The ArcGIS 10.x for Desktop Advanced trial software requires an authorization number that must be activated before use. An authorization number may be obtained via email. Visit [www.esri.com/StudentEdition](http://www.esri.com/StudentEdition) to activate the authorization number before installing the software. An ESRI Global Account is required. (If you do not already have an ESRI Global Account, you can create one at this website.)

Please note that the term of the license for the Student Trial Edition is **365 days** post-activation and the license level is **ArcGIS for Desktop Advanced** (formerly Arc/Info).

**Installation Instructions**

- Log in with your ESRI Global Account (see above) and activate your authorization number
- Run the installer. If the installer does not start automatically, run `ESRI.exe` from the disc image directory and choose **ArcGIS for Desktop - Setup** If you are upgrading from an earlier version, there is an uninstall utility available to help remove older versions of the software
- Wait for the installer to load (authenticate as administrator if necessary), accept the license agreement, choose a **Complete install**, and install to the **default location**.
- After the install completes, click **Finish** and choose **Advanced (ArcInfo) Single Use** from the ArcGIS Administrator. Click **Authorize Now** and choose “I have installed my software and need to authorize it”, “Authorize with ESRI using the Internet”, enter contact information, and enter your authorization number. Choose “I do not want to authorize any extensions” (and don’t evaluate any extensions either - they are included with your license).
- If you wish, install optional components (data interoperability, data reviewer, workflow manager) from the main installer screen

You should download and install the latest service packs periodically, available from [http://www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com) then choose **Support & Services > Support** and click on **Patches and Service Packs** under **Downloads**. Select **ArcGIS for Desktop** from the list of products and use the filter on the right to select only your installed version.

As of October 2015, **ArcGIS 10.3.1** is the current version. There are several patches available you may wish to install.

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