




## 2017.1 Installation Guide

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This document describes the installation procedure for Compose 2017.1 on Windows platforms.

## solidThinking Compose 2017.1 Main Installer

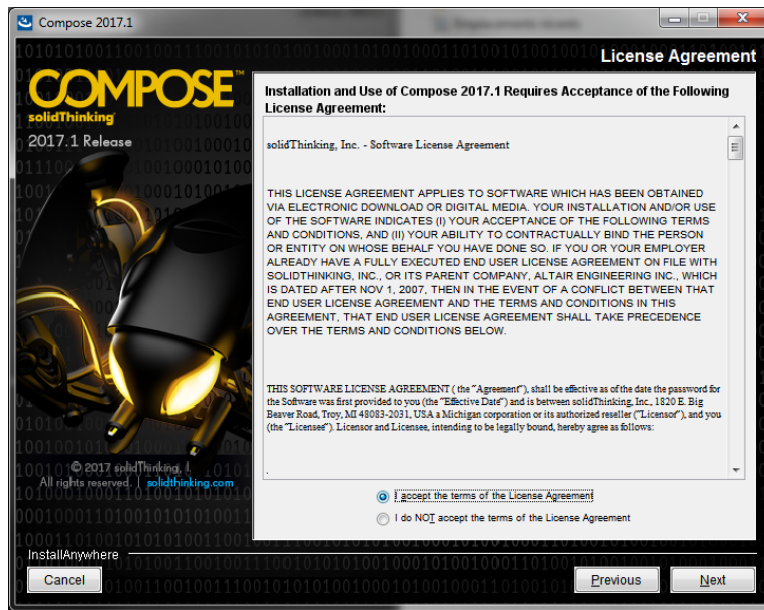
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To execute the installation, double-click **Compose\_2017.1\_Win64.exe**. The following screen is displayed:

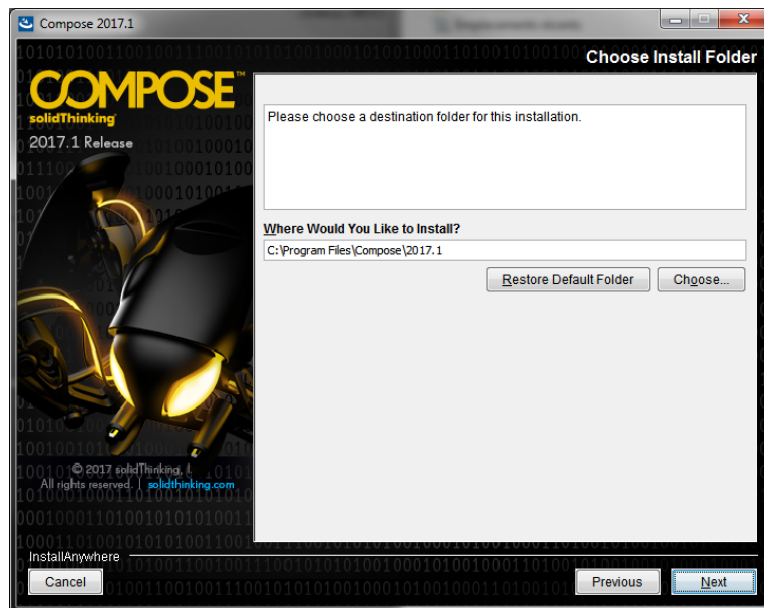


Press **Next**.

