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Before You Start

- ✓ Download the installer and serial numbers from IS&T's [software grid](#) (specify Students for "Who can use it?" and Solidworks for "Title Search").
- ✓ Ensure that your computer is connected to the Internet.

⚠ The first three steps must be followed carefully. If you do not extract the file prior to installation, installation will fail.

1. Right click on the zip file and select **Properties**.
2. On the **General** tab select the **Unblock** option.
3. Extract the zip file (this will take some time).
4. Run **setup.exe** located in the top level folder. If the installer window is blank see [here](#).
5. Select **individual installation (on this computer)**, click **Next**.
6. Check the check box by **3D Design -> SOLIDWORKS Standard...** and enter the CAD serial number only. Leave other fields blank.

SOLIDWORKS 2021 SP2.0 Installation Manager

SOLIDWORKS 2021

Serial Number

Enter your serial number information or log in to automatically populate serial numbers Log in

3D Design

☒ SOLIDWORKS

Visualization
Visualize, Visualize Boost

Simulation
Flow Simulation, Motion, Plastics, Simulation

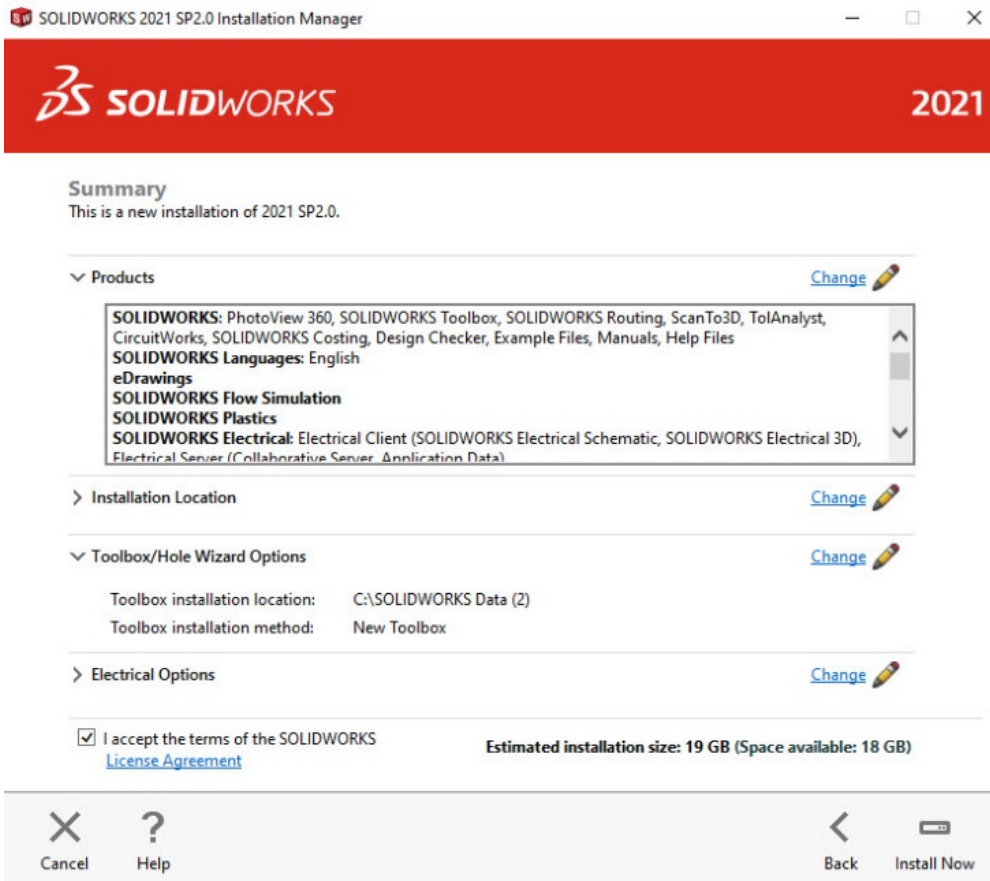
CAM ①
CAM

Technical Communication
Composer, Composer Player Pro, Inspection, MBD


Electrical Design
Electrical Schematic, PCB

Cancel Help Back Next


7. Once your system has been checked, you will be taken to a summary screen displaying all of the products you will be installing. Check the box marking that you accept our terms and conditions and click Install Now. Note: Products shown may vary depending on the version of SOLIDWORKS you are using.




On first launch, you'll need to activate your license.

 The activation server at the vendor site is down sometimes. If you can't activate you'll need to try again later.

1. Select **I want to activate my SOLIDWORKS product now**, click **Next**.
2. Choose **Select All** (the only product listed may be **SOLIDWORKS**), **activate automatically over the internet** and click **Next**.
3. Enter appropriate contact information, click **Next**.
4. At the **Activation/Reactivation Succeeded** screen, click **Finish**.

 The installation process may fail to activate **SOLIDWORKS Composer** if you opted for this product. You can see if this is the case by selecting **Help -> My Products....** If this happened you will see a popup requesting activation of **SOLIDWORKS Composer Professional**. You can perform this activation by selecting **Help -> Activate Licenses**, selecting **SOLIDWORKS Composer** in the activation dialog which should now be present, select **activate automatically over the internet**, **Next**, then **Next** again on the Contact Information screen and **Finish**.

 Some SOLIDWORKS features are deactivated by default. In order to ensure that features you want to use are activated, launch SOLIDWORKS and select **Options** (the gear icon at the top center of the screen) -> **add-ins** and select check boxes for desired features. You may need to restart the application for this to take effect.

Related Links

- Solidworks installation for Students- How to update the license key
- SOLIDWORKS 2019 and later, for Faculty and Staff - Installation Instructions