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This comprehensive guide provides everything you need to know about AutoCAD licensing – from acquiring a license, understanding the roles of Serial Numbers and Product Keys, and activating your software, to troubleshooting common issues. By the end of this article, you'll be well-equipped to handle your AutoCAD licensing confidently and efficiently.Key TakeawaysAutoCAD licenses are of different types: single-user, multi-user, and educational. Choose what suits your needs.Serial Numbers and Product Keys are vital for installation and activation. They can be found in your Autodesk Account after purchase.License activation involves entering your Serial Number and Product Key within the AutoCAD software.Managing your license effectively involves transferring it between computers when needed and adhering strictly to Autodesk's licensing policies.Troubleshooting license issues may require checking your network, re-entering license details, or contacting Autodesk Support.What is a License?A license in AutoCAD is a legally binding agreement that allows you to use the software. The terms of the agreement stipulate the ways in which the software can be used, the duration of use, and the rights you have as a user.There are different types of licenses available for AutoCAD:Single-user license: This license is for an individual user who installs and uses the software on a single computer. It cannot be shared with other users.Multi-user license: This type of license allows the software to be installed on a network. Any computer connected to the network can access and use the software. The number of concurrent users is determined by the number of seats purchased.Educational license: This is a free license offered to students, teachers, and educational institutions. It provides full access to the software but cannot be used for commercial purposes.AutoCAD Serial Number and Product KeyThe AutoCAD Serial Number and Product Key are two critical components you will need when installing and activating your software.AutoCAD Serial NumberA Serial Number is a unique identifier provided by Autodesk when you purchase a license. It verifies the originality of the software and helps Autodesk track software and maintain customer service records. The Serial Number is often required during the installation and activation process. It is usually in a format like XXX-XXXXXXXX.AutoCAD Product KeyThe Product Key, on the other hand, is a code that specifies the type of software you have purchased. For example, the Product Key for AutoCAD 2020 is 001L1. Product Keys help Autodesk ensure that you are installing the correct software that matches your purchase.Acquiring an AutoCAD LicenseFollow these steps to acquire an AutoCAD license:Purchase the license: You can purchase an AutoCAD license directly from Autodesk or authorized resellers. Depending on your needs, you can choose a monthly, yearly, or three-year plan.Register and create an account: After purchasing, you need to create an account on Autodesk's website if you haven't done so already.Find your Serial Number and Product Key: After registration, you can find your Serial Number and Product Key in the Autodesk Account. It's under the 'Management' section, then 'Products & Services', and then 'Product Keys & Serial Numbers'.Download and install the software: From your Autodesk Account, go to 'Products & Services', then 'Product Updates' to download the AutoCAD software. During installation, you will be prompted to enter the Serial Number and Product Key.How to Activate AutoCADOnce you've installed AutoCAD, you'll need to activate it to verify your licensing information and unlock full access to the software. Here's how to activate your AutoCAD license:Open AutoCAD: Start the software. A window will open prompting you for your Autodesk Account information. Enter your email address and password, then click 'Next'.Enter the Serial Number and Product Key: You will be prompted to enter your Serial Number and Product Key. Fill in the relevant information, then click 'Next'.Confirm and complete activation: Review your information. If all details are correct, click 'Activate'. You should receive a message confirming successful activation.Troubleshooting AutoCAD Licensing IssuesDespite following all the correct procedures, you may sometimes encounter issues with your AutoCAD license. Here are some common problems and solutions:"The license manager is not functioning or is improperly installed": Try restarting your computer or reinstalling AutoCAD. If the problem persists, you may need to reinstall the Autodesk License Service."The software license check out failed": This error typically occurs with a multi-user license. Check to ensure your network is running correctly and the license server is available. If the problem persists, you might need to update the Network License Manager.Remember, if you're unable to resolve your licensing issue, you can always reach out to Autodesk Support for further assistance.In conclusion, understanding how AutoCAD licensing works is vital for a seamless experience with the software. From purchasing a license to activation and troubleshooting, this guide provides a comprehensive overview to help you navigate the process.AutoCAD License Transfer and ManagementJust as important as activating your AutoCAD license, it's crucial to understand how to manage it, including how to transfer licenses between computers.Transferring AutoCAD LicenseTransferring a license is necessary when you get a new computer or need to move your AutoCAD license to another machine for other reasons. