

# Version 10.2 - ArcGIS for Desktop Student Trial software Instructions

## A. Before you install ArcGIS for Desktop

1. Check our [system requirements](#) to make sure your computer has the hardware and software required for the trial.

## B. Activate your authorization code

2. Visit [www.esri.com/StudentEdition](http://www.esri.com/StudentEdition) to begin the process of activating and downloading your ArcGIS for Desktop Student Trial software.
3. Log in using your Existing Esri Global Account, or Sign-up for a new Esri Global account, if necessary.
4. Enter the authorization code and click Activate ArcGIS.
  - a. If you need to download ArcGIS for Desktop, proceed to step 5.
  - b. If you received the ArcGIS for Desktop software from your instructor or license administrator, or will be installing from a network server, proceed to step 10.
5. Click ArcGIS 10.1 for Desktop.

## C. Download and install ArcGIS for Desktop Student Trial

6. If necessary, download the ArcGIS Uninstall Utility and uninstall previous versions of ArcGIS Desktop or Server. The software cannot be installed on a computer that has a previous version of ArcGIS for Desktop or ArcGIS for Server installed. It's OK if the computer has ArcGIS Explorer installed.
7. If necessary, install the [Microsoft .NET Framework](#) (version 3.5 Service Pack 1 or higher).
8. Determine the location for the ArcGIS for Desktop software you wish to install and click the Download button. You can also download the Tutorial Data, if desired.
9. Double-click ArcGIS\_Desktop\_101\_129796\_2.exe (if selecting version 10.1) or ArcGIS\_Desktop\_102\_135736.exe (if selecting version 10.2) to extract the installation files.
10. Locate and run Setup.exe to install ArcGIS for Desktop. The "Complete" installation is recommended.
11. After the files are installed, the Authorization Wizard will open and prompt you to choose a product to authorize; select "[ArcGIS Desktop Advanced \(Single Use\)](#)" and click continue.
12. The Authorization Wizard will prompt you for an authorization code; enter your activated code. Follow the prompts and the software will authorize and be ready for use. **Note:** leave the default option for the software extensions selected; they will be authorized automatically.

Support for the ArcGIS Desktop Student Trial is available at [esri.com/trialhelp](http://esri.com/trialhelp).