

Install SOLIDWORKS stand-alone version

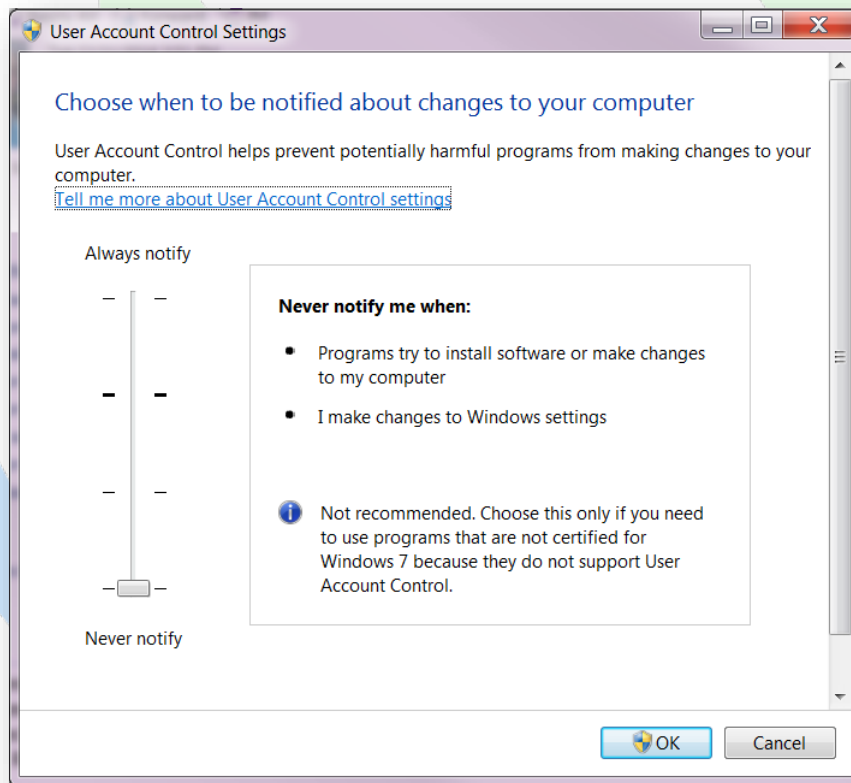
This article will guide you through the process of installing a stand-alone version of SOLIDWORKS for the first time.

Before Installation

Before you install SOLIDWORKS, take a minute to make sure that your computer meets the recommended [System Requirements](#) and that you have a [SOLIDWORKS Certified Graphics Card](#) for the version of SOLIDWORKS that you are installing. Then follow the steps below to ensure a smooth installation:

- Log in to your computer as the administrator.
- Change User Account Control Settings to **Never notify** and restart your computer.

(After the installation is complete you can change the settings back)



- Disable all anti-virus and anti-spyware tools.
- Uninstall any previous versions of SOLIDWORKS.



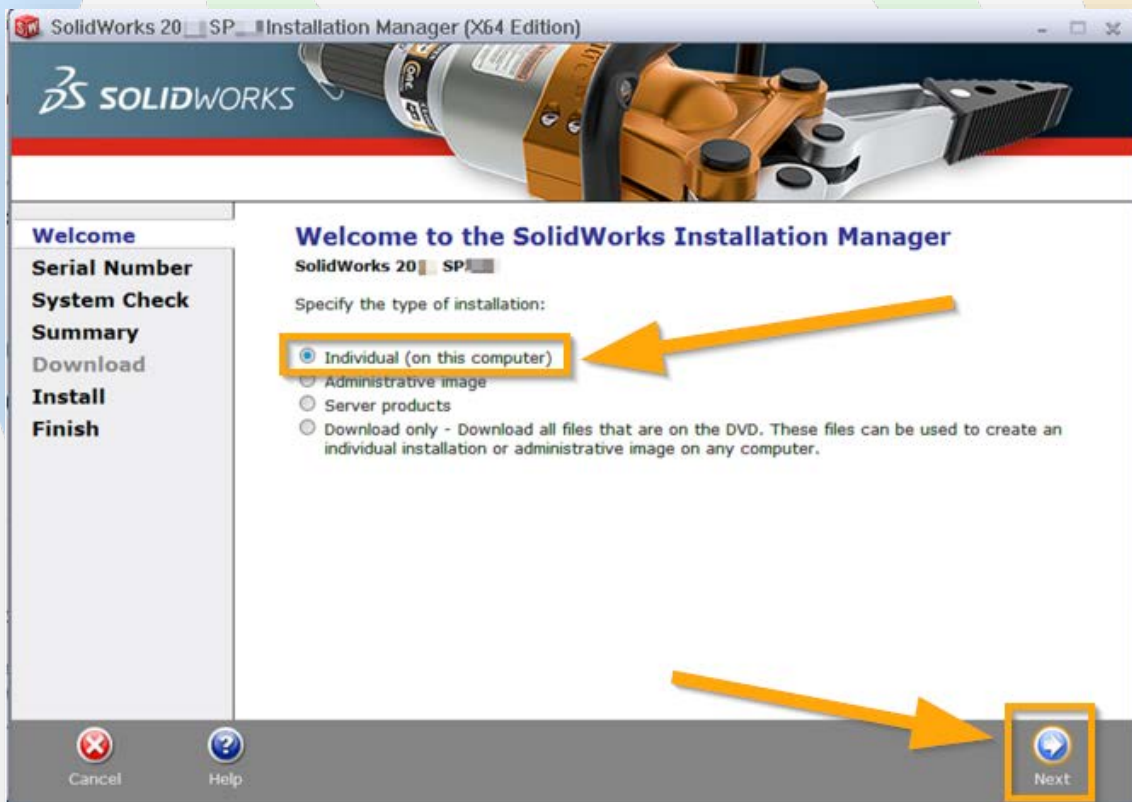
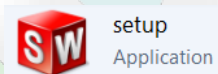
Software Download

