

Installation & Activation Instructions

CRED Installation Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the CRED Energy program. Together with these installation instructions, you have also received your CRED program and the CRED Energy Tutorial. Please first read these instructions carefully to ensure you have a hassle free experience in getting your CRED program installed and activated on your computer. You need Microsoft Excel installed on your computer for the CRED program to work.

Important Foreword

The CRED program looks like a Microsoft Excel workbook when you open it, but it is not. The program is an .EXE application using Excel as an interface. It incorporates copy protection software, which prohibits you from copying the program to be used by third parties. However, you may copy the program to others, but it will not work on their computers as every computer needs a different activation code. As a result, you need to follow the instructions on the next page in order to install and activate the program on your computer.

After installing and activating the program, you will find that the Excel workbook sheet is password protected as well. This is to prevent you from entering data into protected cells, so you will not accidentally erase formulas and algorithms and damage the functionality of the program. You do not need to unprotect the sheet to use the program. Although Excel sheet password breaking software is easily obtainable from the internet, breaking the sheet password will still not allow you to see formulas and algorithms in protected cells, because the Excel formulas and algorithms are converted into binary format by a special calculation engine, which makes restoring the Excel formulas and algorithms back into original Excel format impossible. Damaging the CRED program's functionality due to unlocking the sheet by way of breaking the sheet password will result in you having to purchase the program again. Thus, once the program is active, use it, and do not attempt to unlock the sheet.

Since the CRED program cannot be activated on another computer with the same activation code, ensure that you load it on the computer you wish to use it. Should you like to install the program on another computer, you have to purchase a new activation code for that computer. The program is free of charge, therefore that you may copy it to others, but you purchase your activation code to activate the program. In the event that your computer on which you have installed the CRED program fails beyond repairs, or has lost the CRED program file for whatever reason, you will need to purchase a new CRED program, or copy it from someone else and buy your new activation code again. The CRED program is "mono-logic" in nature, meaning it "speaks" to one computer only by "marrying" the computer on which it is first activated, and will not "cheat" with another computer ID. Obtaining a CRED program can only be done by purchasing it, or copying it to another computer and buying the activation code for that computer.

Thus, you can copy the CRED program to another computer as a backup, but it will not work on it until you buy an activation code for that computer. Attempting to open it, it will bring up a window showing you the computer's ID, which you will have to email to me, PJ van Staden (developer and distributor), at van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com in order to receive an activation code for it to become operational. No activation code will be supplied without payment first received. Buying an activation code costs the same as buying the CRED program. Thus, you can copy the CRED program to another computer, but will need to first purchase the activation code in order to make it usable on that computer, because the second computer will require a different activation code than the original computer on which it was first installed, because no two computers have the same ID.

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Put in another way, you can save the program you received in your mail on all your computers, but you will have to purchase an activation code for every computer on which you would like to use the CRED program. Follow the steps on the next page to safeguard your CRED program and to get your activation code. On the last page is a shortened version of the steps as is explained in more detail in the foregoing explanations.

CRED is compatible with Office 365 and Excel 2016, 2013, 2010, 2007 (SP3), 2003, 2002 - 32-bit versions. Therefore, the file size is 4.8 MB large. All you need is Microsoft Excel. If your computer runs on a 64-bit platform, CRED will not work on it and give you an error message; to see what bit system you have, right click on the start button and click "System", or go to the "Control Panel" and click on "System and Security".

Terms used in email correspondence with me; *(see next page for full explanations)*

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| "Request Trial Code " | To receive your trial version code. |
| "Request Cred Invoice " | To receive a PayPal invoice for payment. |
| "Request Activation Code – Payment done " | To receive permanent Activation Code. |

Before buying your permanent **Activation Code**, you can request a **Trial Code** if the version you received is not already a trial version, which will grant you limited access (2 trial runs). If you already have seen the program and wish to buy it directly, you can skip the trial version and send me a request for **Cred Invoice**, then follow the steps as outlined on the next page. A shortened version of the steps can be found on the last page.

