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Autodesk Stand-Alone Licensing

This guide provides information and instructions for managing an Autodesk® stand-alone license on a single-user workstation.

If you are running a network version of your Autodesk product, see your administrator for information about managing a network license.

In this chapter

- Introduction

Introduction

A stand-alone license allows you to run an Autodesk product on a single workstation. To obtain a license, you activate your product.

You can use your Autodesk product for thirty days before you are required to activate it. You can also activate your license at any time before the expiration date. After the expiration date, you cannot run your Autodesk product until you register and activate the product.

When you register your product, you receive an activation code. You enter the activation code in the Product Activation wizard, which is displayed every time you launch an unactivated product.

NOTE If you are installing and using an Autodesk product on both operating systems of a dual-boot operating system, you must obtain a separate activation code for each operating system.

For more information about registering and activating your product, see your product's *Stand-Alone Installation Guide*, which is available on your product Media Browser or in the product's Help system.

The license file stays on your workstation when you uninstall your product. If you reinstall your Autodesk product on the same workstation, the license information is still valid. You do not have to reactivate the product.

Manage Your Stand-Alone License

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This section provides information about checking product information, activating or purchasing a product, moving a license among computers, and performing advanced stand-alone licensing tasks.

In this chapter

- Check Product Information
- Activate an Autodesk Product
- Move Your Stand-Alone License from One Computer to Another

Check Product Information

You can view detailed information about your Autodesk® product and your product license (such as the license usage type and the license behavior), and then save this information as a text file.

License usage types include the following:

- **Commercial.** A license for a product that was purchased commercially.
- **Not for Resale.** A license for a product that is not sold commercially.
- **Educational (EDU)/Institution.** A license designed specifically for educational institutions.
- **Student Portfolio.** A license for students who are using an Autodesk product as part of their curriculum.
- **Trial.** A license that allows individuals to try the product. This license expires after a predefined period.

License behaviors are as follows:

- **Permanent.** Allows permanent use of an Autodesk product.
- **Term Extendable.** Allows access to an Autodesk product for a limited period of time. The term can be extended at any time.
- **Term Non-Extendable.** Allows access to an Autodesk product for a limited period of time. The term cannot be extended.

View Product Information

You can view detailed information about your Autodesk product and your product license, such as the license usage type and the license behavior.

To view product information

- 1 On the Help menu, click About.
- 2 In the About *[Autodesk Product]* window, click Product Information.
- 3 In the Product Information dialog box, view details about your product and the product license.
- 4 In the Product Information dialog box, click Close.

Save License Information as a Text File

You can save your product license information as a text file.

To save license information as a text file

- 1 On the Help menu, click About.
- 2 In the About *[Autodesk Product]* window, click Product Information.
- 3 In the Product Information dialog box, click Save As Text File.
- 4 In the License Information-Save As dialog box, name the file and choose a location where you want to save the file, and then click Save.
- 5 In the Product Information dialog box, click Close.

Activate an Autodesk Product

You can activate your Autodesk product either while you are running the product (using the About option on the Help menu) or when you start the program.

To activate an Autodesk product from the Help menu

- 1 On the Help menu, click About.
- 2 In the About *[Autodesk Product]* window, click Product Information.
- 3 In the Product Information dialog box, click Activate.
- 4 In the *[Autodesk Product]* Product Activation window, select Activate the Product, and then click Next.
- 5 On the Register Today page, follow the on-screen instructions.

Move Your Stand-Alone License from One Computer to Another

If you want to use an Autodesk product on more than one computer without purchasing a separate license, you must use the Portable License utility.

To use the Portable License utility

- On the Start menu (Windows), click All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► *[Autodesk product name]* ► Portable License Utility.

To learn more about the Portable License utility, see Help in the utility.

Troubleshoot a License Error

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When you activate your Autodesk product, only the computer that you used to activate the product is licensed to run the product. If you make certain changes to your computer, your stand-alone license might fail; you receive a license error, and you won't be able to use your product. This section discusses ways in which you can troubleshoot a license error.

In this chapter

- License Errors

License Errors

Some license errors require you to reactivate your product. If you need to reactivate your product, the Product Activation wizard is displayed when you try to run the product. To reactivate your product, follow the instructions in the Product Activation wizard.

Any of the following might cause a license to fail:

- Hardware changes
- Changes to a license file
- Reinstallation of an operating system
- Changes to the system date and time

Stand-Alone License Error Caused by a Hardware Change

If you replace or reconfigure hardware on the computer where your Autodesk product license resides, the stand-alone license might fail. You won't be able to use your product.

To prevent a license error in this case, use the Portable License utility to export your license file to another computer. After you make the hardware change, you can move the license file back. For instructions on accessing the Portable License utility, see “To use the Portable License utility.” If you want more information about the Portable License utility, see Help in the utility.

NOTE If you do not have another computer available, you may not be able to prevent a license error. If you get a license error when you change your hardware, you may have to reactivate your license. See “Activate an Autodesk Product” on page 5.

Stand-Alone License Error Caused by Changes to License Files

If you make any changes to files in your license folder, you might receive a license error. You won't be able to use your product.

Your license files are installed in the following location:

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Autodesk\Software Licenses

To prevent a license error due to a change in a license file, do not alter your license files.

If you altered your license files and your license failed, you must reactivate your product. See “Activate an Autodesk Product” on page 5.

Stand-Alone License Error Caused by Reinstalling an Operating System

If you reinstall your operating system on the computer where your Autodesk license resides, the license might fail. You won't be able to use your product.

To resolve a license error in this case, you must reactivate your product. See “Activate an Autodesk Product” on page 5.

To prevent a license error when you reinstall an operating system

- 1 Locate the following folder, make a backup copy of it:
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Autodesk\Software Licenses
- 2 Reinstall the operating system.
- 3 Paste the license folder to the same location from which you originally copied the folder (in step 1).
You can now run your Autodesk product.

Stand-Alone License Error Caused by Changing the System Date and Time

Your product license allows for time changes to the system clock within two days of the current time. If you set your system clock back more than two days, the next time you start your product, you will receive a message that gives you the option of correcting the system clock. If you do not correct the system clock, you receive a license error.

To prevent a license error due to a change in system date and time

- Make sure that your computer's system date and time are accurate when you install and activate your Autodesk product.

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