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**MONITOR FOR
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XL Setting to Share™
User Manual

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Note

In this document, the steps needed to reach a menu are shown in condensed form, for example: **System > Information**.

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Introduction

The **XL Setting to Share™** is a software utility that helps share the monitor settings between monitors easily. You can start a game by importing and applying settings provided by gamers or friends. You can export your settings quickly to share as well.

A set of monitor settings is called a profile. A profile works best with monitors of the same model name. It also works with other monitors from the BenQ XL-K and XL-X series, but the color consistency may vary due to native color variation between different models.

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System requirements

Item	Description
OS systems	Windows 10, Windows 11
Compatible devices	BenQ XL-K and XL-X series monitors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit ZOWIE.BenQ.com > Monitor > XL Setting to Share™ for compatible monitors.• Alternatively, check from ⓘ (Settings) > Support List from the software.

Setup

The software works only with compatible BenQ monitors. It scans and detects the connected monitor(s) when the software is launched. Make sure the monitors are properly connected to the computer.

Getting ready before you start

1. Make sure the connection of computer, monitor, and network is complete.
2. Power on the computer and the monitor.
3. Make sure the DDC/CI control is enabled from the monitor's OSD menu. It allows the monitor settings to be set through the software on the computer. Go to **System > Other Setting > DDC/CI > ON**.
4. Enable **Notifications** from your Windows OS settings so you can be notified when the picture mode is switched with applications other than games.

Note



The **DDC/CI** setting may not be available on all monitors. If you cannot find **DDC/CI** from the **System** menu of your monitor, DDC/CI control is actually enabled by default.

Tips


(XL-X series only)

Connect your S Switch in step 1 if you wish to sync the game settings between the monitor and S Switch.

Downloading and launching XL Setting to Share™

1. Visit the local website from ZOWIE.BenQ.com > **Monitor > XL Setting to Share™** to download the software.
2. Save the downloaded file (in *.exe format) with the  icon to a new folder just created on your computer.
3. Click the  icon to launch **XL Setting to Share™**. A folder named **SettingFiles** is created automatically to save the setting files (or called "profiles"). A profile refers to a group of monitor settings.
4. The software scans and identifies the connected devices. If a compatible monitor is connected, its model name is displayed. If more than one compatible monitor of the same model name is

connected, a suffix is added to the model name.

5. Wait until the software main page displays. The software checks for an update when it is launched. See [Updating the software on page 8](#).
6. The software works with the compatible and connected monitors only. If multiple monitors are connected, you must select one compatible monitor from the model list to proceed. The screen of the selected monitor flickers to let you know which monitor has been selected. If you have changed the connection after the software is launched, click  to detect the connection again. See [Software main page on page 9](#).

Note


The **SettingFiles** folder next to the software execution file is where the profiles are collected and accessed by the software. Do not remove or rename it.

Tips

The software can be accessed from the  icon in the system tray. Right-click on the icon and select **Open**.

Changing software language

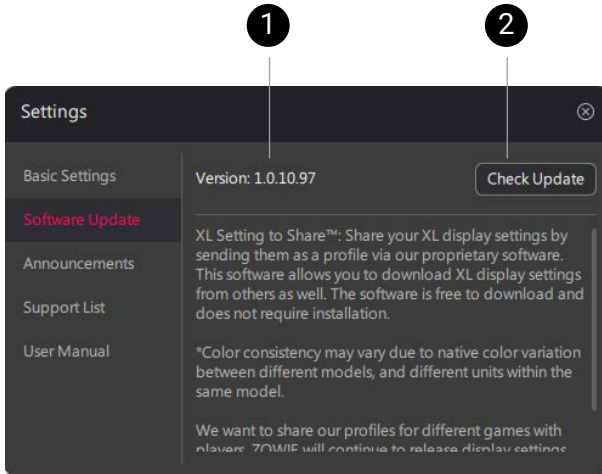
The software interface follows the operating system language setting by default. English is used if the selected display language is not supported by the software.

To change the software language, go to  (**Settings**) > **Basic Settings** > **Language**.

Updating the software

The software is set to check for an update automatically when it is launched. If an update is available, follow the on-screen instructions to update the software.

