

FAQ: Autodesk Licensing Options with IMAGINiT

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On December 2 we hosted a webcast on [Autodesk Licensing Options](#). In this webcast Kim Valdes, from IMAGINiT explained these terms and provided an overview of [Autodesk Licensing](#) options. At the end of the presentation we held a Q & A session and here are some of the most asked questions.

Q: What do you mean by perpetual license? Even if you have a license we still have to upgrade every year by paying a fee?

A: Perpetual license is "permanent" that was the previous model by Autodesk products. You must maintain the subscription maintenance program to keep the upgrades. If you do not have your software on maintenance subscription then it will be kept on the last current version.

Q: What are the multi-year terms that Desktop Subscription offer?

A: 1, 2 or 3 year terms.

Q: Our Company works on projects that run for several years. Will Autodesk maintain older version of their software products?

A: Yes, Autodesk will keep the prior version use in place as it has today.

Q: Will we be able to transfer seats easily from one person to another when someone leaves?

A: Yes, your contract manager or software coordinator will need to log into your accounts.autodesk.com site and change the asset to the new user.

Q: If you have a maintenance subscription but allow it to lapse at some point in the future after this change happens, would it be permanently lost, or could it be started up again?

A: The perpetual maintenance subscription would be lost if you let it lapse and the last version issued is what you would be permanently kept on.

Q: As an owner with a large number of consultants serving us with their various licenses, how might this change (and the varied decisions on purchase/rent) of those consultants affect us in the deliverable Revit and CAD files we receive and manage?

A: The files are not affected. You must collaborate with the same version for that particular project model.

Q: Is the software in the cloud, on the local computer hard drive, or is it only accessing the license validation via the cloud?

A: The software is local on your machine and it looks at the web license server periodically for a license check.

Q: Are we able to combine a current Autodesk perpetual license with a new product to form a suite? If so how will the existing product be prorated?

A: You can use the existing product as a cross-grade option to a suite before the mentioned deadlines.

Q: What happens if you have let your perpetual license maintenance expire? Will it still be possible to upgrade in 5 years or will you be forced to get new desktop subscriptions with no discount for existing perpetual licenses?

A: Once the maintenance subscription is stopped the program is frozen on that version and cannot be reinstated on maintenance subscription. You would be required to purchase a desktop subscription seat.

Q: Can a New Desktop subscription be used at home when not being used in the office?

A: Yes, you just install and sign in as it is a named user license model.

Q: We are a consulting firm and our clients are on different versions (years) of Revit, do we have to get a desktop version for each different version for each employee?

A: No, the desktop subscription model allows current and 3 back versions as perpetual maintenance does today.

Q: Do I need all my users to be login to Autodesk website in order to access a pay as your go program?

A: Yes, initially to verify the user account you set up for them. They also would benefit from the other subscription benefit offerings. They do not have to log in after that 1 time.

Q: I assume standalone is best for only a few seats, and that Network is best for a larger number of seats. How many seats do I need to have to consider changing to a network?

A: This is a normal misconception that you have to be a large company. It is more about flexibility and floating a single or couple licenses around to multiple users since they are normally not using the software 100% of the time. You leverage the license use this way.

Q: Is there or will there be an easier way to convert a license to a desktop subscription license? Rather than having to uninstall and reinstall?

A: A license cannot be converted but for an installation you should be able to change the serial number in the help/about and product information to switch license types.

Q: With Perpetual Licenses will maintenance continue going forward? Can we still upgrade to the latest version or are we stuck at a specific version going forward?

A: Yes, as long as you continue to pay for maintenance the updates will be available.

Q: I need a better description of what constitutes a Network subscription. Also, what are the terms on the subscription (how many "multi-years"?)?

A: Network license is a floating managed by a license manager on a server in your office. Then you can have the software installed on all users' machines but only the maximum concurrent users can use the software at 1 time that you own. You can purchase 1-3 year plans.

Q: Does the desktop subscription work for the network model?

A: Yes, the desktop subscription will also be available for networking.

Q: What about cross-grades made by Autodesk when they change the contents of a Suite?

A: Desktop subscription will allow you to change your plan as suite change. Perpetual will not have that option.

Q: What is the link to access the ProductivityNOW Portal?

A: <http://portal.imaginit.com/>

Should you have any additional questions, please contact us.