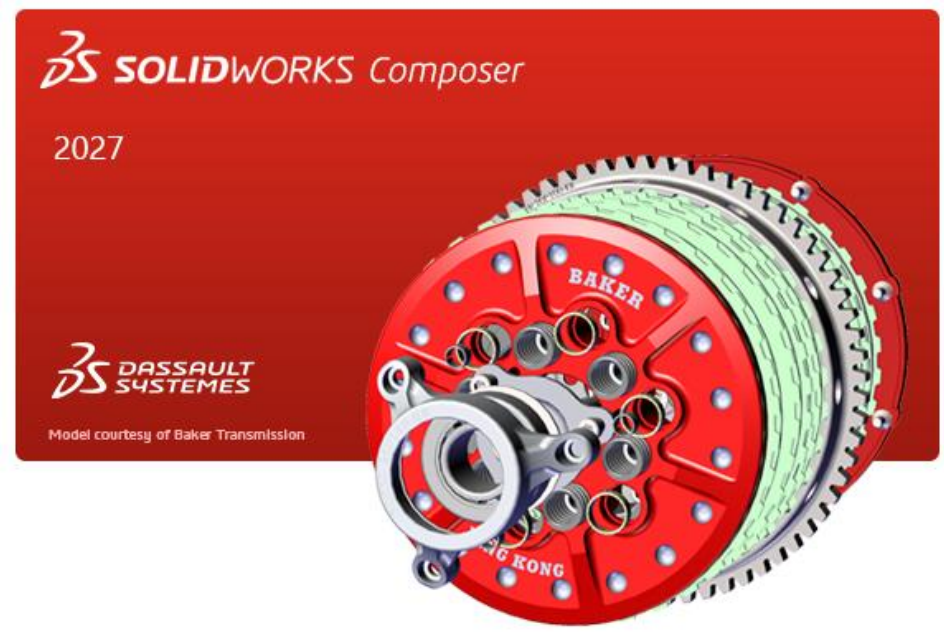
How To Install SOLIDWORKS Composer

TITLE:	How To Install SOLIDWORKS Composer
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SUBJECT:	Installing and licensing SOLIDWORKS Composer
ABSTRACT:	Instructions on how to install and activate SOLIDWORKS Composer



This document has detailed instructions on how to download, install, license, and administer SOLIDWORKS Composer.

Before loading any software, you should always login with full administrative permissions and disable your anti-virus and anti-spyware programs.

This is not a troubleshooting guide. If you have any technical issues with SOLIDWORKS Composer, please contact a support technician through our website, or call us at 1.877.266.4469 (USA) or 1.866.587.6803 (Canada).

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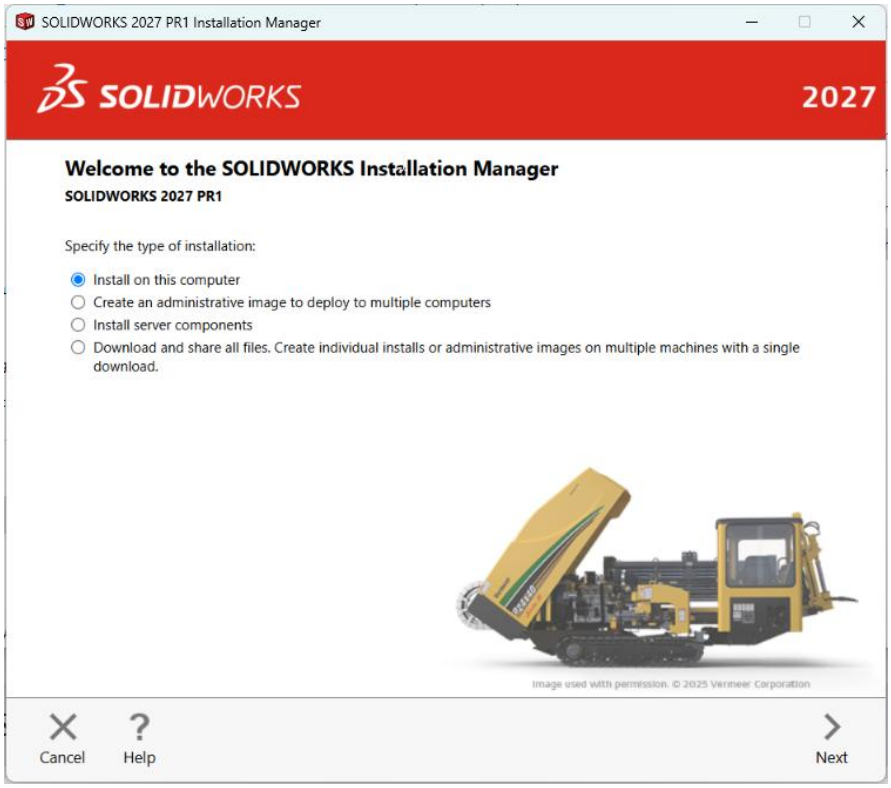
Before Installation

Hawk Ridge Systems highly recommends taking a moment before installing SOLIDWORKS Composer and checking that you are ready to load your new software by going through the points in this article.