Should you get any of the following error messages when trying to open CRED;

Registry error or ERegistry Exception

Error setting data in registry – Failed to set data for 'Data'

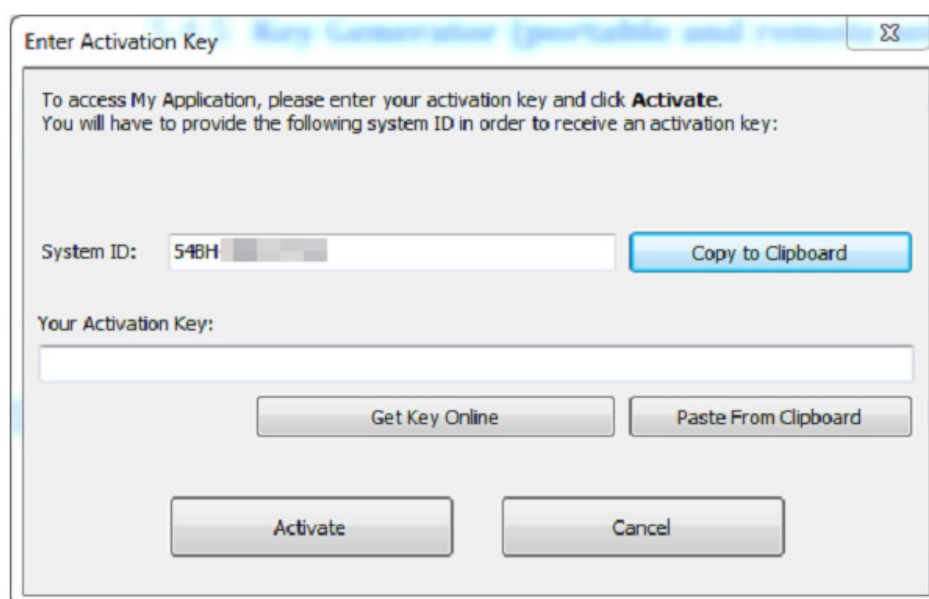
there is a conflict with another software which prevents the secure application (CRED) to write data to registry. It is generally a security software such as an antivirus program. You may need to switch off (disable) your antivirus software before opening CRED.

Ensure that your CRED program is received from my email "van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com", or copied from a trusted acquaintance. Never open executable files you receive in your mail if you do not know the source it comes from. I will never send you a CRED program from any other email than the one mentioned here. To know that this email is trustworthy, you can verify it to my Facebook page "PJ Kobus van Staden" when you become a friend. I am also the only one who can post to CRED's Facebook page "CRED Energy (for cyclists)", anyone else can only comment. I will also never invoice you directly when you buy your activation code. You will receive a PayPal invoice directly from PayPal as described in this paper, which is only possible with registered, verified and legitimate bank account holders that are easily traceable.

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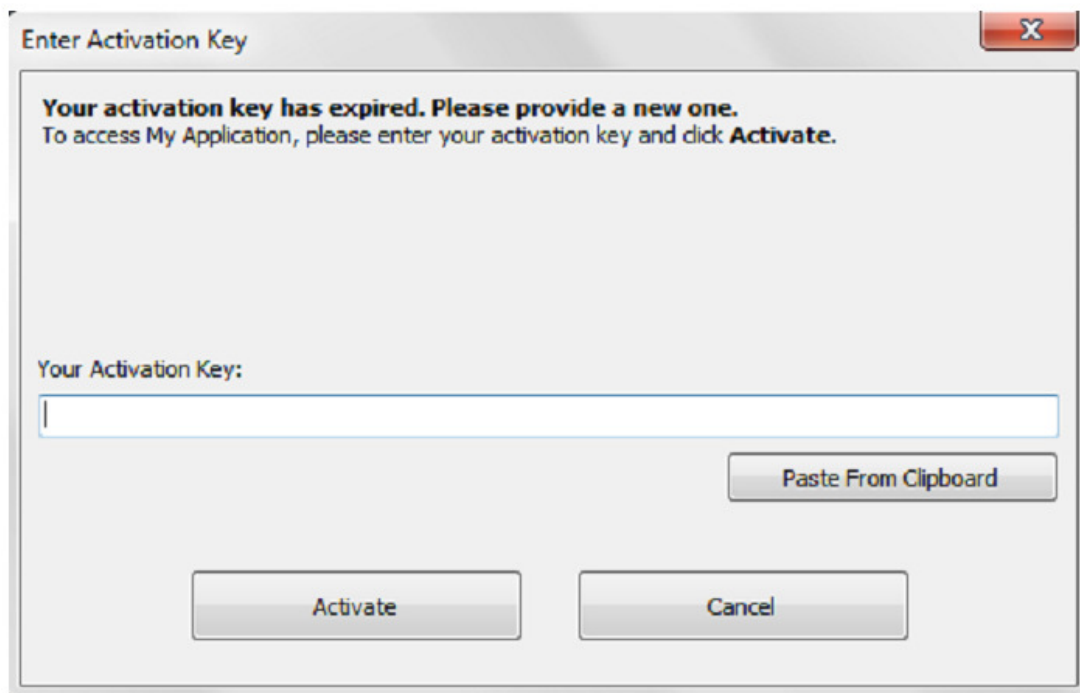
Installing and Activating the CRED program