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to do that:Export your license from the old machine: On the old computer, open AutoCAD, click on 'Help' and then on 'About'. Choose 'Manage License', then select 'Export'. Save the license file in a location you can easily access.Import your license to the new machine: On the new computer, install AutoCAD. Open the program, click on 'Help' then 'About', choose 'Manage License', and select 'Import'. Navigate to the license file you exported and select it.Remember, transferring licenses should be done within the bounds of the Autodesk Software License Agreement.Managing AutoCAD LicenseEffective license management is key to getting the best value out of your AutoCAD software. Here are some best practices for managing your AutoCAD license:Track your usage: If you are using a multi-user license, monitor usage trends to ensure you have the appropriate number of licenses for your team.Stay updated: Regularly check for software updates to ensure you have the latest features and security patches. You can do this in the Autodesk Account under 'Product Updates'.Regular backups: Export and back up your license regularly, especially before making significant changes to your computer system.Staying Compliant with AutoCAD LicensingIt's vital to stay compliant with Autodesk's licensing policies to avoid legal issues and software access problems. Here are a few guidelines to ensure you remain compliant:Do not share licenses: Single-user licenses are assigned to an individual and should not be shared with others.Only use legitimate software: Avoid cracked versions of AutoCAD. Using unauthorized software is illegal and can also expose your system to security risks.Renew your license promptly: Keep track of your renewal dates and make sure to renew your licenses on time to avoid interruptions to your work.By understanding the ins and outs of AutoCAD licensing, you'll be better prepared to tackle any licensing issue that arises. From purchasing and activating to troubleshooting and staying compliant, managing your AutoCAD license is a vital part of using the software effectively and efficiently.Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)1. What can I do if I lost my AutoCAD Serial Number or Product Key?If you've lost your Serial Number or Product Key, don't panic. You can retrieve them by logging into your Autodesk Account. They can be found under the 'Management' section, then 'Products & Services', and then 'Product Keys & Serial Numbers'.2. Why is my AutoCAD license showing as "Expired" even though I have renewed it?Sometimes, a system glitch may not reflect a license's renewal status. Try restarting your software or computer. If the issue persists, you may need to re-enter your license details (Serial Number and Product Key). If all else fails, contact Autodesk Support for assistance.3. Can I use my AutoCAD license on multiple computers?Yes, but not simultaneously. A single-user license can be installed on up to three machines (work computer, home computer, and portable), but can only be active on one at a time. For simultaneous usage, you'll need to purchase additional licenses or consider a multi-user license.4. How can I switch my AutoCAD license type from single-user to multi-user or vice versa?To switch your license type, you need to contact Autodesk or your Autodesk reseller to discuss changing your subscription. Remember, you'll also need to update your software with the new Serial Number and Product Key after the switch.5. Can I extend my trial period for AutoCAD?No, the trial period for AutoCAD cannot be extended. Once the trial period has ended, you must purchase a license to continue using the software.6. Can I deactivate my AutoCAD license on one computer and reactivate it on another?Yes, you can do this using the License Transfer Utility tool available in the software. Please remember to comply with the Autodesk Software License Agreement when transferring licenses.7. What should I do if I receive an error message during AutoCAD activation?The first step is to ensure that you have entered the Serial Number and Product Key correctly. If the issue persists, try disabling your firewall or antivirus software temporarily. Sometimes, these programs can interfere with the activation process. If you still can't resolve the issue, contact Autodesk Support for help.8. How do I reactivate my AutoCAD license after a hardware change?Hardware