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Introduction

An Internet connected computer is required to activate your FSD License. If the Flight Sim computer is not connected to the Internet you can use the **Offline Activation** method to use another computer, which is connected to the Internet, to activate the license and then transfer the validated key to your Flight Sim computer.

The process begins on your non Internet connected Flight Sim computer. The installer will produce and executable file (.exe) called RemoteActivate.exe. Simply transfer this program via floppy disk or CD to the Internet computer and run it. The license will not be installed on the Internet connected computer. Following the procedure (described below) a program called Validate.exe will be created. Just transfer this program back to you Flight Sim computer via floppy disk or CD and run it. This will activate the license on your computer.
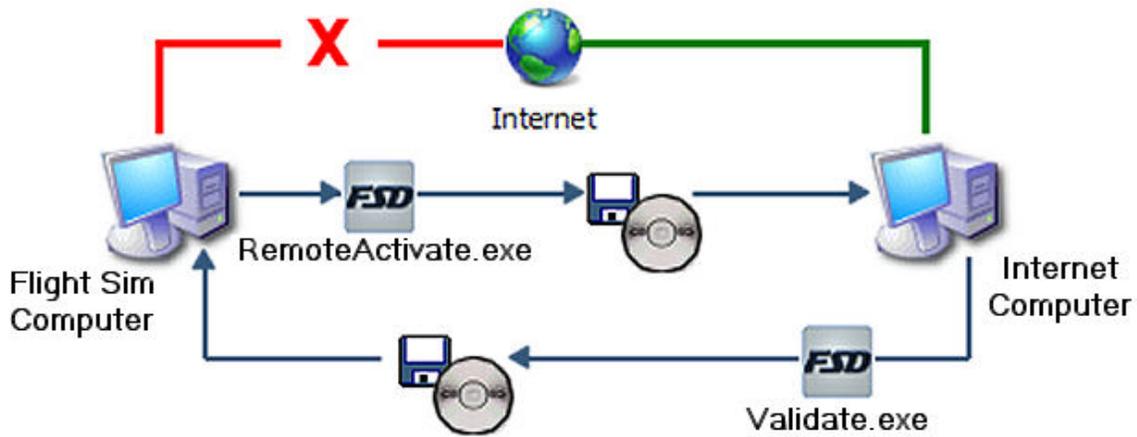
Step by Step Procedure

The following illustrated instructions will guide you through the entire process. This document will be available for your reference any time your need it from both your Flight Sim computer and your Internet connected computer.

Note
The installer will only initiate the Offline Activation method described here on a computer that is not connected to the Internet. If an Internet connection is detected the installer will default to the standard online activation method.

STEP 1 – THE LICENSE INFORMATION SCREEN

The first screen you will see when you run the installer will be something like this.

Here you need to provide your license information:

- Your first and last names (no middle name please).
- Your email address. This should be the email address you used when you created your license. *
- Your license ID number. This was issued to you at time of purchase.
- The password you chose at time of purchase. If you have multiple titles/licenses this will be the same for all of them.

*If you have changed your email address you can update your account online. See the instructions below.

Once this information is entered press **OK**.