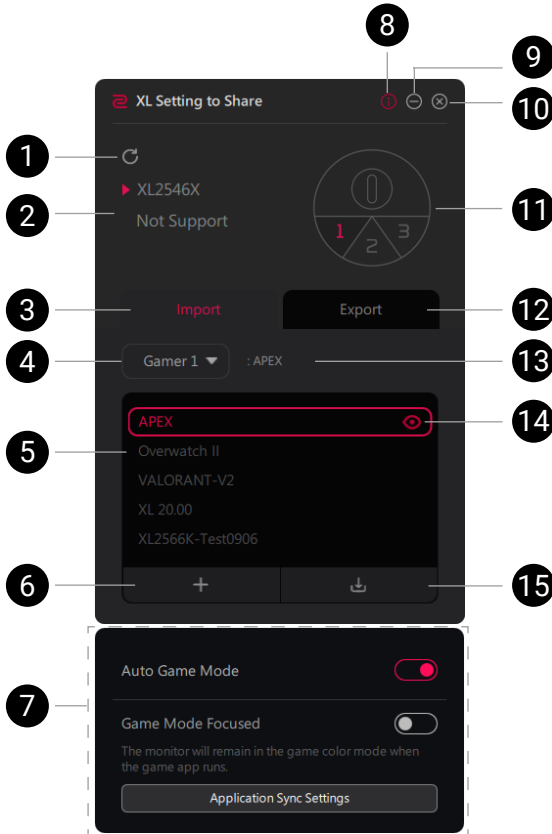
If you prefer to check for update manually, go to ⓘ (Settings) > Software Update > Check Update.





No.	Descriptions
1.	Shows the current software version.
2.	Checks for update manually.

Overview

Software main page

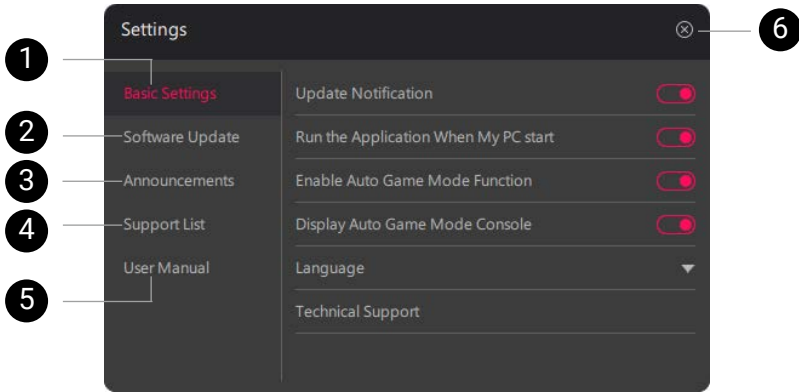


No.	Function	Descriptions
1.	Refresh button	Scans and updates the connection status. If the connection has been changed or the computer just woke up from Sleep mode, press to update the connection.
2.	Model list	Shows a list of connected monitors.

No.	Function	Descriptions
3.	Import button	Imports a profile to your monitor. See Obtaining settings shared by others on page 13 for more information.
4.	Gamer mode list	Decides which game mode (Gamer 1 / Gamer 2 / Gamer 3) to import the selected monitor settings.
5.	Profile list	Shows a list of uploaded monitor settings (profiles) that can be accessed by XL Setting to Share™. These profiles are saved in the SettingFiles folder.
6.	Load button	Browses your computer or storage devices for available profiles and load them to the profile list.
		Available to XL-X series only.
7.	Auto Game Mode console	Manages Auto Game Mode and each application's color mode. See Starting a game with preferred game mode quickly (Auto Game Mode) on page 17 for more information.
8.	Settings	Accesses the software settings. See Settings page on page 12 for more information.
9.	Minimize	Minimizes the software window.
10.	Close	Closes the software window.
		Available to XL-X series only.
11.	Connected S Switch	Manages Gamer 1 / Gamer 2 / Gamer 3 settings on the connected S Switch through the connected monitor. If S Switch is connected yet not detected, the  icon is displayed. Click  to detect the connection again.
12.	Export button	Exports your monitor settings. See Sharing the current monitor settings with others on page 15 for more information.
13.	Profile name	Shows the profile applied for the selected color mode. It returns to the default texts after the refresh button is clicked.

No.	Function	Descriptions
14.	Preview and apply button	Applies the selected profile to the selected monitor temporarily. You can decide whether to save the profile to one of the monitor's game modes.
15.	Download button	Downloads the profiles shared by ZOWIE team for different game titles from BenQ ZOWIE website .