If you have software on DVD(s), you can skip this step. To download your software:

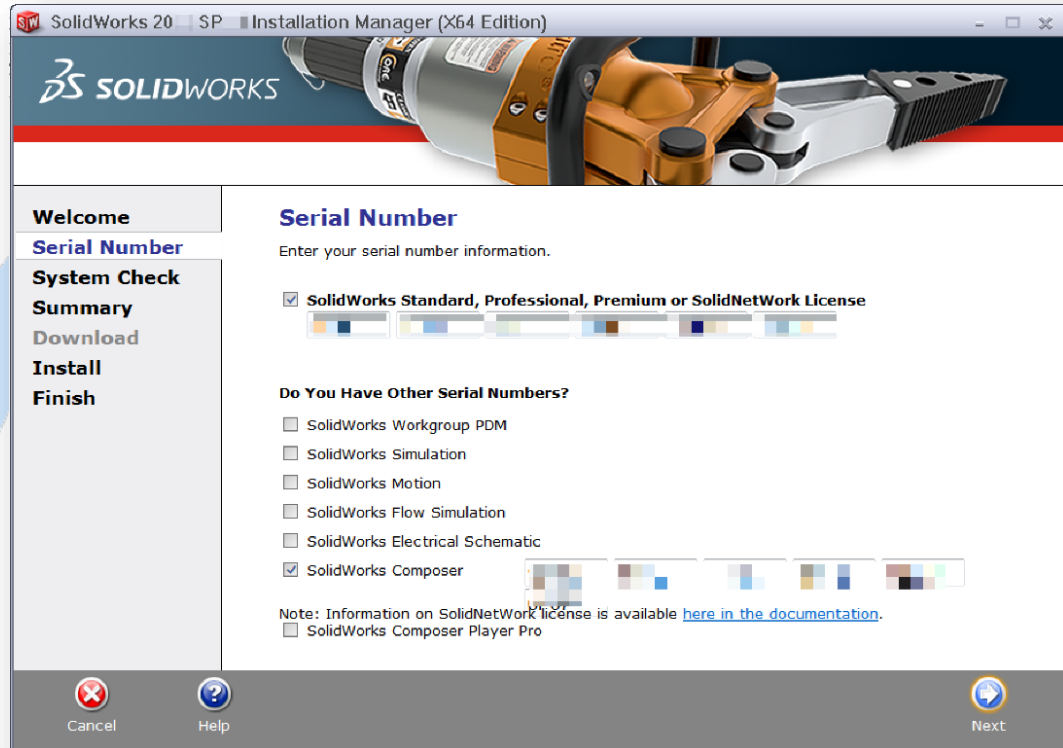
1. Visit <https://customerportal.solidworks.com> and login to your Customer Portal account.
 - Note: If you don't already have an account, create one and give us a call so that we can get your download started while you wait for account activation to complete.
2. Log in and go to **Download > Downloads and Upgrades**.
3. Click the download link for the latest version and service pack that matches your machine's architecture.