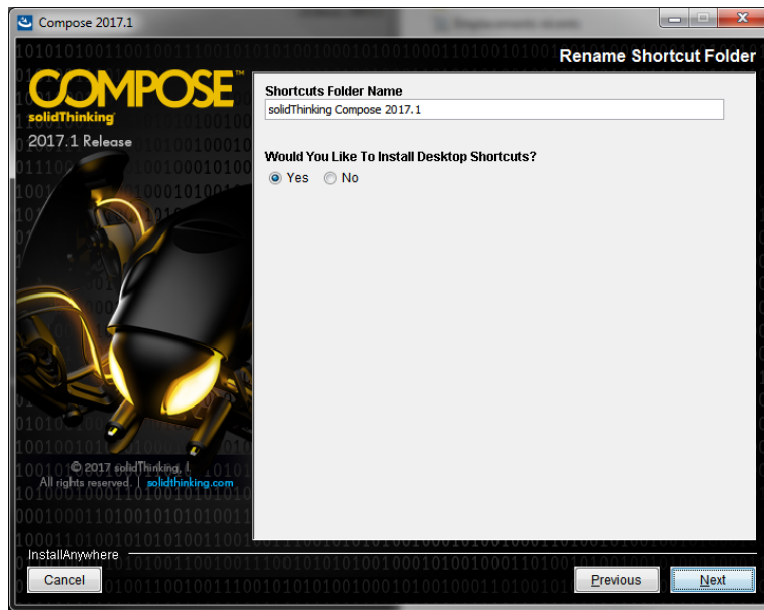
Review the terms of the **License Agreement**, and then press **Next** again.



Choose the default folder or enter an **Installation folder**:



Specify the name for the Windows Start Menu folder, and if desired, select the option for a Desktop shortcut.



Press **Install**.



## Invoking solidThinking Compose 2017.1

After the installation completes, you can invoke solidThinking Compose from the Windows Start Menu or the Desktop Icon, if you chose to install it.

**solidThinking Compose** appears in your Windows Start Menu as follows:



On your Desktop, you can start solidThinking Compose from this icon:



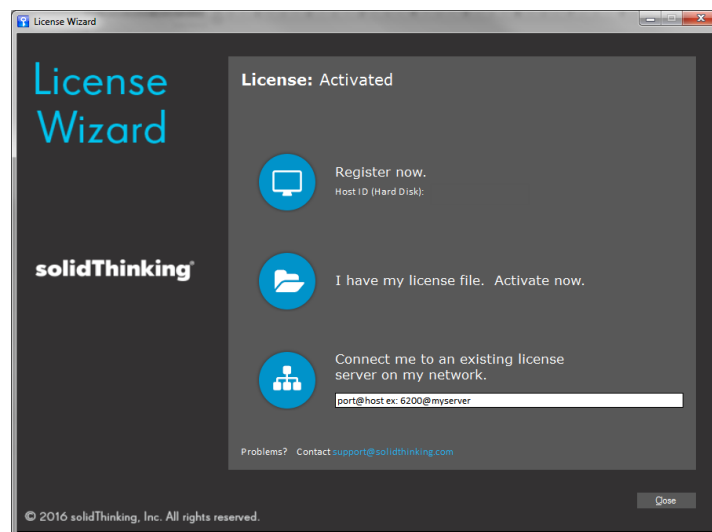
## Licensing

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The application recognizes either node-locked licenses or floating licenses served from a license server.

### solidThinking License Wizard

Launch the License Wizard from the solidThinking Start Menu or Application folder. The wizard can be used to setup licenses (single user, network).



- If you don't have a license file, proceed with registration.
- If you have a license file or a license server, proceed with license activation or connection to the license server using the second and third options of the License Wizard.

Alternatively, license setup can be done manually, as described below.

### Manual Configuration

You must set the appropriate environment variable to point to either the license file or the license server. The name of the variable is: **"ALTAIR\_LICENSE\_PATH"**. Use it to point to a file for a node-locked license or to a network license server in the simple form of port@hostname.

To set the ALTAIR\_LICENSE\_PATH variable on Windows

1. Go to Start.
2. Click on Control Panels.
3. Go to System and select Advanced system settings.
4. Select the Advanced tab.
5. Click Environment variables.
6. Under User Variables, select or create ALTAIR\_LICENSE\_PATH.
7. For Value: enter the port@host of your license server or the complete path and filename to the license file.

As an alternative setup when using a local license file, without defining ALTAIR\_LICENSE\_PATH, you can rename the license file in altair\_lic.dat and drop it in the <Activate installation folder>/security folder.