

NOTE TO USERS

Using an NI USB Key

To control the use of NI software licenses without activation or a volume license server, such as NI Volume License Manager or Acresto FLEXnet, you must purchase and use an NI USB Key.

Preparing to Use an NI USB Key

Before you can use your NI USB Key, you must first request an NI USB Key license file. The license file contains a license, or electronic permission, for the product that will use the NI USB Key. If you purchased an upgrade license or received a Standard Service Program (SSP) update shipment, you must request a new NI USB Key license file for the new version of the product that will use the existing NI USB Key.

To request the license file, send email to USBKeyLicenseRequest@ni.com. Include in the email the following information for each product you want to use with the NI USB Key: product name, serial number, and NI USB Key ID. The NI USB Key ID is printed on the NI USB Key.

Once you have obtained the NI USB Key license file, complete the following instructions on each computer you want to use the NI USB Key.

1. Install the NI USB Key driver software. To obtain the software, visit ni.com/info and enter the following info code: `USBKeyDriver`.
2. Plug the NI USB Key into an available USB port. If the driver software was installed successfully, a red light appears on the NI USB Key.
3. Using NI License Manager, install the license file by selecting the **Options»Install license file** menu item or by dragging and dropping the license file onto NI License Manager.

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Plug in the NI USB Key before you launch your NI software; otherwise NI License Manager will not let you run the software.

Close your NI software and unplug the NI USB Key when you are done using the software. You can move the NI USB Key around as necessary and you do not have to uninstall any software before using the NI USB Key in another computer.



Note The NI USB Key works only with software released after August 2008.

Uninstalling an NI USB Key License File

Complete the following steps to uninstall an NI USB Key license file:

1. Launch NI License Manager.
2. Right-click on the NI software you are using with the NI USB Key and select **Uninstall License File**.



Note These steps remove only the license file and not the driver software. For instructions on how to uninstall the driver software, visit ni.com/info and enter the following info code: `USBKeyDriver`.

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