

IBM SPSS Statistics  
Version 31

*Windows Installation Instructions  
(Authorized User License)*





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# Chapter 1. Installation instructions

The following instructions are for installing IBM® SPSS® Statistics version 31 using the license type authorized user license. This document is for users who are installing on their desktop computers.

**Note:** You cannot run IBM SPSS Statistics remotely via Windows Terminal Services or Citrix with an authorized user license.

## System requirements

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To view the system requirements for IBM SPSS Statistics, go to <https://www.ibm.com/software/reports/compatibility/clarity/softwareReqsForProduct.html>.

## Authorization code

The authorization code is required when you install IBM SPSS Statistics. Entering the authorization code facilitates the license creation process.

See [Getting Started with Installation and Licensing for IBM SPSS Statistics](#) for details on the difference between an authorization and a license.

Check the instructions you received for obtaining your authorization code. If you cannot find your authorization code see [Creating your SPSS authorization code through the IBM SPSS License Key Center](#).

You should have received separate instructions for obtaining your authorization code. If you cannot find your authorization code, contact Customer Service by visiting <https://www.ibm.com/products/spss-statistics/support>.

## Installing

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**Important:** To install, you must be logged on to your computer with administrator privileges.

## Running multiple versions and upgrading from a previous release

You do not need to uninstall an old version of IBM SPSS Statistics before installing the new version.

## Installing from a downloaded file

You must run the installer as administrator:

1. Double-click the file that you downloaded and extract all the files to some location on your computer.
2. Using Windows Explorer, browse to the location where you extracted the files.
3. Right-click *SPSSStatistics.exe* and choose **Run as Administrator**.
4. Follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

## Installing from the ISO file

You must have administrator privileges:

1. Using Windows Explorer, browse to the location where you downloaded the .iso file and double-click the file to mount it.
2. Right-click the newly mounted DVD drive and select **Install or run a program from your media**.
3. On the AutoPlay menu, click the item that you want to install, and then follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

## Licensing your product

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After the product is installed, you are presented with options for activating the product with your IBMid (**Login with IBMid**) or with an authorization code through the License Authorization Wizard (**Launch License Wizard**). You must select the **Launch License Wizard** option in order to properly license the product. The **Login with IBMid** option is for IBM SPSS Statistics Digital, which is activated differently than other licensed versions. For more information on the differences between the subscription and licensed versions, see [Which IBM SPSS Statistics version is right for you?](#)

**Note:** Licenses are tied to your computer's hardware with a **lock code**. If you replace your computer or its hardware, you will have a new lock code and will need to repeat the authorization process. This is also true if you re-image your computer. If you find out that you exceeded the allowable number of authorizations specified in the license agreement, go to <https://www.ibm.com/products/spss-statistics/support> to contact the Client Care team for assistance.

**Important:** The license is sensitive to time changes. If you must change the system time and then cannot run the product, contact the Client Care team for assistance by visiting <https://www.ibm.com/products/spss-statistics/support>.

## Using the license authorization wizard

**Note:** You might be prompted for administrator credentials. Login as an administrator and start the License Authorization Wizard as an administrator.

1. The License Authorization Wizard launches immediately after you install the product. If you need to run the wizard after product installation, click **File > Manage License** from the IBM SPSS Statistics product menu.
2. Select **Launch License Wizard**. When prompted, enter one or more authorization codes.

You should have received separate instructions for obtaining your authorization code. If you cannot find your authorization code, contact Customer Service by visiting <https://www.ibm.com/products/spss-statistics/support>.

The License Authorization Wizard sends your authorization code over the Internet to IBM Corp. and automatically retrieves your license. If your computer is behind a proxy, click **Proxy Server Settings** and enter the appropriate settings.

If the authorization process fails, you are prompted to send an email message. Copy the message text from the License Authorization Wizard, paste it into your email client (with "License Authorization" as the subject), and send the email to [spssls@us.ibm.com](mailto:spssls@us.ibm.com).

**Note:** The mailbox [spssls@us.ibm.com](mailto:spssls@us.ibm.com) is an automated service and must receive the message text exactly as it appears in the License Authorization Wizard.

You will receive a reply to your email in a timely fashion. You can enter any license code(s) that you receive in the **Enter Code** field. If you already closed the License Authorization Wizard, restart it and select **Authorized user license**. On the Enter Codes panel, add the license code that you received, click **Add**, and then click **Next** to complete the process.

## Viewing your license

You can view the license by relaunching the License Authorization Wizard. The first panel displays the licensing information. Click **Cancel** when done, and click **Yes** when prompted about canceling.

**Note:** You can also view the license by using the command syntax to run the `SHOW LICENSE` command.

## Applying fix packs

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To ensure problem-free operation, keep your product at the latest fix pack level. Complete all of the necessary pre-installation and post-installation tasks as described in the fix pack instructions.

## Uninstalling

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To completely uninstall IBM SPSS Statistics:

1. Use the Windows Control Panel to remove IBM SPSS Statistics.
2. Delete the following folder:
  - %APPDATA%\IBM\SPSS Statistics

## Updating, modifying, and renewing IBM SPSS Statistics

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If you purchase additional add-on modules or renew your license, you will receive a new authorization code (or codes). For instructions on using the authorization code(s), see [“Licensing your product” on page 2](#).