Settings page

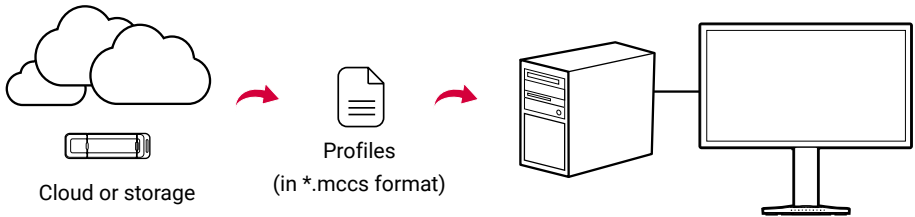


No.	Descriptions
1.	Accesses the basic software information. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decides whether you want to receive software notifications or launch the software at startup.• Manages and enables Auto Game Mode. (page 17)• Sets software language. (page 7)• Reaches product support. (page 21)
2.	Accesses to software version information and update. See Updating the software on page 8 for more information.
3.	Accesses to privacy policy.
4.	Accesses the supported model list.
5.	Accesses the website for user manual.
6.	Closes the Settings page.

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Obtaining settings shared by others



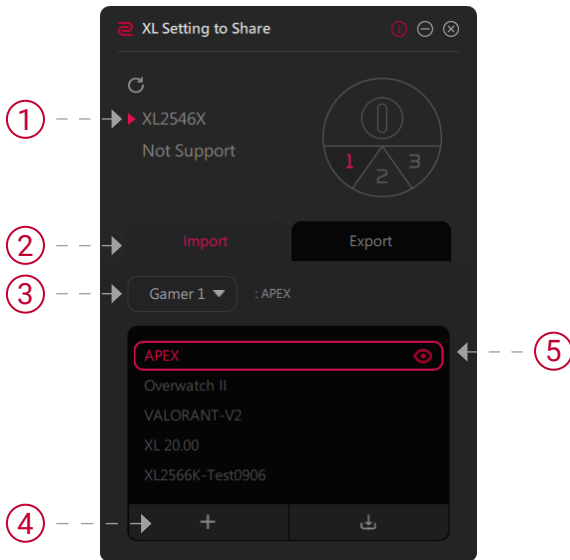
1. Select a compatible monitor from the software main page. The screen of the selected monitor flickers to let you know which monitor has been selected, in case you have two or more monitors of the same model name.
2. Select **Import**.
3. Select a game mode (**Gamer 1 / Gamer 2 / Gamer 3**) of the monitor. (XL-X series only) If S Switch is connected and detected, the corresponding S Switch button is highlighted.
4. Obtain a profile (setting file) from a trustworthy source. A profile is in *.mccs format. If it is exported from a monitor, its model name is added as a prefix.
 - **Load from computer:** Select **+** to browse your computer or the connected storage device for available profiles and load them to the profile list.
 - **Download from ZOWIE:** Select **↓** to connect to [BenQ ZOWIE website](#) and download a profile shared by ZOWIE. Select **+** and load the downloaded profile in *.mccs format to the profile list on the software main page. Unzip the downloaded profile first if it is zipped.
 - **Drag and drop from computer:** Simply drag and drop a *.mccs file to the profile list on the software main page.
5. Select a desired profile from the list by double-clicking a profile or clicking **👁** to preview and apply the settings. Scroll down if you have a long list. To save the new settings and overwrite the current game mode, confirm with **OK** when you are prompted.

For XL-X series with **Sync S Switch** disabled, you can decide to save the new set of settings on monitor only or on S Switch as well when you are prompted.

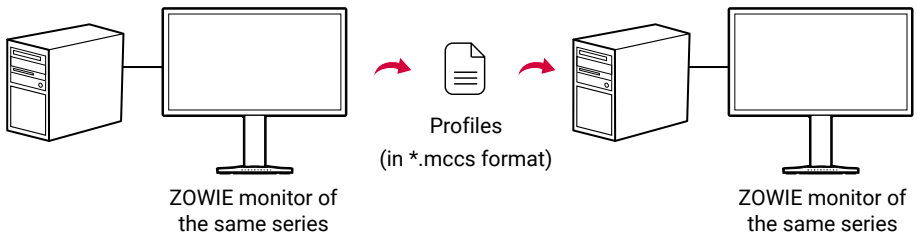
For XL-X series with **Sync S Switch** enabled (from **Menu > Save > Save to** on monitor), the settings are saved on both the monitor and S Switch.