changes may prompt Autodesk to require a new activation. To reactivate, simply enter your Serial Number and Product Key as you did during the original activation process. If you face any issues, reach out to Autodesk Support.9. Can I transfer my AutoCAD license to another person?If you want to transfer your license to another person, you must first uninstall the software from your system. The new user can then install it on their computer using the same Serial Number and Product Key. Remember to respect Autodesk's licensing agreement during this process.10. What should I do if my AutoCAD software becomes unlicensed?In some rare cases, your AutoCAD software may suddenly become unlicensed. If this happens, try troubleshooting by signing out and then signing back into your Autodesk Account. If the issue persists, you may need to reactivate your software by entering your Serial Number and Product Key. As a last resort, consider reaching out to Autodesk Support.ConclusionThe world of AutoCAD licensing may seem complex initially, but with this guide, we've broken it down into manageable chunks. Whether you're purchasing your first AutoCAD license or managing multiple licenses across a team, this guide should help you understand the processes involved. Remember, Autodesk Support is always there for any complex issues or inquiries that this guide may not address. Product keys are required for installation of Autodesk products and are used to differentiate products that are both sold independently and as part of a product suite. For example, installing AutoCAD 2018 as a point product requires product key 001J1, but installing AutoCAD 2018 from the AutoCAD Design Suite Premium 2018 requires product key 768J1. The same version of AutoCAD is in both software packages but the product key differentiates one package from the other. Note: Please ensure you are using the correct product key for the Autodesk product and version you are installing. Entering an incorrect product key will result in activation errors for that product. The serial number and product key for your Autodesk software can be found in a variety of locations, depending on how you obtained your product. Find Serial Numbers and Product Keys in Autodesk Account: Your Serial Number and Product Key are displayed in your Autodesk Account in the product tray on the Products & Services page and also again in the Software Download window. Note about serial number visibility in Autodesk Account: Only account administrators, such as Contract Managers and Software Coordinators, and Named Users with assigned software benefits will see serial numbers in Autodesk Account. You are the account administrator if you purchased a software subscription using your Autodesk Account or were assigned the role of Contract Manager or Software Coordinator by your company. If you do not see the software you wish to activate in your Autodesk account or see the message "Contact your admin for serial numbers," you need to contact the contract administrator. Only an administrator can assign you as a Named User or End User and give you permissions to download and activate the software. If you have physical media, you'll see the serial number and product key printed on the label of the box. Serial Numbers do not appear on software packaging for Autodesk software versions 2014 and newer. If you have physical media (a DVD or USB key) for a 2013 or earlier product, your serial number and product key will be printed on the label of the product packaging. If you participate in the Autodesk Education Community, you can find this information by logging in and locating the product in question. If you have not already downloaded the product, picking the download button will start the download and will display the products serial number and product key. If you have already downloaded the product and just need to know the serial number and product key, pick the "Get Serial" button for your product to have it display this information. If you ordered your product using the online Autodesk store, the serial number and product key will be provided in the "Order Details" confirmation screen after the purchase, as well as the subsequent "Thank You" e-mail that you will receive after the purchase process is complete. If, for whatever reason, you cannot locate your product key, there is another method: 1. Using your installation media, (USB key, DVD, download folder, etc.) navigate to the location of the setup.exe file for your Autodesk product. 2. In that folder, look for a file named MID.txt, MID01.txt, MID02.txt or some variation on that name. 3. Open this file in notepad and verify that the product name is what you expected it to be. 4. The first five characters of the part number should also be the product key for that product. Leading or presiding officer of an organized group "Chairman of the Board" redirects here. For other uses, see Chairman of the Board (disambiguation). Agustín Vásquez Gómez, ambassador of the Republic of El Salvador, chairing the OPCW's Fourth Review Conference, November 2018 The chair, also chairman, chairwoman, or chairperson, is the presiding officer of an organized group such as a board, committee, or deliberative assembly. The person holding the office, who is typically elected or appointed by members of the group or organisation, presides over meetings of the group, and is required to conduct the group's business in an orderly fashion.