STEP 2 – THE REMOTE ACTIVATION DIALOG

The installer will prompt you that no Internet connection was found and will begin the Offline Activation process. Just press **Next** on this dialog to continue.
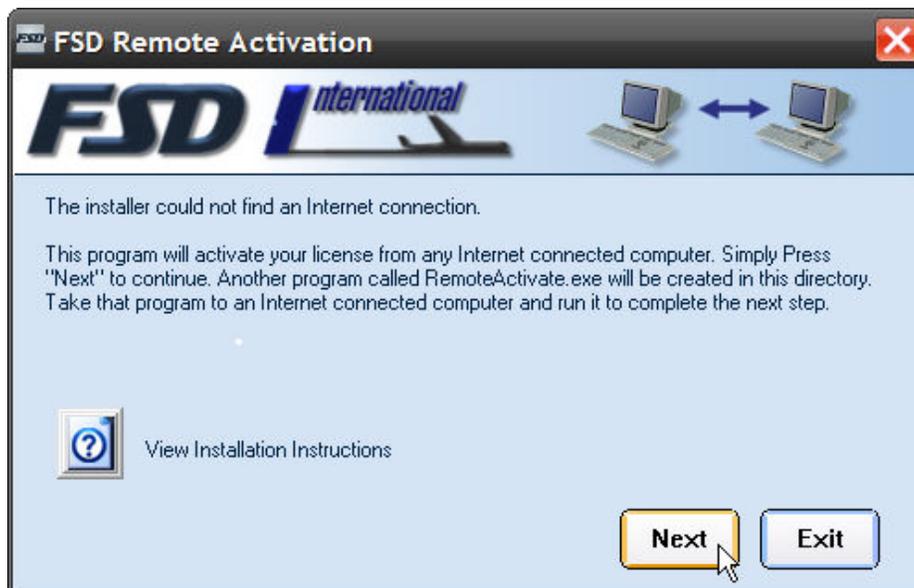
STEP 3 – RUN THE REMOTE ACTIVATION DIALOG
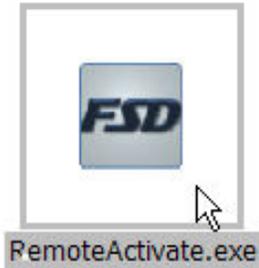
The program RemoteActivate.exe will be created in the same directory where you ran the installer. Save this program on a floppy or CD so that you can transfer it to an Internet connected computer.

Place the program in any convenient directory on the remote computer and execute it

STEP 4 – RUN THE REMOTE ACTIVATION PROGRAM ONLINE

The license validation process will begin. It will take you online to our server to activate the license. Our server will generate a key file (described below). Make note of the information icon and instructions on this dialog, which advise you to save the key file in the same directory where you are running the program. Doing so will speed up the process. Press **Next** to continue.
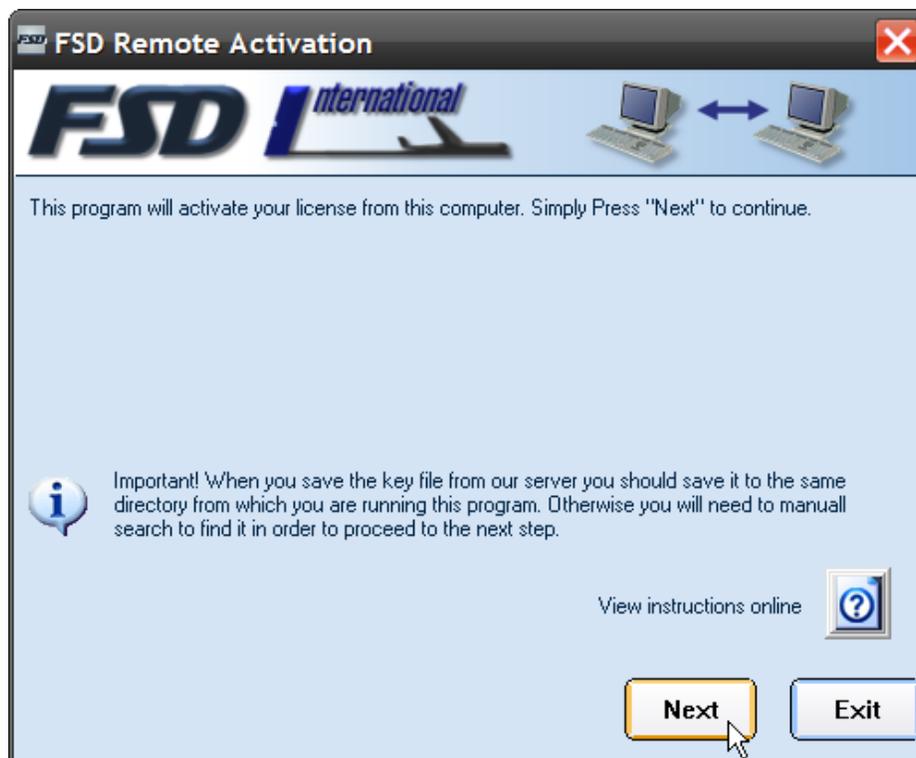
STEP 5 – VALIDATE LICENSE ONLINE

Our server will present you with an online form, which needs to match your license information. On most browsers the program will be able to automatically fill this data it.