Note

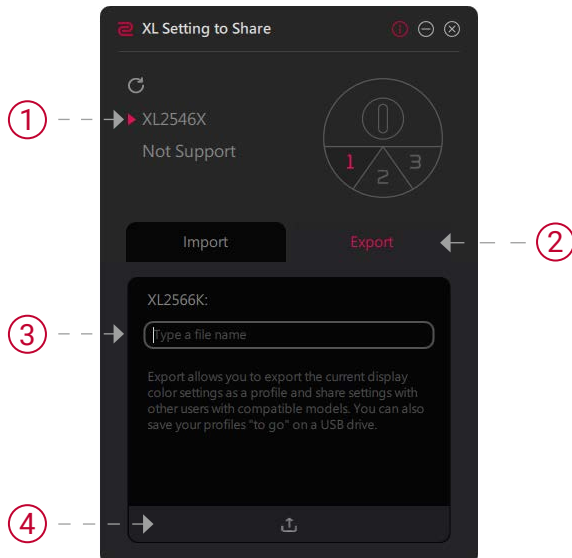
- If the settings are from a compatible yet different series model, you may be notified of the possible color inconsistency. This is due to differences on monitor menus and color specifications. You can continue to use the product without any impacts on functionalities.
- Please note that the colors may not be consistent on all monitors, as the color gamut, color specifications, and the in-game video settings vary.



Sharing the current monitor settings with others



1. Select a monitor with the monitor settings you wish to share from the software main page. The screen of the selected monitor flickers to let you know which monitor has been selected, in case you have two or more monitors of the same model name.
2. Select **Export**. This is going to export the current monitor settings and save them as a profile.
3. Name the profile. By default, the filename starts with the model name.
4. Click . The profile is saved to the **SettingFiles** folder in *.mccs format. Simply copy the profile to another computer.



5. Make sure the other computer is equipped with **XL Setting to Share™**

and connected with a compatible monitor as instructed in [Downloading and launching XL Setting to Share™ on page 6](#).

6. Import and apply the settings as instructed in [Obtaining settings shared by others on page 13](#).

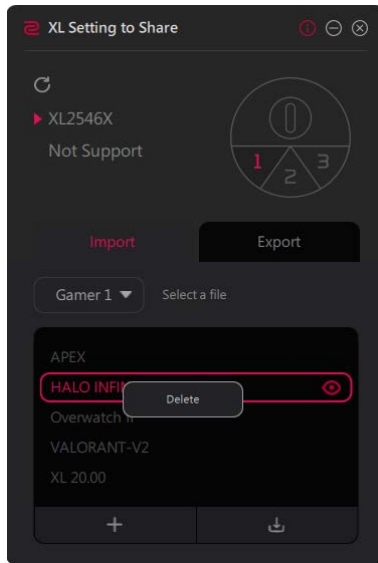
Tips

If you want to share an existing profile (instead of exporting the current monitor settings), go to the **SettingFiles** folder and copy the profile. You can then carry or share it via USB flash, e-mail, or cloud storage.

Managing your profile list

To delete a profile from the list, select a profile and right-click on the filename, and select **Delete**.

Alternatively, go to the **SettingFiles** folder and delete the profile directly.

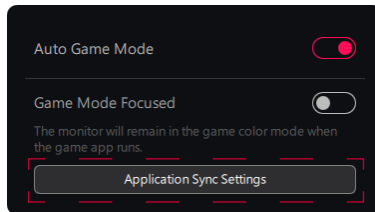


Starting a game with preferred game mode quickly (Auto Game Mode)

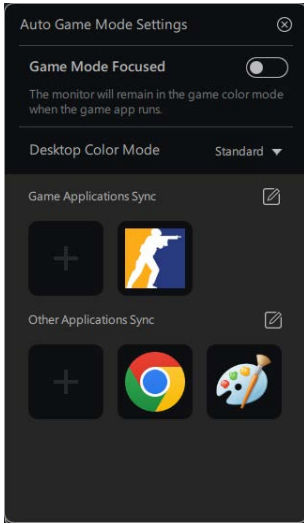
Available to XL-X series.

Assign one color mode to a game, so when the game is launched and brought to the front, the preset color mode is applied automatically.

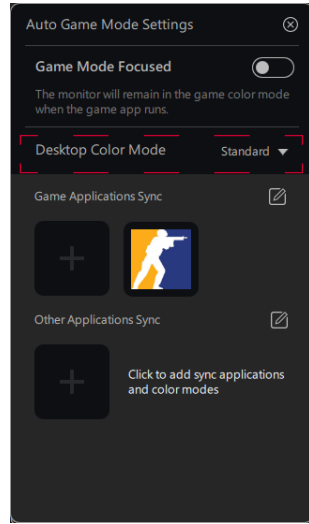
1. Select a compatible monitor from the software main page. The screen of the selected monitor flickers to let you know which monitor has been selected, in case you have two or more monitors of the same model name.
2. Turn on Auto Game Mode console. Go to ⓘ (Settings) > **Basic Settings** > **Display Auto Game Mode Console**. Click ⊗ to close the **Settings** window.
3. Select **Application Sync Settings**.