[1] In some organizations, the chair is also known as president (or other title).[2][3] In others, where a board appoints a president (or other title), the two terms are used for distinct positions. The term chairman may be used in a neutral manner, not directly implying the gender of the holder. In meetings or conferences, to "chair" something (chairing) means to lead the event.[4] Look up chair, chairman, chairwoman, chairperson, or preside in Wiktionary, the free dictionary. Terms for the office and its holder include chair, chairman, chairwoman, chairperson, convenor, facilitator, moderator, president, and presiding officer.[5][6][7][8][9] The chair of a parliamentary chamber is sometimes called the speaker.[10][11] Chair has been used to refer to a seat or office of authority since the middle of the 17th century; its earliest citation in the Oxford English Dictionary dates to 1658–1659, four years after the first citation for chairman.[12][13][14] Feminist critiques have analysed Chairman as a possible example of sexist language, associating the male gender with the exercise of authority, this has led to some use of the generic "Chairperson".[15] In World Schools Style debating, as of 2009, chair or chairman refers to the person who controls the debate; it recommends using Madame Chair or Mr. Chairman to address the chair.[16] The FranklinCovey Style Guide for Business and Technical Communication and the American Psychological Association style guide advocate using chair or chairperson.[17][18] The Oxford Dictionary of American Usage and Style (2000) suggested that the gender-neutral forms were gaining ground; it advocated chair for both men and women.[19] The Daily Telegraph's style guide bans the use of chair and chairperson; the newspaper's position, as of 2018, is that "chairman is correct English".[20] The National Association of Parliamentarians adopted a resolution in 1975 discouraging the use of chairperson and rescinded it in 2017.[21][22] Ambassador Leena Al-Hadid of Jordan chairs a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2018.[23] The word chair can refer to the place from which the holder of the office presides, whether on a chair, at a lectern, or elsewhere.[1] During meetings, the person presiding is said to be "in the chair" and is also referred to as "the chair".[1] Parliamentary procedure requires that members address the "chair" as "Mr. (or Madam) Chairman (or Chair or Chairperson)" rather than using a name – one of many customs intended to maintain the presiding officer's impartiality and to ensure an objective and impersonal approach.[7][24] In the British music hall tradition, the chairman was the master of ceremonies who announced the performances and was responsible for controlling any rowdy elements in the audience. The role was popularised on British TV in the 1960s and 1970s by Leonard Sachs, the chairman on the variety show The Good Old Days.[25] "Chairman" as a quasi-title gained particular resonance when socialist states from 1917 onwards shunned more traditional leadership labels and stressed the collective control of Soviets (councils or committees) by beginning to refer to executive figureheads as "Chairman of the X Committee". Lenin, for example, officially functioned as the head of Soviet Russian government not as prime minister or as president, but as "Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars".[26][27] At the same time, the head of the state was first called "Chairman of the Central Executive Committee" (until 1938) and then "Chairman of the Presidium of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet". In Communist China, Mao Zedong was commonly called "Chairman Mao", as he was officially Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman of the Central Military Commission. Sam Ervin (right), chairman of the United States Senate Watergate Committee, 1973 In addition to the administrative or executive duties in organizations, the chair presides over meetings.[28] Such duties at meetings include: Calling the meeting to order Determining if a quorum is present Announcing the items on the "order of business", or agenda, as they come up Recognition of members to have the floor Enforcing the rules of the group Putting questions (motions) to a vote, which is the usual way of resolving disagreements following discussion of the issues Adjourning the meeting While presiding, the chair should remain impartial and not interrupt a speaker if the speaker has the floor and is following the rules of the group.[29] In committees or small boards, the chair votes along with the other members; in assemblies or larger boards, the chair should vote only when it can affect the result.