

Licensing models for simulation and emulation software

Differences, advantages &
recommendations for getting
started

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Which license type is suitable for your chosen software?

The choice of licensing model affects costs, flexibility, and scalability.

Here is a concise overview of the most common variants.

Purchase license: proven and plannable for the long term

- One-time purchase with long-term use
- Local installation on the company network
- Updates via maintenance contract
- No ongoing rental costs

Rental license / Subscription: flexible and predictable

- **Time-limited use (e.g. 12 months)**
- **Predictable costs without a high initial investment**
- **Regular updates included**
- **Easy migration or expansion**

Usage-based license: pay for what you use

- **Billing based on actual usage or computing power**
- **Token-based models are possible**
- **High cost transparency**
- **Scalable for varying needs**

Type of license provision: local, user-specific or network

- **Local: tied to hardware or dongle**
 - **Named User: Personal license**
 - **Network: Central license
management for teams**
- **Efficient for companies with
multiple users**

Application deployment: On-premise or SaaS

On-Premise:

- Installation on your own hardware
- Maximum control & data security

SaaS (Software-as-a-Service):

- Cloud-based use via the Internet
 - No local installation required
 - Automatic updates & flexible scaling
- Ideal for distributed teams

Other models: Project & Academic Licenses

Runtime / Project license:

- **For functionally limited use**
(e.g. experiments or digital twins)
- **Cost-effective alternative to the full version**

Academic license:

- **For research, teaching & students**
- **Reduced price or free**
- **Limitations regarding model size or use**

Recommendations for getting started with the selection process

- **Examine the use case (users, duration, flexibility)**
- **Weighing up ongoing vs. one-time costs**
- **Hybrid or project license for variable usage**
- **Consider IT costs → SaaS can offer advantages**
- **Consider scalability for digital twins**

Are you looking to find the right licensing model?

**We will advise you individually on
the licensing options for your
simulation and emulation projects.**

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