NOTE TO USERS
Activation Instructions for National Instruments Software

Your National Instruments software requires activation in order to access all features. Activation is simple and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on activation, refer to your product documentation, or visit `ni.com/activate`.

Note If your software is a part of a Volume License Agreement (VLA), contact your VLA administrator for installation and activation instructions.

1. Install your Software—If you install multiple products from a single piece of media, you can activate the products that you have purchased. You can install products that you have not purchased and use them in evaluation mode.

Note If you already installed software that uses activation, you may not have to reinstall. Refer to the *Installing and Activating Software Upgrades* section in this document for more information.

2. Locate your Serial Number—Your serial number uniquely identifies your purchase of NI software. You can find your serial number on the *Certificate of Ownership* included in your software kit. If your software kit does not include a *Certificate of Ownership*, you can find your serial number on the product packing slip or on the shipping label. For more information about finding serial numbers, visit `ni.com/info` and enter the Info Code `SerialNumbers_en`.

If you have a previous version of the application installed, you can find the serial number by selecting the **Help»About** menu item within the application or by selecting your product within NI License Manager (**Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI License Manager**). You can also contact your local National Instruments branch. Refer to `ni.com/niglobal` for branch office contact information.

3. Launch the NI Activation Wizard—The NI Activation Wizard guides you through the activation process. If you installed your NI software for the first time, the installer may launch the NI Activation Wizard for you. Otherwise, launch your software and choose to activate when prompted. If you are not prompted, perform the following steps:

a. Launch NI License Manager by selecting **Start»All Programs»National Instruments» NI License Manager**.

b. Click the **Activate** button on the toolbar.

4. Save your Activation Code for Future Use (optional)—NI Activation Wizard provides you with the option to receive an email confirmation of your activation code. If you reinstall your software on the same computer, the same activation code will work. To apply this activation code in the future, launch the NI Activation Wizard and select **Apply one or more 20-character activation codes previously acquired for this computer**.

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Installing and Activating Software Upgrades

If you are upgrading or moving between software packages, in most cases you do not have to install additional software, as follows:

- **Upgrading from an Evaluation Version to a Paid Version**—If you are upgrading from an evaluation version to a paid version, you do not need to reinstall your software, even if the evaluation period has expired. Follow the prompts that appear when you launch your application or use NI License Manager to activate the software.

- **Moving to a Different Package of the Same Product**—If you decide to move to a different product package, such as upgrading from LabVIEW Base Package to LabVIEW Professional Development System, you can activate the new package without installing additional software. Use NI License Manager to activate your software.

- **Activating Additional Software Packages**—If you purchase add-on software, such as LabVIEW Application Builder, in some cases you do not have to install additional software to activate. Use NI License Manager to activate the software. If you do not see the software listed in NI License Manager, you need to install it.

For information on how to use NI License Manager to activate software, refer to the *NI License Manager Help*, which you can access from the **Help»Contents** menu item in NI License Manager.

Product Registration

During activation, you may be prompted for your `ni.com` user ID and password in order to register your product. NI uses the contact information that you provide to ensure access to your service benefits, including technical support, software upgrades, and updates. If you are not prompted to register, you can visit `ni.com/support`, click the **Product Registration** link, and enter your registration information manually.

Moving Software after Activation

To transfer your software to another computer, uninstall the software on the first computer, then install and activate it on the second computer. You are not prohibited from transferring your software from one computer to another and you do not need to contact or inform NI of the transfer. Because activation codes are unique to each computer, you will need a new activation code. Follow the steps on Page 1 of this document to acquire a new activation code and reactivate your software.

NI Volume License Program

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Activation Methods

You can choose among a number of activation methods using the NI Activation Wizard, including automatic activation, online at `ni.com/activate`, email, fax, and on the telephone using an automated response system. Activation is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Home Computer Use

National Instruments permits you to use most named-user and computer-based development licenses at home. To use the software, install it on your home computer and activate it using your original serial number. Refer to the NI License Manager help file, the software end-user license agreement in the installer, or `ni.com/legal/license` for more information.

Privacy Policy

National Instruments respects your privacy. For more information about the National Instruments activation information privacy policy, go to `ni.com/activate/privacy`.

Terms

activation code	A 20-character code that enables NI software to run on your computer, based on your serial number and computer ID. You receive and apply an activation code by completing the activation process.
computer ID	A 16-character ID that uniquely identifies your computer, generated during the activation process. To find your computer ID, launch NI License Manager and click the **Display Computer Information** button.
computer-based license	A license for a single computer that allows multiple users and a single home installation.
named-user license	A license for a single person, limited to three installations per license, where each license is used only on one computer at a time. This license also allows a home license.
serial number	An alphanumeric string that uniquely identifies your purchase of a single copy of software, included in your software kit on your *Certificate of Ownership*, on the product packing slip, or on the shipping label.

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