[30] At a meeting, the chair only has one vote (i.e. the chair cannot vote twice and cannot override the decision of the group unless the organization has specifically given the chair such authority).[31] The powers of the chair vary widely across organizations. In some organizations they have the authority to hire staff and make financial decisions. In others they only make recommendations to a board of directors, or may have no executive powers, in which case they are mainly a spokesperson for the organization. The power given depends upon the type of organization, its structure, and the rules it has created for itself. If the chair exceeds their authority, engages in misconduct, or fails to perform their duties, they may face disciplinary procedures. Such procedures may include censure, suspension, or removal from office. The rules of the organization would provide details on who can perform these disciplinary procedures.[32] Usually, whoever appointed or elected the chair has the power to discipline them. There are three common types of chair in public corporations. The chief executive officer (CEO) may also hold the title of chair, in which case the board frequently names an independent member of the board as a lead independent director.[33] This position is equivalent to the position of président-directeur général in France.[citation needed] Executive chair is an office separate from that of CEO, where the titleholder wields influence over company operations, such as Larry Ellison of Oracle, Douglas Flint of HSBC and Steve Case of AOL Time Warner. In particular, the group chair of HSBC is considered the top position of that institution, outranking the chief executive, and is responsible for leading the board and representing the company in meetings with government figures. Before the creation of the group management board in 2006, HSBC's chair essentially held the duties of a chief executive at an equivalent institution, while HSBC's chief executive served as the deputy. After the 2006 reorganization, the management cadre ran the business, while the chair oversaw the controls of the business through compliance and audit and the direction of the business.[34][35][36] Non-executive chair is also a separate post from the CEO; unlike an executive chair, a non-executive chair does not interfere in day-to-day company matters. Across the world, many companies have separated the roles of chair and CEO, saying that this move improves corporate governance. The non-executive chair's duties are typically limited to matters directly related to the board, such as:[37] Chairing the meetings of the board. Organizing and coordinating the board's activities, such as by setting its annual agenda. Reviewing and evaluating the performance of the CEO and the other board members. Christina Magnuson, as chairman,[38] presides over the 2016 annual meeting of the Friends of the Ulriksdal Palace Theater. Many companies in the US have an executive chair; this method of organization is sometimes called the American model. Having a non-executive chair is common in the UK and Canada; this is sometimes called the British model. Expert opinion is rather evenly divided over which is the preferable model.[39] There is a growing push by public market investors for companies with an executive chair to have a lead independent director to provide some element of an independent perspective.[40][41] The role of the chair in a private equity-backed board differs from the role in non-profit or publicly listed organizations in several ways, including the pay, role and what makes an effective private-equity chair.[42] Companies with both an executive chair and a CEO include Ford,[43] HSBC,[44] Alphabet Inc.,[45] and HP.[46] A vice- or deputy chair, subordinate to the chair, is sometimes chosen to assist and to serve as chair in the latter's absence, or when a motion involving the chair is being discussed.[47] In the absence of the chair and vice-chair, groups sometimes elect a chair pro tempore to fill the role for a single meeting.[48] In some organizations that have both titles, deputy chair ranks higher than vice-chair, as there are often multiple vice-chairs but only a single deputy chair.[49] This type of deputy chair title on its own usually has only an advisory role and not an operational one (such as Ted Turner at Time Warner).[50] An unrelated definition of vice- and deputy chairs describes an executive who is higher ranking or has more seniority than an executive vice-president (EVP). 