- 1 The file “CRED.exe” you have received is the program. Save the file on the computer/s you wish to use it. Your computer, or antivirus software may give you a warning message due to the .exe extension. Close the warning message and click on the CRED file to open it. CRED is like any other executable program on your computer and will open when you click on the file. Should you get any further error messages, you may need to deactivate your security software like antivirus programmes.
- 2 **Save the CRED program file in a folder where you will not accidentally delete it**, (preferably a new folder you create for it in My Documents, or any other location of your choice). Also save this Installation and Instructions file, as well as the Tutorial, in the same folder so you have it all nicely together.
- 3 When you first attempt to open the CRED program it will open a window as seen below. Should you like to first run a trial version before buying your Activation Code, which allows you to look it through while working your way through the tutorial, click the “Copy to Clipboard” button and paste the **System ID** in an **email to** me, PJ van Staden, at van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com, with the words “**Request Trial Code**”. I will generate your Trial Code and email it back to you. Copy the Trial Code from your email and paste it in the “Your Activation Key” bar, and click “Activate.” The Trial version will allow you to open the program two times. Therefore, first go through your tutorial before activating it so that you already have a basic understanding of the program before opening it. You will receive a trial code only once, and have to purchase your permanent activation code once your trial version has expired. You may not see the “Get Key Online” button on your window, which means that I have not yet made CRED available online, which will only be done after company registration has been finalized, to which CRED will become one of its products.



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- When you open the CRED Program file again after your Trial Version has expired, it will bring up a window as seen below. To buy your Activation Code to permanently activate your CRED program, go back to my reply email in which I have sent you your Trial Code, and reply back to me (van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com) with the words “Request Cred Invoice”. I will generate the invoice and PayPal will email it to you. We will come back to this window in step 6 after you have made your payment.

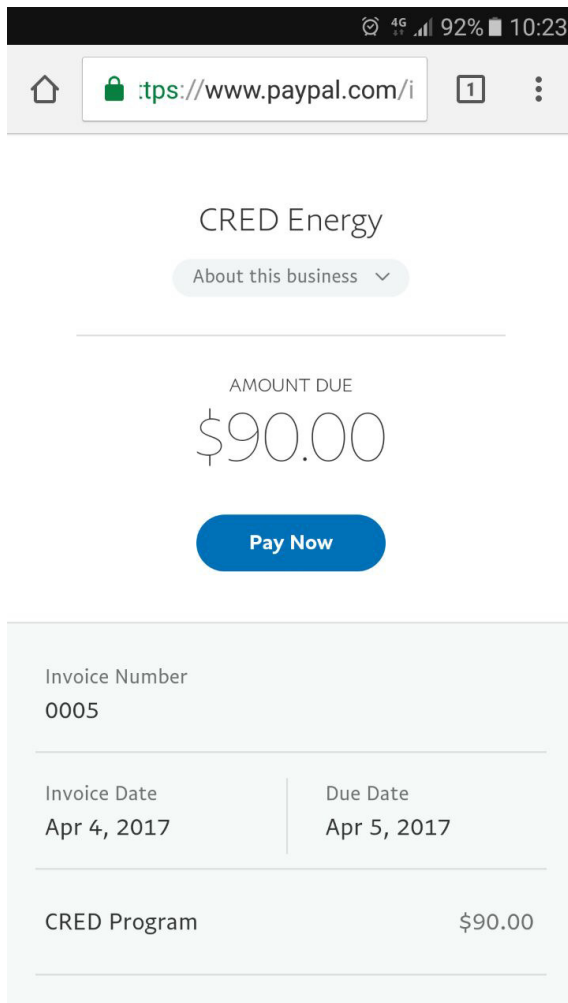


- You already have the CRED program on your computer now, and need to purchase your Activation Code (Key). You will receive an email containing your PayPal invoice, as seen on the next page. You do not need to have a PayPal account in order to make your payment. Since a PayPal account can only be opened by a legitimate and verified bank account holder, you have peace of mind that you are not dealing with a scam or unscrupulous entity, because PayPal sends you your CRED Energy invoice directly, not me.

