Upgrade a Standalone Version of SOLIDWORKS

This article will guide you through the process of upgrading your SOLIDWORKS software to a newer version.

**Before Upgrading**

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 upgrading to. Then follow the steps below to ensure a smooth upgrade:

- 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.
Upgrade your Software

1. Open Check for Updates (from Start > All Programs > SOLIDWORKS Installation Manager > Check for Updates).

   Note: Alternatively, you can open Check for Updates from within SOLIDWORKS (Help > Check for Updates).

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2. When the SOLIDWORKS Installation Manager dialog box appears, select the version you would like to upgrade to and click Next.
3. Select **Individual (on this computer)** and click **Next** to continue.  
   Note: From this point forward, upgrading is very similar to a Standalone Installation.
4. Review the Summary and make changes as necessary by clicking on CHANGE.

5. In the bottom left corner, read the License Agreement and check the box to accept the terms of SOLIDWORKS.

6. In the bottom right corner, select Download and Install to begin installation.

7. Once the installation is complete, click Finish.

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. 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. Click Save to save the activation request text file.
4. Copy this text file to a machine that is connected to the internet.
5. From the machine connected to the internet, e-mail the text file as an attachment to the e-mail address: activation@solidworks.com.

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6. 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.

7. On the Manual Activation window, click **Open** and select the file obtained from the email.

8. Click **Next** to activate your copy of SOLIDWORKS.

9. Upon successful activation, the Activation/Reactivation Succeeded window will appear listing the licensed products.

10. 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.