Basic Installation

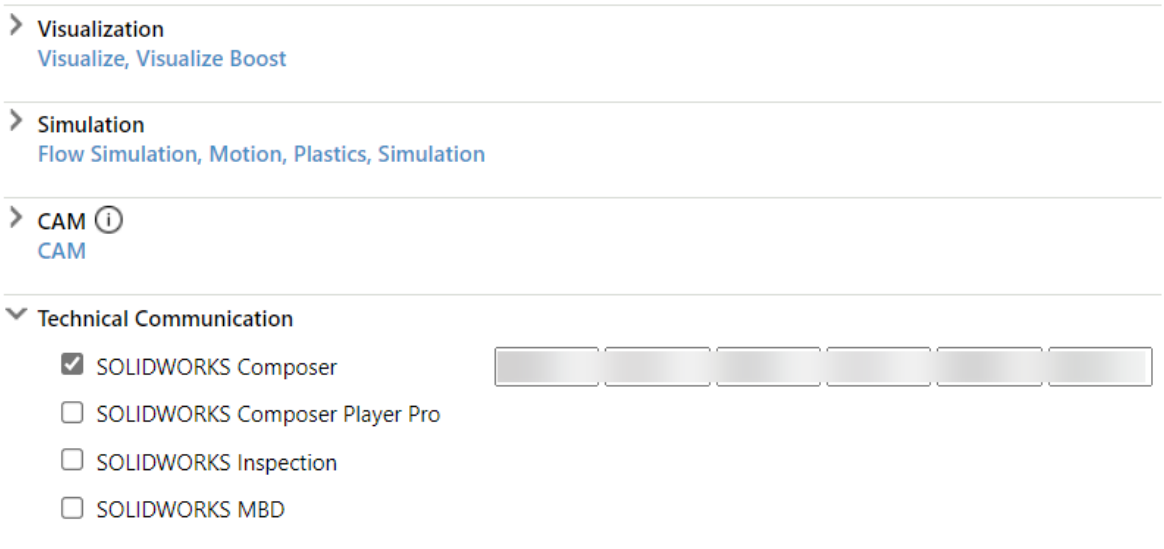
SOLIDWORKS Composer is installed from the SOLIDWORKS installation download or disc. It uses the same Installation Manager as SOLIDWORKS. You will need to download the SOLIDWORKS Installation Manager from www.solidworks.com to install SOLIDWORKS Composer. You can begin at any service pack download!

1. Please go to the SOLIDWORKS downloads page and choose the SOLIDWORKS version that corresponds to the version of Composer that you would like to install. (Please note that you will need to login before you can get to that address.) Follow the instructions to download and start the executable. Also, if you have one, you can put in the SOLIDWORKS installation disc and start the Setup.exe.