After the form is complete press **Next** to continue to step 6.

STEP 6 – CREATE REGISTRY KEY FILE

Once the license has been validated the browser screen will prompt you to save the key. Click on the link.

STEP 7 – SAVE REGISTRY KEY FILE

As stated previously, save the file to the same directory where you ran the installer.

Press **Save** when the Windows
dialog box appears.
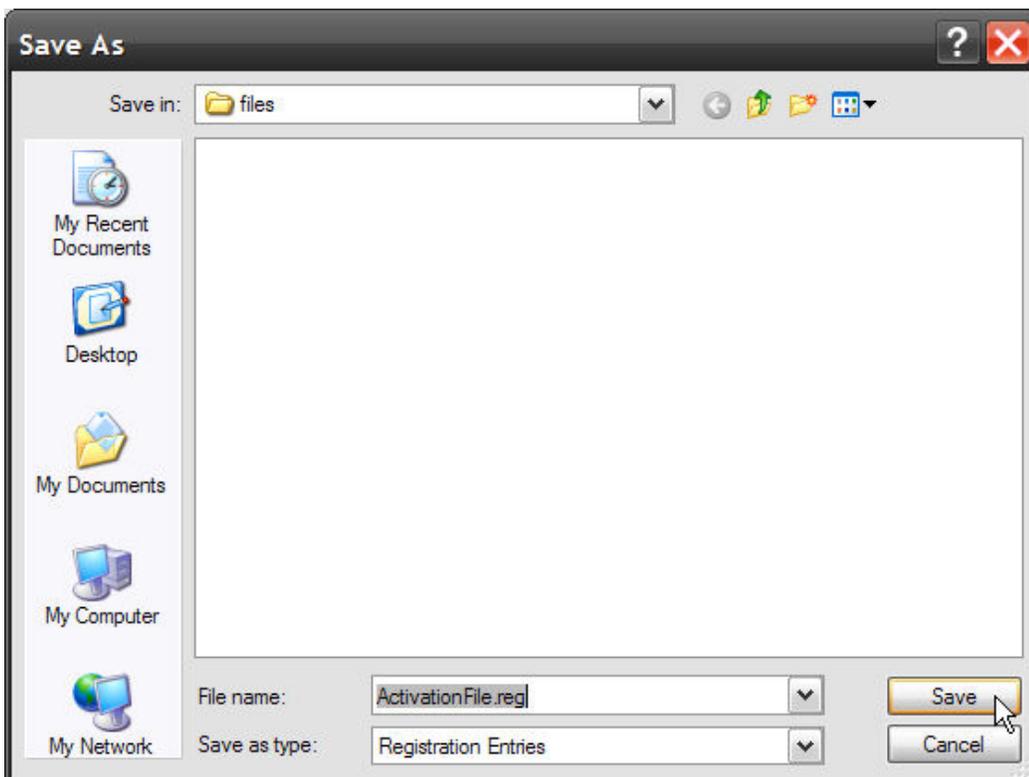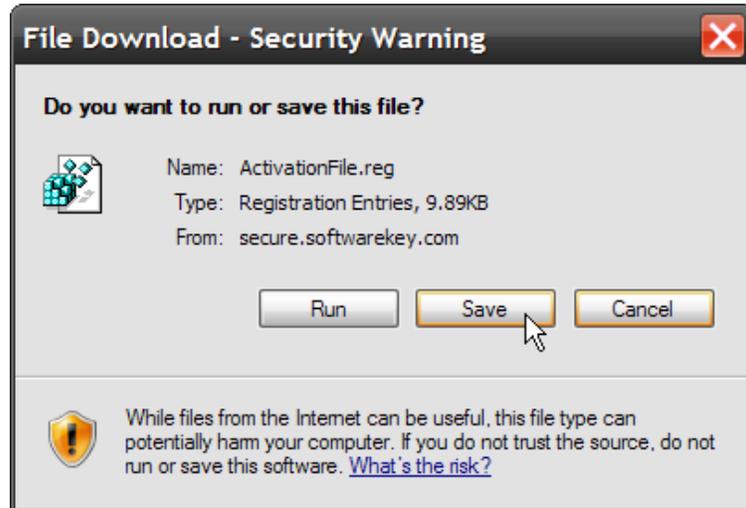
In a few moments this dialog box will appear, confirming that your license has been validated. Press **Next** to continue to step 8.
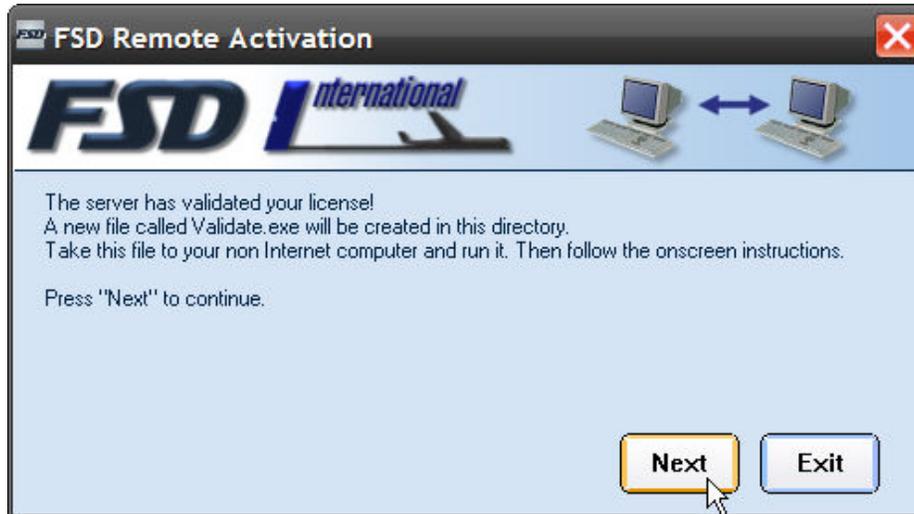
STEP 8 – CARRY REMOTE ACTIVATION PROGRAM TO YOUR COMPUTER

