you are communicating with to find out what it expects. If in doubt, try "UTF-8".

**Functions: numToCodepoint, codepointToNum**

- `numToCodepoint(number)` -- Converts a Unicode codepoint to text
codepointToNum(codepoint) -- Converts a codepoint to an integer

These functions convert between the textual form of a Unicode character and its numerical identifier
("codepoint"). Codepoints are integers in the range 0x000000 to 0x10FFFF that identify Unicode characters.
For example, the space (" ") character is 0x20 and "A" is 0x41.

The codepointToNum function raises an exception if the argument contains multiple codepoints; it should
generally be used in the form:

    codepointToNum(codepoint x of string)

The numToCodepoint function raises an exception if the given integer is out of range for Unicode codepoints
(i.e if it is negative or if it is greater than 0x10FFFF). Codepoints that are not currently assigned to
characters by the latest Unicode standard are not considered to be invalid in order to ensure compatibility
with future standards.

Functions: numToNativeChar, nativeCharToNum

numToNativeChar(number) -- Converts an 8-bit value to text
nativeCharToNum(character) -- Converts a character to an 8-bit value

These functions convert between text and native characters and are replacements for the deprecated
numToChar and charToNum functions.

As the "native" character sets for each platform have a limited and different repertoire, these functions
should not be used when preservation of Unicode text is desired. Any characters that cannot be mapped to
the native character set are replaced with a question mark character ('?').

Unless needed for compatibility reasons, it is recommended that you use the numToCodepoint and
codepointToNum functions instead.

Function: normalizeText

normalizeText(text, normalForm) -- Normalizes to the given form

The normalizeText function converts a text string into a specific 'normal form'.

Use the normalizeText function when you require a specific normal form of text.

In Unicode text, the same visual string can be represented by different character sequences. A prime
example of this is precomposed characters and decomposed characters: an 'e' followed by a combining
acute character is visually indistinguishable from a precombined 'é' character. Because of the confusion that
can result, Unicode defined a number of "normal forms" that ensure that character representations are
consistent.

The normal forms supported by this function are:

- "NFC" - precomposed
- "NFD" - decomposed
- "NFKC" - compatibility precomposed
- "NFKD" - compatibility decomposed

The "compatibility" normal forms are designed by the Unicode Consortium for dealing with certain legacy
encodings and are not generally useful otherwise.
It should be noted that normalization does not avoid all problems with visually-identical characters; Unicode contains a number of characters that will (in the majority of fonts) be indistinguishable but are nonetheless completely different characters (a prime example of this is "M" and U+2164 "Ⅿ" ROMAN NUMERAL ONE THOUSAND).

Unless the formSensitive handler property is set to true, LiveCode ignores text normalization when performing comparisons (is, <>, etc).

Returns: the text normalized into the given form.

```livecode
set the formSensitive to true

put "e" & numToCodepoint("0x301") into tExample -- Acute accent

put tExample is "é" -- Returns false

put normalizeText(tExample, "NFC") is "é" -- Returns true
```

**Function: codepointProperty**

```livecode
codepointProperty("A", "Script") -- "Latin"
codepointProperty("β", "Uppercase") -- false
codepointProperty("σ", "Name") -- GREEK SMALL LETTER SIGMA
```

Retrieves a UCD character property of a Unicode codepoint.

The Unicode standard and the associated Unicode Character Database (UCD) define a series of properties for each codepoint in the Unicode standard. A number of these properties are used internally by the engine during text processing but it is also possible to query these properties directly using this function.

This function is not intended for general-purpose use; please use functions such as toUpper or the "is" operators instead.

There are many properties available; please see the version 6.3.0 of the Unicode standard, Chapter 4 and Section 5 of Unicode Technical Report (TR)#44 for details on the names and values of properties. Property names may be specified with either spaces or underscores and are not case-sensitive.

Examples of supported properties are:

- "Name" - Unique name for this codepoint
- "Numeric_Value" - Numerical value, e.g. 4 for "4"
- "Quotation_Mark" - True if the codepoint is a quotation mark
- "Uppercase_Mapping" - Uppercase equivalent of the character
- "Lowercase" - True if the codepoint is lower-case

**Updated Functions**

**Function: binaryEncode**

A new letter has been introduced to allow one to binary encode unicode strings. Following the dictionary definitions, it consists of:

u{<encoding>}: convert the input string to the encoding specified in the curly braces, and output up to
amount bytes of the string created - stopping at the last encoded character fitting in the amount - padding with \0.

