

2017.2 Installation Guide

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This document describes the installation procedure for Compose 2017.2 on Windows and Linux platforms.

solidThinking Compose 2017.2 Main Installer for Windows

To execute the installation, double-click **Compose_2017.2_Win64.exe**. The following screen is displayed:



Press Next.



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 2017.2 on Windows

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:

solidThinking Compose 2017.2
Compose 2017.2 Console
Compose 2017.2 Help
Compose 2017.2
License Wizard 2017.2
Uninstall Compose 2017.2

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



Licensing on Windows

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.

solidThinking Compose 2017.2 Main Installer for Linux

To start the installation, execute the command **Compose_2017.2_Linux.bin**. The following screen is displayed:



Press Next.



Press Next.

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



Choose the default folder or enter an Installation folder:



Press Install.



Invoking solidThinking Compose 2017.2 on Linux platform

After the installation completes, you can invoke solidThinking Compose 2017.2 by running the **Compose** command located in the installation directory.

Compose 2017.2 can also be invoked in Console mode (no GUI) using the **Compose_console** command.

Licensing on Linux platform

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

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.

Setting the ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH variable on your Linux platform depends on the shell used. For tcsh, use the **setenv** command such as

setenv ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH /path/filename

or

setenv ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH port@host

for sh shells, use the **export** command.

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 <Compose installation