4. Click + and select a game application from your computer. Select a preferred option from the color mode list. Usually a game mode is fine-tuned for a specific game. Refer to the monitor's user manual for the mode that best suits your game.
5. Repeat the previous step to assign the preferred color modes for more games or other applications. Confirm with **Save**. Alternatively, simply assign one color mode for all the applications other than games from **Desktop Color Mode**.



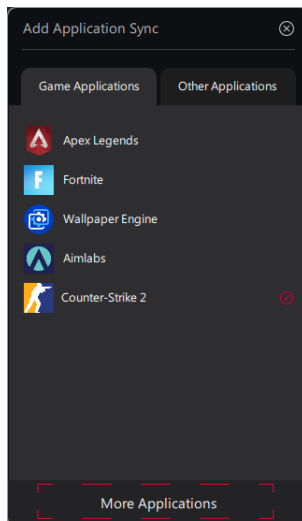
or



6. Click  to close the sub window and go back to the Auto Game Mode console.
7. Make sure **Auto Game Mode** is enabled. Once an application is launched and the window is brought to the front, the preset color mode is applied immediately.

Note

Some games are already available in the application list. You can add more games manually. Select **More Applications** and browse your computer and look for the *.exe file of a game.

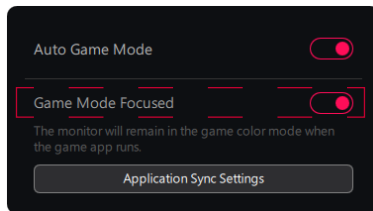


Setting modes to focusing on games (Game Mode Focused)

With **Auto Game Mode** enabled, the screen may flicker and the color change may be quite obvious when you switch among different applications.

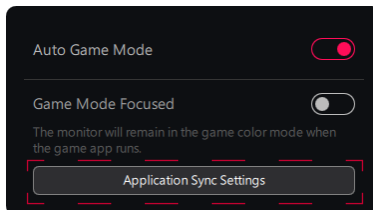
If you tend to play games mainly and switch to other applications briefly, you can minimize the frequent switch of color modes by enabling **Game Mode Focused**. In this case, the preset game modes are applied when games are launched. The color mode remains in the preset game modes even when you switch to applications other than games until all games stop running.

Note that **Desktop Color Mode** will be disabled when **Game Mode Focused** is enabled.





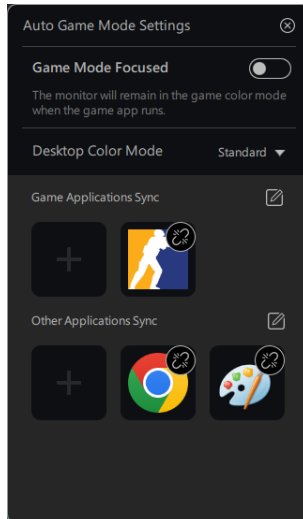
Managing the application list

The application list shows a list of applications and the preset color modes. To manage your application list, select **Application Sync Settings** from the Auto Game Mode console.



- **Check preset color mode:** To view the selected mode for an application, hover the cursor on an application icon. The selected color mode will be displayed.
- **Change a mode for an application:** click the application icon and select a preferred mode from the list.

- **Delete a set of application sync settings:** right-click on an application and select **Delete sync settings**. Alternatively, click  >  on an application.




Looking for assistance

Should you have any problem, go to [Troubleshooting on page 22](#) to see if your problem can be resolved.

Alternatively, go to  (**Settings**) for more support.

Reading the latest user manual

Network connection required.

Click **User Manual** from  (**Settings**) to access the latest manual version from BenQ ZOWIE website.

Contacting customer service


Network connection required.

Go to  (**Settings**) > **Basic Settings** > **Technical Support**.

Select **Contact Us** to access the local customer support.

Select **Export Logs** if you are requested to save and provide the logs to customer service. With the logs, the personnel will be able to look into your problem.

Exiting the software


Right-click the  icon in the system tray, and select **Exit**.

Troubleshooting

The color mode is not changed with an application.

1. Make sure you have assigned color modes for applications properly. See [page 17](#) for more information.
2. Make sure the **Auto Game Mode** function is enabled.
3. Make sure the **Game Mode Focused** function is disabled.

How to obtain the latest software automatically?

Enable **Update Notification** from  (**Settings**) > **Basic Settings**, and you will be notified when an software update is available when the software is launched. See [page 8](#) for more information.

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