SOLIDWORKS Online Licensing

SOLIDWORKS 2018 introduces an alternative to the traditional machine activation called Online Licensing. While machine activation locks a SOLIDWORKS license to a single computer, Online Licensing locks a SOLIDWORKS license to a single user. This enables a user to use SOLIDWORKS on any computer at any time without having to activate and deactivate machines. So long as the user has an internet connection, they can access all of their SOLIDWORKS products by simply logging in using their SOLIDWORKS ID. An offline mode is also available for users that are traveling and might not have an internet connection.

Online Licensing is planned to become available in North America on February 19, 2018 and is available for SOLIDWORKS 2018 and newer products only.

To use Online Licensing:

1. Go to my.solidworks.com and click “Log In”.

![MySolidWorks Interface]

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2. **Log in using your SOLIDWORKS ID** (this is the same ID you use on the [www.solidworks.com](http://www.solidworks.com) customer portal) or click “Create a SOLIDWORKS ID” if you do not already have one.

3. **Click “Admin Portal”**

   ![Admin Portal Screenshot]

   Note: The first time you use the Admin Portal, you will be asked if you are the CAD Administrator for your company. You must be the Cad Administrator to make changes to your licenses.

4. **Click on the name of the user you want to change to online licensing** to see a list of their SOLIDWORKS products or click the “Products” tab to see a list of all of your company’s products.

5. **Click on the product name of the SOLIDWORKS product that you want to change to Online Licensing.**
6. Click “Change to Online Licensing”. Note: To change, the product cannot be activated on any machine or already have Online Licensing assigned to another user.

7. Click “Change” to confirm your decision.

Change to Online Licensing
Are you sure you want to change to Online Licensing?
You can change back to Machine Activation if you change.

[Change] [Cancel]
The first time you start SOLIDWORKS you will be prompted to log in using your SOLIDWORKS ID. Once logged in, you can close and restart SOLIDWORKS without having to re-log in. However, if you logout, you will have to enter your credentials the next time you start SOLIDWORKS.

Online Licensing is not available for PDM products, SOLIDWORKS releases prior to 2018, SolidNetwork Licenses (SNL) (network licenses), Research Licenses, or Home Use Licenses.

Using the SOLIDWORKS Admin Portal, you can turn on Online Licensing for as many Single-user License products as you wish.

Online Licensing can only be turned on if the license is first deactivated from all machines and is not already assigned to another user.

A license can be changed back from Online Licensing to machine activation at any time as long as the license is not currently in use.

If a user logs in to a second machine while still logged in on a first machine, the user has the ability to shut down the first session. The user will be given the opportunity to save their work from the first session.
You must be connected to the internet to use Online Licensing. However, if you are not disconnected from the internet for more than a few minutes your SOLIDWORKS session will remain active. Additionally, if you are planning on being without internet access for an extended period (e.g. during travel), you can use the Offline Mode to lock the license onto the machine you are currently using.

The license can be taken offline for up to 30 days at a time. When the offline period is over, you will need internet access to log in to use SOLIDWORKS. The license can then be taken offline again if needed.

While the license is offline, you will not be able to log in on another computer and the CAD Administrator will not be able to reassign the license. If a user leaves the company without returning the offline license or if a hard drive dies or a computer is lost while it has an offline license, the license will be automatically returned after 30 days.

Two or more users using Online Licensing can use the same computer. Each user will have to log in / log out to access the products to which they are entitled. If one user is entitled to SOLIDWORKS Premium and another user to SOLIDWORKS Standard, SOLIDWORKS Premium should be installed on the machine to allow both users to access their entitled products.

All Online Licensed products assigned to a user travel together, so a user cannot open some SOLIDWORKS products on one machine and then start other SOLIDWORKS products on another machine.

You can have a mix of both Machine Activated and Online Licensed products on the same machine.

The SOLIDWORKS installation process does not change depending on which activation process (i.e. Machine Activation or Online Licensing) you are using.