Installation

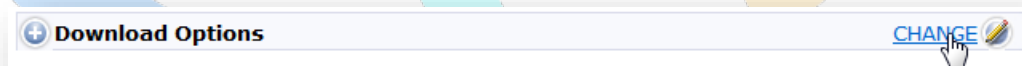
1. Launch the SOLIDWORKS Installation Manager **setup.exe**.
 - Look for **setup.exe** on your DVD or in your Downloads folder.
2. Select **Individual** Installation and click **Next**.



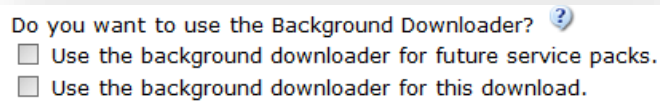
3. Enter your 16- or 24-digit SOLIDWORKS serial number.
 - If you have a serial number for any of the other products listed on this screen, check the box next to that product and enter the 24-digit serial number.



4. Click **Next** and proceed to the **Summary** page.
 - The **Summary** page lists the default settings for an installation. You can customize your installation by selecting **CHANGE** on any of the category bars.
TIP: Turn off background downloader by selecting **CHANGE** under Download Options.



Uncheck the boxes as shown below to disable background downloader.



5. Click **Download and Install** or **Install now** if using the DVD.
6. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

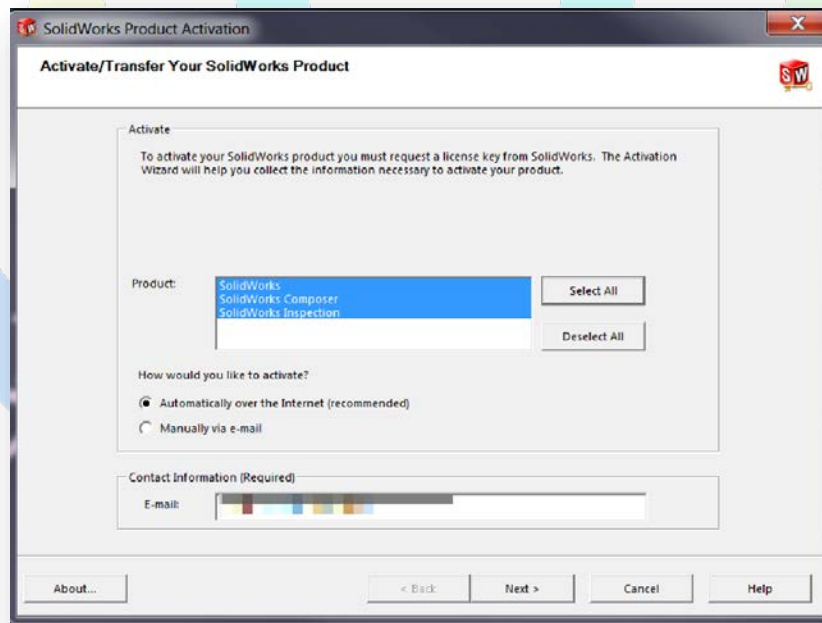
Activation

Once the installation is complete, launch SOLIDWORKS to activate the license.

Note: Activation can be done in one of two ways: 1. Automatically over the internet or 2. via Manual activation. If your machine does not have an internet connection, you will need to proceed to **Manual Activation**. If your machine does have an internet connection, you can continue with **Automatic Activation**.

Automatic Activation

1. Open SOLIDWORKS.
2. In the SOLIDWORKS Product Activation window, click **Select All** and select **Automatically over the Internet (recommended)**.



3. Enter your e-mail address into the **Contact Information (Required)** field and click **Next** to connect to the activation server and process the activation.
4. Upon successful activation, the Activation/Reactivation Succeeded window will appear listing the licensed products.
5. Click **Finish**.

Manual Activation

1. Open SOLIDWORKS.
2. In the SOLIDWORKS Product Activation window, click **Select All** and select **Manually via e-mail**.
3. Enter your e-mail address into the **Contact Information (Required)** field and click **Next**.
4. Click **Save** to save the activation request text file.
5. Copy this text file to a machine that is connected to the internet.
6. From the machine connected to the internet, e-mail the text file as an attachment to the e-mail address: activation@solidworks.com.
7. An automatic email will be sent from SOLIDWORKS with the subject "Activation Status." This will contain a text file attachment. Copy the activation response text file to the machine requiring activation.
8. On the Manual Activation window, click **Open** and select the file obtained from the email.
9. Click **Next** to activate your copy of SOLIDWORKS.
10. Upon successful activation, the Activation/Reactivation Succeeded window will appear listing the licensed products.
11. Click **Finish**.

Note: For every seat purchased, you have the ability to install SOLIDWORKS on both a home computer and a work computer. However, you can only have SOLIDWORKS running on one of the two computers at any given time.



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