



SOLIDWORKS Online Licensing Setup Guide

As of SOLIDWORKS 2018, all products include Online Licensing for versions 2018 and up, excluding PDM. However, it's only available for single-user/standalone licenses. Sorry, network license holders.

SOLIDWORKS Online Licensing allows you to assign licenses to individual users without the extra step of manually activating/deactivating each time. Custom settings can also be transferred to each computer you work on. There is even an offline mode to allow you to retain your license for up to 30 days without an internet connection.

Getting Started With SOLIDWORKS Online Licensing

So, how does it work? By converting your standalone licenses to online licenses. These online licenses can be accessed upon login to your MySolidWorks account on any computer where SOLIDWORKS is installed.

- Login to www.mysolidworks.com. Select admin Portal located under the drop-down menu below your name.
 - » If you are unable to access the admin portal, you will need to contact your administrator to add you as an admin member.
- Within the admin portal, you can see all of your company's SOLIDWORKS users and the products to which they are assigned. Select a product and assign it to only the one user whom it is for.
- To activate online licensing, you must first deactivate the SOLIDWORKS license on the standalone computer.
- On the Product Details page, select "Change to Online Licensing."
 - » Note: this will not work if the license has not been deactivated. If you want to change back to Machine Licensing, simply click "Change to Machine Activation." You may need to refresh the page for changes to take.
- Once the license change has been made, restart SOLIDWORKS.
 - » When reopening SOLIDWORKS, you may receive an error message. Simply close SOLIDWORKS and open again.
- Once SOLIDWORKS is open, you will be prompted to log into your MySolidWorks account.
- You will be prompted to activate any other licenses yet to be switched to online licensing.
 - » This prompt may appear a few more times if you choose not to update the other licenses. Simply select "Cancel" each time.
- Once successfully logged into MySolidWorks, you will see a blue icon in the upper right corner allowing you to control your MySolidWorks login.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SOLIDWORKS Online Licensing

What is SOLIDWORKS online licensing?

SOLIDWORKS Online Licensing allows you to assign licenses to an individual user's SOLIDWORKS ID. Users have the flexibility to move between multiple devices without the extra step of manually activating/deactivating each time.

With SOLIDWORKS online licensing, users have the flexibility to install and use SOLIDWORKS products on as many machines as they wish. SOLIDWORKS' customers can access all the products they are entitled to by simply logging in using their SOLIDWORKS ID. All they need is a connection to the internet.

Who can use SOLIDWORKS online licensing?

Anyone with a SOLIDWORKS ID and a SOLIDWORKS 2018 or later standalone or term license is eligible. Network licenses, trial licenses, and home use licenses are not eligible for online licensing.

Is online licensing available for Perpetual Licenses?

Yes.

Is online licensing available for Term Licenses?

Yes.

What versions of SOLIDWORKS are compatible with online licensing?

Online licensing is only available for products on SOLIDWORKS 2018 and later. Previous versions require the traditional machine-based activation.

Is online licensing available for all SOLIDWORKS products?

SOLIDWORKS online licensing is available for the following single-user license products:

- SOLIDWORKS CAD (Standard, Professional, & Premium)
- SOLIDWORKS Simulation (Standard, Professional, & Premium)
- SOLIDWORKS Plastics (Standard, Professional, & Premium)
- SOLIDWORKS Flow Simulation (Included Electronic Cooling & HVAC Addons)
- SOLIDWORKS Composer
- SOLIDWORKS Electrical (Schematic Standard, Schematic Professional, 3D, and Professional)
- SOLIDWORKS PCB
- SOLIDWORKS CAM (Standard & Professional)
- SOLIDWORKS Inspection (Standard & Professional)
- SOLIDWORKS MBD (Standard)
- SOLIDWORKS Visualize (Standard & Professional)

Is online licensing available for SOLIDWORKS PDM products?

No. SOLIDWORKS online licensing is only available for standalone licenses and doesn't support SolidNetwork Licenses (SNL).



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Are there additional costs involved with using SOLIDWORKS online licensing?

No.

Do customers need to stay on subscription to use SOLIDWORKS online licensing?

No. SOLIDWORKS online licensing is available to all customers running version 2018 or later, regardless of their subscription status.

What are the advantages/disadvantages of using online licensing versus a SolidNetwork License (SNL)?

SolidNetwork Licenses are ideal for medium- to large-sized companies that want to share a pool of licenses over multiple users. On the other hand, single-user licenses with SOLIDWORKS online licensing is ideal for individuals that have their own license and want the flexibility to use SOLIDWORKS on multiple machines.

Can customers use machine activation with some of their licenses and online licensing with others?

Yes. Using the SOLIDWORKS Admin Portal, customers can decide to turn on online licensing for as little or as many Single-user License products as they wish.

What if I need to use SOLIDWORKS offline?

Online licensing includes an Offline Mode feature that allows you to take your license offline for up to 30 days at a time. Just open SOLIDWORKS, click the blue profile icon in the top right, and select 'Take License Offline.' The 'Offline Mode' will "lock" the license on the machine you are currently using. When using the "Offline Mode" you do not need internet connectivity. However, you can't use the license on another machine until you release the license.

When the "Offline Mode" period is over, the user must log in to activate SOLIDWORKS. The user can then take the license offline again, as needed.

What happens if a license is Offline and the user leaves the company without returning the Offline license?

After 30 days the license will be automatically returned and can be used again or assigned to a new user.

What if I decide to no longer use SOLIDWORKS online licensing?

It's easy to switch back to machine-based activation at any time! Just log in to your Admin Portal, choose the product, and select 'Change to Machine-Based Activation.'



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