

DataCAD 16 Softlock

DataCAD 16 uses a software-based license management option, referred to as a “softlock,” in lieu of the hardware-based USB license key, or “hardlock” used by older versions. Each DataCAD softlock-protected license that you purchase can be activated on only one computer at a time. This method of copy protection requires a connection to the Internet in order to activate and validate your license. Once the license has been activated, you may disconnect from the Internet and continue using DataCAD.

Universal Installer

DataCAD 16 is now available as a single, downloadable file with a universal installer. It can be run in demo mode for 45 days, or activated as DataCAD LT 16, DataCAD 16 Professional (PE) or DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition (SE). You may purchase an activation code for DataCAD LT 16, DataCAD 16 Professional or DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition at any time. If you purchase an activation code for DataCAD LT 16 and later wish to convert it to DataCAD 16 Professional or DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition, you simply purchase a new activation code to enable the professional-level features. Since the following license activation instructions relate to DataCAD LT 16, DataCAD 16 Professional, and DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition, we refer to them simply as “DataCAD.”

Installation

When you install DataCAD 16, the default location is C:\DataCAD 16\. The universal installer always looks for a prior version of DataCAD, and will do nothing destructive to the old version. We recommend that you do not install DataCAD into a sub-folder of the program files folder, as the User Account Control security scheme in Windows can interfere with program operation.

Evaluation

When you run DataCAD for the first time, you are presented with three options: Purchase DataCAD 16 Online, Activate DataCAD 16 or Evaluate DataCAD 16. The option to evaluate is only available if you have not previously purchased and activated a license on this computer. Once you have purchased and activated your license, the evaluate option is no longer available, even if you deactivate the license.

The first time you pick the option to Evaluate DataCAD 16, it starts a 45-day counter and the DataCAD 16 Test Drive will run. Once the 45-day evaluation period has started it cannot be stopped or extended, so make sure you have the time to complete your evaluation before you pick the evaluate option and start the counter.

At any time during your evaluation of the DataCAD 16 Test Drive, you may select “Activate” from the “Help” pull-down menu (with no drawings opened) to purchase an activation code for DataCAD LT 16, DataCAD 16 Professional or DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition. Even after the 45-day trial period has expired, you can still purchase an activation code for DataCAD LT 16, DataCAD 16 Professional or DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition.



Purchasing

If you have downloaded and installed DataCAD 16 but have not yet purchased it, use the **Purchase DataCAD 16 Online** option to access the DataCAD Online Store. You may purchase DataCAD LT 16, DataCAD 16 Professional or DataCAD 16 Subscription Edition in the store, and then you will be sent a License ID and a Password that you can use to activate your software on a single computer.

Activation Options

After you have purchased DataCAD, we will send you an e-mail with your License ID and Password. You will use this information to activate the DataCAD software license on your computer. Activating DataCAD Online requires an Internet connection, so make sure you are connected before you begin. If you do not have an Internet connection, select Activate Manually instead. You will need to contact a DATA CAD LLC representative by telephone (860-217-0490) or e-mail (info@datacad.com) to complete this method of activation. If you activate manually, assistance will also be required for you to deactivate the installation.



Activating Online

Click on **Activate DataCAD 16 Online** to begin the process. Type the License ID and Password into the appropriate fields and then click Continue. The information will be sent to the DataCAD License Server for validation.



Activating Manually

If you do not have an Internet connection, select **Activate Manually**. Type the License ID and Password into the appropriate fields, and then click Continue. The activation dialog will display **User Code 1** and **User Code 2**, which you will transmit to the DATACAD LLC representative by telephone or email. The representative will then generate Activation Code numbers and transmit that information back to you. After typing it into the appropriate field, click Continue to complete the process.



DataCAD 16 Activation

Please call 1 (860) 217-0490 to activate DataCAD.

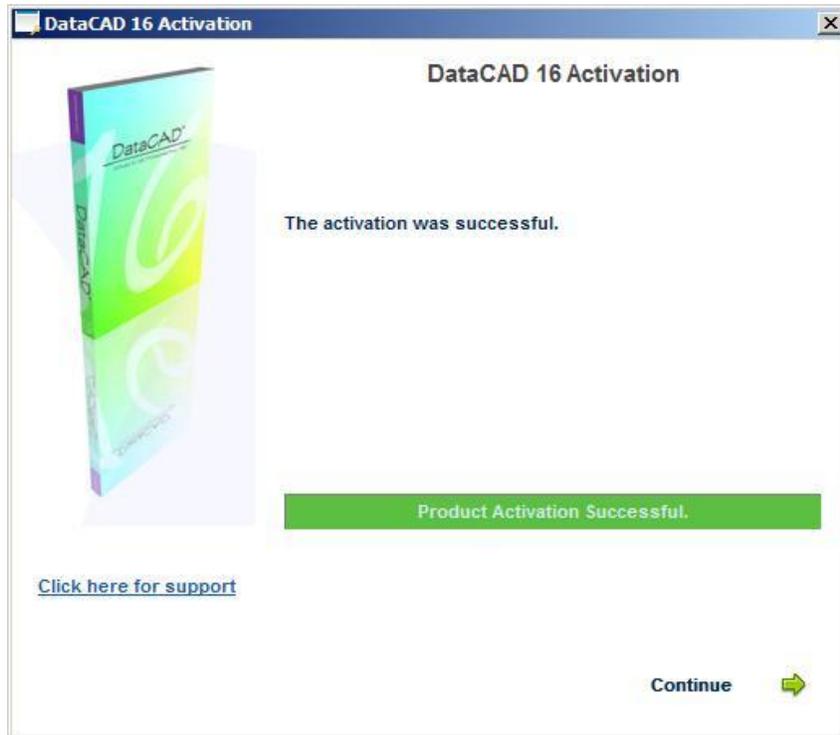
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Once the DataCAD License Server validates your License ID and Password, DataCAD will be activated on your computer. Click Continue to begin using DataCAD. Each subsequent time you run DataCAD by double clicking the Desktop icon, the software will start without the activation screen.



If the DataCAD License Server is unable to validate your DataCAD license you will see an error message stating that the activation failed, and you will not be able to run DataCAD. License activation can fail either because you entered the License ID or Password incorrectly, or because you entered a License ID and Password for a DataCAD license which has already been activated on another computer.





If you receive an error stating that activation has failed, double-check to ensure you have entered the information correctly, and that your license is not currently active on another computer. If you need further assistance, please call DataCAD Technical Support at (860) 677-2829 or e-mail techsupport@datacad.com.

Moving your DataCAD license to another computer

When you purchase a single license of DataCAD, it can be activated on only one computer at a time. However, circumstances may arise where you want to run DataCAD on another computer. Perhaps you activated DataCAD on the desktop computer in your office, but you want to run DataCAD on your laptop to take with you to a customer site, or to work on a project at home. You can do this, but you need to “move” the license from one computer to the other by first deactivating it on the desktop computer, before activating it on the laptop.

Like activation, deactivation requires an Internet connection so that DataCAD can communicate with the DataCAD License Server. Please verify you are connected to the Internet before you begin the process.



To deactivate your license DataCAD must be running, but all of your drawing files need to be closed. Close all open drawing files, click the “Help” pull-down menu, and then select “Deactivate this computer...” from the “License Actions” section. DataCAD will ask you to confirm that you wish to deactivate the license installation.



Once deactivation is successful, you may activate your DataCAD license on a different computer. You may activate and deactivate your DataCAD license as often as necessary.