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Much of the debate has centered around two types of change: the coining of new terms (such as Ms. to replace Miss/Mrs., and chairperson to replace chairman and chairwoman), and various proposal to replace he as the generic third person singular pronoun. Dale Spender (1990). Man Made Language. Pandora. pp. 29–30. ISBN 978-0-04-440766-9. Another factor which we must bear in mind is that women need more words - and more positive words - not less. The removal of sexist words would not leave a large repertoire of words for women to draw upon! ... Some attempts have been made to modify sexist words and there are signs that this on its own is insufficient to reduce sexism in language. Words such as police officer and chairperson have been an attempt to break away from the negative value which female words acquire by the creation of sex-neutral terms "The language of gender". Oxford Living Dictionary. Oxford University Press. Archived from the original on 2019-05-10. Retrieved 2019-05-20. People also object to the use of the ending -man in words referring to professions and roles in society, for example postman, spokesman, or chairman. Since women are generally as likely as men to be involved in an occupation or activity nowadays, this type of word is increasingly being replaced by gender-neutral terms, e.g. postal worker, spokesperson, or chair/chairperson. "Chairman - More About". Oxford Learner's Dictionary. Oxford University Press. Archived from the original on May 30, 2017. Retrieved 2019-05-20. When you are writing or speaking English it is important to use language that includes both men and women equally. Some people may be very offended if you do not ... Neutral words like assistant, worker, person or officer are now often used instead of -man or -woman in the names of jobs ... Neutral words are very common in newspapers, on television and radio and in official writing, in both British English and North American English. "Chairman - Note". 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The design software company, one of Marin's most successful startups, notified the state Employment Development Department of its plans "as a courtesy and in an abundance of caution" in an Aug. 15 letter. The letter stated that Autodesk's San Rafael office at 111 McInnis Parkway will be closing for good effective Oct. 14. "All 578 employees who are currently assigned to the San Rafael office will have their assigned office transferred to our office at the Landmark at One Market Street, San Francisco," said Autodesk executive Rebecca Pearce. The letter stated that most of these employees are now designated as hybrid workers and therefore do not have mandatory weekly in-office days. Only five employees are office based and will be required to work in the San Francisco office. Autodesk spokeswoman Mary Garofalo said the company has "ramped up" a new workplace model that divides employees into three groups: office based, hybrid or home based. "The majority of our global team falls within the hybrid category, meaning they split their time between their homes and local, commutable Autodesk offices," Garofalo said. "At this time, Autodesk is not requiring employees to come into an office on any fixed or mandatory weekly schedule." Garofalo said Autodesk has 12,600 employees worldwide, but she declined to disclose how many of those employees work in the United States. Reacting to the news of Autodesk's move, Mike Blakeley, chief executive officer of the Marin Economic Forum, said, "It's always a big deal if you lose a name brand business that has been an important part of the community." "Autodesk started here, grew up here, became a billion-dollar company here," he said. "That is significant in terms of establishing that kind of business can start and grow in Marin County. It's like losing a good neighbor." Autodesk was launched in 1982 by 13 programmers who pooled about $60,000 of their own money and worked out of co-founder John Walker's two-bedroom home in Mill Valley. The founders initially concentrated on developing a text editing program with spreadsheets before shifting their focus to a computer drawing program that was an instant hit at the COMEX trade show that November. The program would later become AutoCAD, the company's flagship product and cash cow. In the 2021 fiscal year, Autodesk reported a net profit of $497 million on revenue of $4.39 billion. Its software is used by a broad range of industries including the manufacturing, architecture, building, construction, media and entertainment sectors. The software has aided in the development of new technologies such as virtual reality, robotics and 3D printing. Autodesk's decision to close its San Rafael headquarters comes on the heels of the company's disclosure in January that it was giving up leases at 3900 Civic Center Drive in northern San Rafael and at 300 Mission St. in San Francisco. Autodesk's lease of 46,000 square feet at 3900 Civic Center Drive began in early 2020, and the company opened the 116,000-square-foot office at 300 Mission St. last year. Autodesk stated in its 2022 annual report that "the COVID-19 pandemic has spurred changes in the way we work as we move to a more hybrid workforce resulting in an evaluation of our office space needs." Accordingly, the report said, Autodesk planned to reduce its facilities portfolio worldwide and had incurred "impairment and accelerated depreciation charges of $103.7 million to