U{<encoding>}: convert the input string to the encoding specified in the curly braces, and output up to amount bytes of the string created - stopping at the last encoded character fitting in the amount - padding with encoded spaces, and then \0 if the last encoded space cannot fit within the amount specified.

The encoding, surrounded by curly braces, is optional - no one specified would default to the behaviour of 'a' - and must match one of those applicable to textEncode

**Function: binaryDecode**

A new letter has been introduced to allow one to binary decode unicode strings. Following the dictionary definitions, it consists of:

u{<encoding>}: convert amount bytes of the input string to the specified encoding, padding with \0.

U{<encoding>}: converts amount bytes of the input to the specified encoding, skipping trailing spaces.

The encoding, surrounded by curly braces, is optional - no one specified would default to the behaviour of 'a' - and must match one of those applicable to textEncode

**Deprecated Features**

**Functions: numToChar, charToNum**

These functions should not be used in new code as they cannot correctly handle Unicode text.

**Property: useUnicode**

This property should not be used in new code, as it only affects the behaviour of numToChar and charToNum, which are themselves deprecated.

**Functions: uniEncode, uniDecode**

These functions should not be used in new code as their existing behaviour is incompatible with the new, transparent Unicode handling (the resulting value will be treated as binary data rather than text). These functions are only useful in combination with the also-deprecated unicode properties described below.

**Function: measureUnicodeText**

This function should not be used in new code. measureUnicodeText(tText) is equivalent to measureText(textDecode(tText, "UTF16")).

**Properties: unicodeText, unicodeLabel, unicodeTitle, unicodeTooltip, unicodePlainText, unicodeFormattedText**

These properties should not be used in new code; simply set the text, label, title etc. as normal. Assigning values other than those returned from uniEncode to these properties will not produce the desired results.

The following are now equivalent:

set the unicodeText of field 1 to tText
set the text of field 1 to textDecode(tText, "UTF16")

and similarly for the other unicode-prefixed properties.

**Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-8)**

*(bug fixes specific to the current build are highlighted in bold, reverted bug fixes are stricken through)*

12948  Crash when opening custom property inspector having a property with more than 65535 bytes
12939  Closing a modal dialog causes a pause until a system event occurs.
12932  Stacks can receive mouseDown before resumeStack.
12930  Engine crashes when moving stack after closing its parent
12928  IDE: Development > Rev Online != menubar > user samples
12921  Install 32-bit and 64-bit Linux engines to different paths
12918  Object -> Flip Image on an image with a filename crashes
12916  Closing the Page Setup dialog causes a crash
12910  Script editor crashes
12907  File > Import as control > Snapshot from screen
12902  iOS standalones won’t build due to missing template files.
12901  Object colors not selectable in inspector
12898  Showing a modal dialog confuses mouse state.
12897  Popup Menu crashes LiveCode 6.7.0 DP5 standalones
12894  centerRect and iconGravity need to be added to the properties
12893  Crash when dragging away from player icon in Tools palette
12892  Certain images have red & blue swapped when deployed to iOS
12886  the enabledTracks of a player is formatted incorrectly.
12882  Wrong button sent to mouseDown / mouseUp when targetting a card.
12879  Inspector opening at odd location
12875  Shift-click on play button doesn’t create selection.
12874  revBrowser (both original and CEF) crashes LiveCode 7.0 DP7
12871  Clicking in the well of a player with a selection should clear the selection.
12870  Make sure controller is redrawn after setting selection by script.
12869  Behavior of shift-click in well on player not correct.
12867  Gradient colours display incorrectly on android
12863  RevVideo Grabber preview in wrong location after resizing stack
12860  Android stack drawn at wrong scale until forced redraw of object
12847  Property inspector’s selection menu is broken
12846  Property Inspector updates too often when moving a control
12843  thumposition returns decimal value in LC7 dp6
12842  copying imageData between images can lead to unpredictable results
12829  6.7.0-dp-5 Mac installer fails if system security permissions are set
12825  playStopped sent for player with no filename
12764  setting the effective rect of a stack with vsScroll > 0 doesn’t work properly
12720  Focus gets confused if focus changes in response to a suspendStack message on Mac
iOS font selection does not work correctly.
Browser: Closing revBrowserCef when downloading makes LiveCode unstable
Inconsistent handling of PS in 'put into' and 'put after'
Tool Palette location forgotten between launches
pixelScale global property not documented
In Dictionary the search box is only apparently selected when you come from Code Editor

Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-7)

Selecting subsequent cells in a tabbed field results in incorrect highlighting
Setting textDirection should force field recalculation
filter with regex not working
'The number of elements of tVar' for non-array tVar hangs LC7
Pasting text from Text Edit into field creates gibberish
Ctrl-m does not close the message box
Clicking on stack listed in Application Browser causes crash
Double clicking in the script editor doesn't highlight words
Copy command crashes in release mode
Error when getting or setting char chunk properties of buttons
keyUp keyname returns gibberish
Launch URL not working on LC7 in Android and iOS emulators
Setting tabStop less than the preceding one on a field causes text to overlap
Android video does not display
Adding number to numeric value in variable gives incorrect result on LC7
LC 7.0DP6 Crash on Save After Editing Large Script
Error on Android when reading files list from the stack folder path
Decomposing native strings doesn't work
back key can not work
Copying externals files to android app fails
Filtering unicode text with wildcard can result in false positives
Split by column causes crash
Number of controls of card returns wrong value if given a card id
Printing to PDF does not yield all information
drawing_bug_when_rotating_graphic
REGEX : matchText result not as expected
Changing the back color of a line which contains a tab makes LC crash
go to url internet stack path does not work
Clipboaddata should return utf16 data for 'unicode' mode
Don't draw tab characters
Read from process until empty
Adding a new element to an array can be very slow
Tabbed characters are cut off on the left
Retrieving data from url results in garbled data on iOS from LiveCode 7
Hebrew text is shown in reverse character order on Android
Fix cursor movement over zero-width characters
Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-6)
12544 send command with a parameter which contains a quote breaks param parsing
12530 embedded wav sound crashes Project Browser and Properties inspector in LC 7 dp5
12527 paragraph chunk returns empty when string does not include end of paragraph mark
12521 Fix highlights for non-left-aligned lines in fields
12517 Quicktime using stacks crash on open
12515 crash on clicking linktext (on second click)
12514 dragData with a private content extracted from a string by using a chunk keyword (word
12511 charIndex property missing
12510 setting stack decoration errors
12509 fullscreenMode "showAll" breaks IDE
12493 open file for binary read/write erroneously converting line endings
12477 Native mobile controls created with mobGui do not seem to function under LiveCode 7.0

Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-5)
12502 [[ Bugfix 12502 ]] Fix a null-pointer deref in PDF printing
12499 trueWord n + m of tText for n the number of trueWords of tText always returns trueWord n
12497 pageRanges property missing from LiveCode 7.0
12496 [[ Bugfix 12496 ]] Set the clipping rectangle for text blocks correctly
12494 Setting the randomSeed to large number fails in 7.0
12491 "Go to Definition" doesn't work in script editor
12489 filter/replace difference in 7.0
12486 [[ Bugfix 12486 ]] Add missing MovieControllerID property to the Player property table
12483 Graphic effects not working in 7.0 DP4
12482 replace does not work
12074 Answer dialog messages should be aligned to the right

Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-4)
12459 Setting any graphic effects to "none" crashes LC 7 dp3
12457 sorting marked cards with single unmarked card crashes LiveCode
12432 clickchunk and click text are not identical
12428 Lc 7.0 DP3 does not sanitize data when setting points of polygon
12423 If you choose the browse tool (run) after Editing a group - Livecode crashes.
12422 Sort puts a "p" after the last character and foreign letters is not sorted correct
12409 Fields in LC 7 fail to display binfile url imagesource
12407 'Garbage' with read from socket
12360 open file as utf-8 mode doesn't work exactly as documented
12345 AVD's appear in the list but can't be selected for testing.
12344 Can't open recent file
12309 Build for Windows fails with i/o error
12288 Prevent User Samples stack hanging due to resize error
12246 Serial I/O fails on write
12192 linux uninstaller needs execute permission
12061 Can't test an app on Android
arrayDecode on a file containing the result of arrayEncode on an empty array causes
arrayDecode on a file containing the result of arrayEncode on an empty array causes execution error

Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-3)

12290 saving 2.7 file format stack causes crash
12244 case sensitive does not work
12204 textEncode ASCII support is actually native
12195 equality testing is slow
12194 'char/byte/codepoint 1 of s' is slow
12184 'repeat for each byte b in empty' crashes
12180 'the number of bytes of ...' is slow
12179 Fetching byte chunks does not clamp the range to the bounds of the input data.
12168 Sometimes length() and number or chars are wrong
12160 Put after/before on an uninitialised
12150 LiveCode crashes when changing the window kind
12147 create button in group command fails
12143 The mousechunk end index is one larger than it ought to be
12140 Erroneous Socket Timeout Error
12138 the drawer command crashes Livecode 7.0 when using ‘...at position’ variant.
12123 Fix wrong application title displaying on Linux
12122 Update GTK icon cache post-install
12118 revExecuteSQL writes incomplete data into SQLite BLOB columns
12078 Scrambled word order for label field with Hebrew and English Text
12075 Buttons that contain Hebrew Text is in wrong order
12007 Linux Standalone does not run. Segmentation fault.
11993 "save stack" corrupt password protected stacks
11979 IDE fails to launch when installed to a Unicode path
11973 char 1 of (e + combining acute accent) returns e
11962 Split command causes IDE to stop responding
11961 IDE takes 8 seconds when adding a new line in Script Editor
11941 repeat loop is very slow in 7.0 DP1
11939 Opening the TestFramework stack crashes LiveCode

Specific bug fixes (7.0.0-dp-2)

12104 Convert command fails with invalid date since 7.0
12097 setting acceleratorModifiers of button causes crash
12081 OSX picking wrong file extension for filenames with two '.' characters
12071 hiliteColor and borderColor is not working in 7.0DP1
12070 hGrid
12067 Group with label can't be saved in 5.5 file format
12065 formatting hex string crashes LiveCode 7.0
12042 New chunk types (paragraph
12038 'lock screen for visual effect in rect...' not working
11996 numToByte works differently form numToChar in 6.6
11985 put does not populate the result on iOS
11981 calling mobileControlTarget () crashes the application
Dictionary additions

- `byteOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codepointOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codepointProperty (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codepointToNum (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codeunitOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `nativeCharToNum (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `normalizeText (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `numToCodepoint (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `numToNativeChar (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `paragraphOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `sentenceOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `textDecode (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `textEncode (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `tokenOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `truewordOffset (function)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codepoint (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codepoints (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codeunit (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `codeunits (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `paragraph (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `segments (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `trueWord (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `trueWords (keyword)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `cursorMovement (property)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `formSensitive (property)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `tabAlign (property)` has been added to the dictionary.
- `textDirection (property)` has been added to the dictionary.
Dictionary changes

- The entry for open driver (command) has been updated.
- The entry for open file (command) has been updated.
- The entry for open process (command) has been updated.
- The entry for revBrowserSet (command) has been updated.
- The entry for sort container (command) has been updated.
- The entry for sort (command) has been updated.
- The entry for repeat (control structure) has been updated.
- The entry for arrayEncode (function) has been updated.
- The entry for charToNum (function) has been updated.
- The entry for longFilePath (function) has been updated.
- The entry for measureUnicodeText (function) has been updated.
- The entry for numToChar (function) has been updated.
- The entry for revBrowserOpenCef (function) has been updated.
- The entry for uniDecode (function) has been updated.
- The entry for uniEncode (function) has been updated.
- The entry for byte (keyword) has been updated.
- The entry for character (keyword) has been updated.
- The entry for word (keyword) has been updated.
- The entry for words (keyword) has been updated.
- The entry for is among (operator) has been updated.
- The entry for is not among (operator) has been updated.
- The entry for unicodeFormattedText (property) has been updated.
- The entry for unicodeLabel (property) has been updated.
- The entry for unicodePlainText (property) has been updated.
- The entry for unicodeText (property) has been updated.
- The entry for unicodeTitle (property) has been updated.
- The entry for unicodeTooltip (property) has been updated.
- The entry for useUnicode (property) has been updated.
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6.6.0 Release Notes  http://downloads.livecode.com/livecode/6_6_0/LiveCodeNotes-6_6_0.pdf
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