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Where are the license files for MATLAB located?



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I would like to know where MATLAB stores the license files, once installed.

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Where MATLAB license files are located depends on your operating system, license type, and activation type.

Please note that MATLAB license information can also be stored in an environment variable. This is common for network licenses. For more information on using environment variables to manage MATLAB license information see this article:

What are the LM_LICENSE_FILE and MLM_LICENSE_FILE environment variables and how do I set or check for them?

<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/answers/93105>

Windows: Network License Types & Individual Designated Computer Q1 of 2:

License files are stored in the MATLAB installation directory:

`$MATLAB\licenses`

Assuming that MATLAB has been installed in the default location, this is:

`C:\Program Files\MATLAB\R20XXx\licenses`

R20XXx is the release of MATLAB in question, e.g. R2015a.

Windows: Individual Standalone Named User & Login Named User

License files are stored here:

`%AppData%\MathWorks\MATLAB\R20XXx_licenses`

To access the %AppData% directory enter "%AppData%" into the Windows search prompt in the Start Menu (Windows Vista, 7, 10) or the Start Screen (Windows 8, 8.1). It can also be located at:

`C:\Users\<user>\AppData\Roaming`

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Which best describes your access to MATLAB products?

☐ I have my own student license

☐ I have it through my school

☐ I have it through my company

☐ I have my own home license

☐ I don't use access to MATLAB products

☐ Other (Please specify)

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Mac: Network License Types & Individual Designated Computer

License files are stored inside the MATLAB application package. Right click, CTRL-click, or two-finger click on the MATLAB icon in your Applications folder and select "Show Package Contents." In the folder that opens up, open the "licenses" folder to see your license files.

Mac: Individual Standalone Named User & Login Named User

License files are stored in your home directory. Click on the Finder icon in your dock (the blue face) and go to the "Go" menu in the menu bar. Select "Go to Folder " and enter this:

```
~/ .matlab
```

Click "go." In the folder that opens up, your license files are stored in the "R20XXx_licenses" folder, where R20XXx is the release of MATLAB you are using, e.g. R2015a.

Linux: Network License Types & Individual Designated Computer

The license files are stored in the MATLAB installation directory:

```
$MATLAB/licenses
```

Assuming that MATLAB has been installed in the default location, this is:

```
/usr/local/MATLAB/R20XXx/licenses
```

R20XXx is the release of MATLAB in question, e.g. R2015a.

Linux: Individual Standalone Named User & Login Named User

The license files are stored in your home directory. Navigate to this directory:

```
~/ .matlab
```

In the .matlab directory, your license files are stored in the "R20XXx_licenses" folder, where R20XXx is the release of MATLAB you are using, e.g. R2015a.

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[Devavrat Mathur](#) on 15 Dec 2015

I found the folders, but there are .lic files instead of .dat files. Are they the same?



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