assets associated with its operating leases for real estate during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2022." In finance, an impairment is defined as a permanent reduction in the value of a company asset. Autodesk also said it expects to incur additional impairments over the next several quarters amounting to as much as $25 million. Between its annual reports in 2021 and 2022, the company shed 270,000 square feet of leased office space, leaving it with 1.83 million square feet at 101 sites in the United States and internationally. Autodesk's 2022 annual report indicated that its lease on the space at 111 McInnis Parkway extends until December 2024. It said the company has 284,000 square feet of space in San Francisco under leases that have expiration dates ranging from December 2022 to June 2026. Regarding the 162,000 square feet of space that Autodesk has exited in Marin recently, Haden Ongaro, a North Bay executive for the Newmark real estate services firm, said, "I'm confident we'll be able to lease those spaces but I hate to see a major employer leave Marin." Ongaro noted that Autodesk moved from Sausalito to the new building at 111 McInnis Parkway in 1994. "Those buildings leased up pretty quickly," he said. Ongaro said office space left behind when Lucasfilm Ltd. moved to the Presidio in 2005 and Glassdoor exited Mill Valley for San Francisco last year has also been filled. According to Newmark's most recent report on the Marin office market, the vacancy rate was 18.5% at the end of June, down from 19.4% during the second quarter of 2021. By comparison, the San Francisco office market ended the second quarter of 2022 with a vacancy rate of 24.2%, according to the Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis Group. Marin had an office vacancy rate of 16.3% in the second quarter of 2020. Blakeley said the fact that a number of very successful companies have started in Marin and then moved away is not necessarily a bad thing. "We look at it in a very positive light," he said. "You can start a billion-dollar publicly traded company in Marin County, not many regions can say that." Blakeley said more recent success stories such as Restoration Hardware in Corte Madera, Ultragenyx in Novato and BioMarin Pharmaceutical in San Rafael demonstrate that Marin retains its mojo for entrepreneurs. "Obviously the conditions exist to start and grow a company here," he said. Originally Published: September 5, 2022 at 5:27 AM PDT Most products prompt you for a serial number and product key during installation. (For trial versions, you don't need a serial number or product key.) There are various ways to find this information, depending on how you obtained your software. In most cases, if you downloaded your product, you received an email containing the serial number and product key. If you ordered your product from the online Autodesk store, the serial number and product key are in the Fulfillment Notification email. Autodesk Account (Subscription or Purchase) Log in to your Autodesk account and click the Accounts tab. In the Products & Services section, locate your product. 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Sign in to the Academic Resource Center website and follow these steps: Click the Manage Software tab to go to the Manage Software Licenses page. The serial number and product key are displayed above the list of products. If the information is not displayed, click Get My License . If you can't locate your product key using the previous methods, follow these steps: Using your installation media (USB key, DVD, download folder, and so on) navigate to the setup.exe file for your Autodesk product. In that folder, look for a file with a name similar to MID.txt (for example, MID01.txt or MID02.txt). Open this file in a text editor (such as Notepad) and verify that the product name is what you expect it to be. Look for the part number. The first five characters of the part number are also the product key for that product. Example: MID: Autodesk_Design_Suite_Ultimate_2012_64bit_SWL_ENU_C009_EXE1 Product Name: Autodesk Design Suite Ultimate 2012 Platform: Windows XP/Vista/Win7 Media: ESD Part Number: 769D1-05Y001-P503E, 769D1-05Y001-P504E Hello and thank you for your reply! I need the activation code indeed to get rid of the 30 day trial. I tried using the online virtual assistant but I was forwarded to a list of software like Autocad and Revit but none of them were for 3ds Max which is also installed on my laptop. How can I get the activation code? Product keys are required for installation of Autodesk products and are used to differentiate products that are both sold independently and as part of a product suite. With newest release of Autodesk 2016 products, we bring you a new list of products keys. Note: Please ensure you are using the correct product key for the Autodesk product and version you are installing. Entering an incorrect product key will result in activation errors for that product. 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