A new program called Validate.exe will be created in the same directory. The original program RemoteActivate.exe will be automatically deleted. If RemoteActivate.exe still remains on your floppy you can delete it. It is no longer needed.

Save the file Validate.exe to your floppy or CD and take it back to your non Internet connected Flight Sim computer.

STEP 9 – RUN THE REMOTE ACTIVATION FILE ON YOUR COMPUTER

Once back to your non Internet connected Flight Sim computer save the program Validate.exe to any directory on your hard drive and execute it. You will see this dialog box. Press **Next** to continue

You will prompted to save the key to your registry. Press **Yes** to continue.
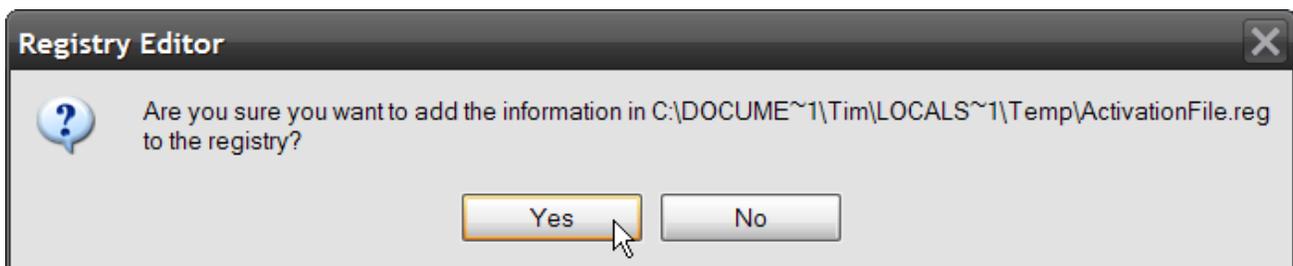
Followed by this message. Press **OK** to continue.
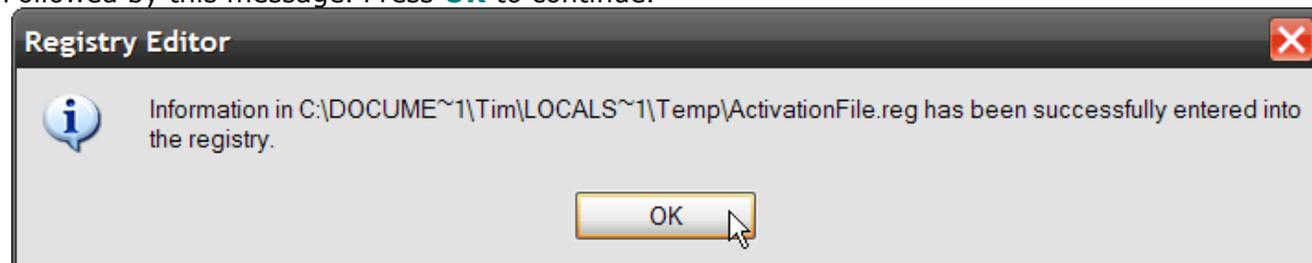
STEP 10 – FINISH REMOTE ACTIVATION

You should then see this dialog, telling you that activation on your Flight Sim computer is complete. Press **OK** and the main installer should start automatically.
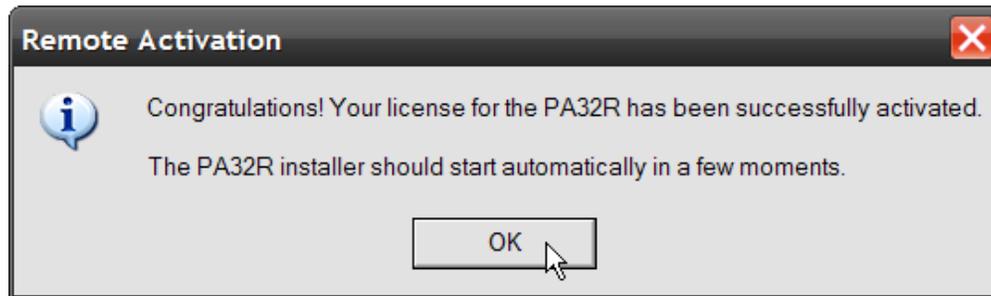
STEP 11 – RUN THE INSTALLER

The installer should run automatically. If not you will need to execute it again yourself. You will see this dialog again:

The information you typed in previously should also come up automatically. Press the green arrow key again to continue.

STEP 13 – INSTALLER INITIALIZATION

The installer will take a few moments to initialize and activate your license.