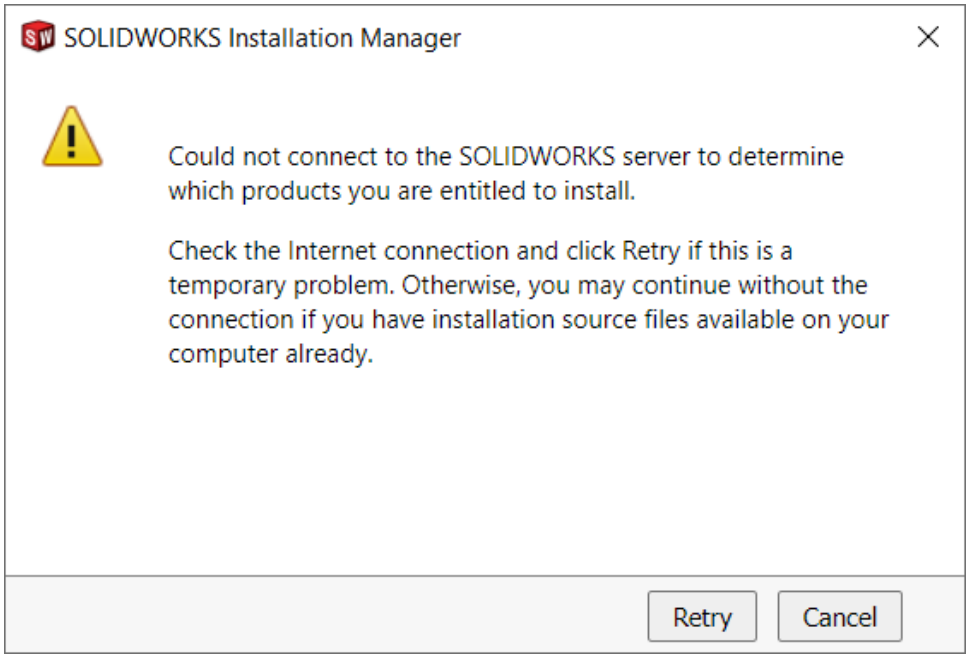


2. Exit all other programs and click the Next button to continue.

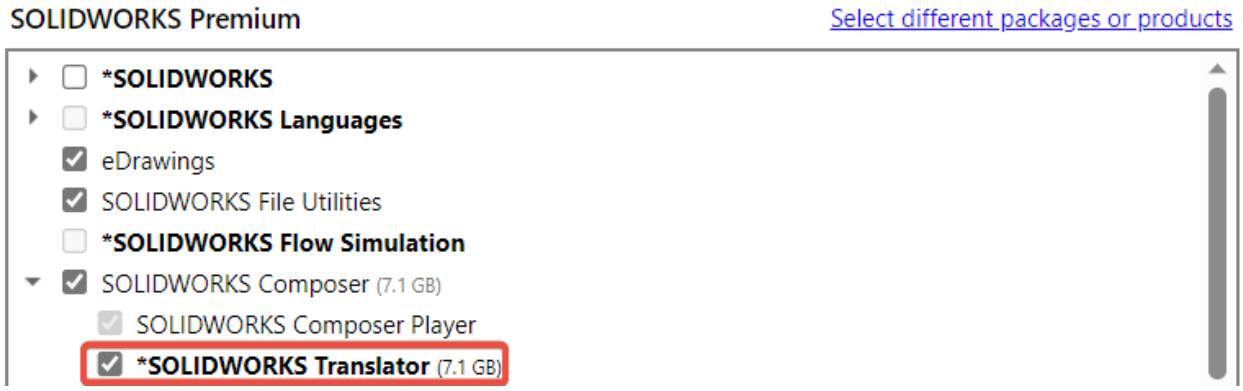
3. Now, you will need to put in your SOLIDWORKS Composer serial number. (If you are unable to find your serial number, please call us so we can send it to a previously established email address.)



4. Press Next to continue. If you are not online, it will warn that you cannot automatically select products to install. Pressing Cancel will continue with the load, but you must manually select all your add-ins during the installation instead of being given a list based on your serial number.



5. If you do not have SOLIDWORKS on your machine, you will want to install the SOLIDWORKS Translator. If you do not select SOLIDWORKS in the product list, you will have an option to put a check mark next to the SOLIDWORKS Translator. This feature eliminates the ability to install the Translator and SOLIDWORKS onto the same computer.

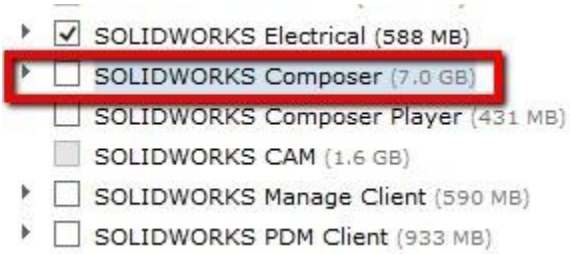


If you have the Composer Player enabled, you may not see SOLIDWORKS Composer as a checkbox initially. If this is the case, de-select SOLIDWORKS Composer Player and the SOLIDWORKS Composer option should appear as a checkbox option.

With Composer Player selected



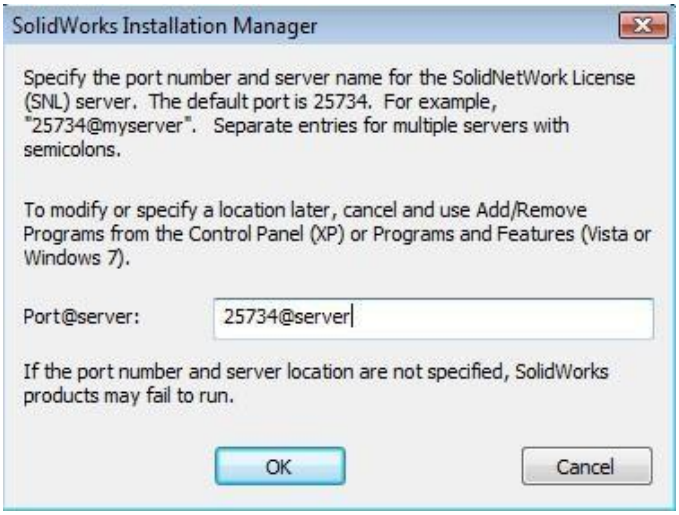
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6. Verify all the information on the screen and continue with the installation.

7. Click the Install (or Download and Install) button to continue.

8. If you have a network license for Composer, you will be asked to specify the SNL location. This is where your SolidNetWork License Manager is loaded and running. The default port number for this is 25734. Type "25734@<server name>" and press OK to continue. To setup the license manager, please see our Network Server Install guide.



9. SOLIDWORKS Composer will install at this time. This concludes the Network License Installation.

Standalone Activation

When launching SOLIDWORKS Composer for the first time, it should prompt you to follow the on-screen instructions to activate. If not, please see our activation article for more details.

For additional support, existing customers can submit a ticket or new customers can contact Hawk Ridge Systems.