As the installer initializes you will be updated on its progress. This process should take less than 30 seconds on most computers.
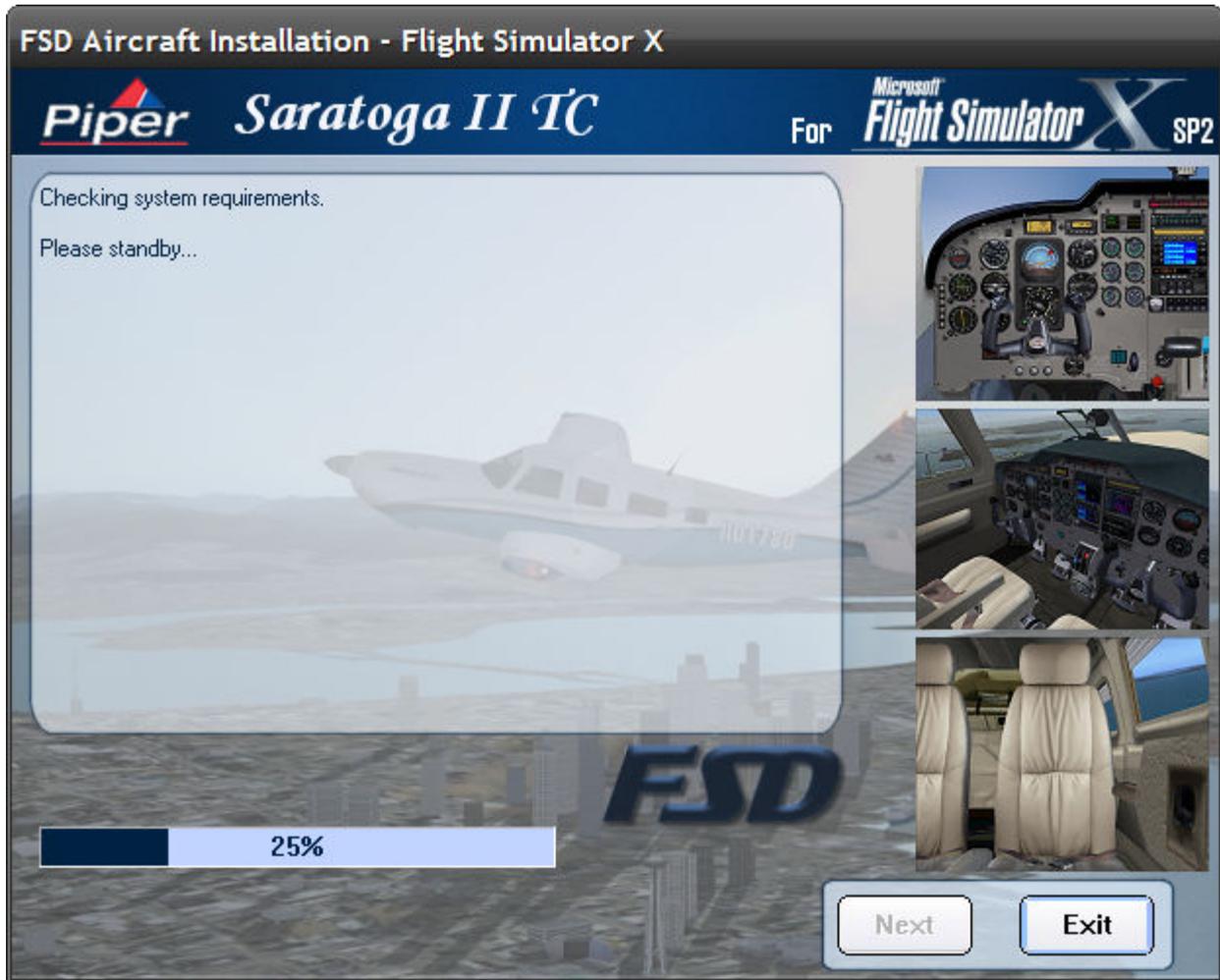
STEP 14 – INSTALL THE FILES

Once the installer has initialized and your license has been activated on your computer you will see this screen. Simply press **Next** to continue.

*Note – If an error occurs during the initialization process it will be reported here. The FSD installer includes advanced diagnostics and tech support access. If an error is encountered you will need to contact us on the Internet from our Tech Support page.

The progress of the installation process is reported on the user interface.

STEP 15 – INSTALLATION COMPLETED

Once installation is completed a confirmation message will appear. The installation process is complete and you are ready to fly!