Click on the “Pay Now” button of the invoice in your mail to go to PayPal’s website page where you can make your payment. You will see the PayPal address (<https://www.paypal.com/...>) in the address bar, knowing that you are not on a fraudulent website. Paying through PayPal, you also have peace of mind that your bank details will not be exposed to anyone, not even me. The amount on the invoice reflects in US Dollars. If you are paying with another currency, the exchange rate of your currency to the US Dollar at the time of making the payment will be charged to your account.

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PayPal invoice you will receive in your email

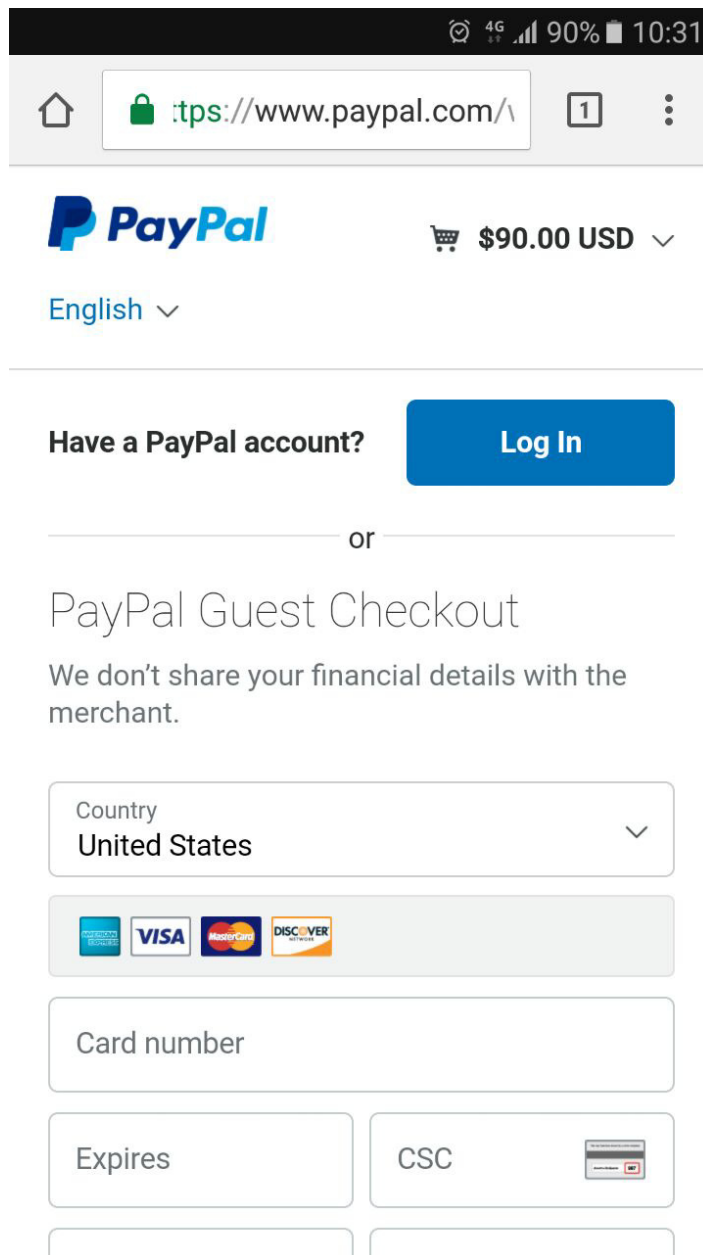


After clicking on the “Pay Now” button in the invoice, you will be taken to the PayPal page where you can make your payment, as seen on the next page.

Keep in mind that PayPal may alter their sequence of steps you need to follow. The sequence I explain here is how I followed it on my mobile. On my computer, when I open the email containing the invoice, I first get a “View and Pay” button, which then takes you to the invoice as seen above. When I then clicked on the “Pay Now” button, PayPal took me to a page where it gave me the option to “Log In” to my PayPal account, or to “Create an Account.” When you click on the “Create an Account” button, then only it gives you the option to either pay directly with your credit card as seen in the picture on the next page, or to open a PayPal account yourself. So, the sequence I experienced on my computer may cause you to think that PayPal does not provide an option to pay directly with your credit card at first, but it does, just click the “Create an Account” option if first presented with it.

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PayPal payment page



The screenshot shows the PayPal checkout page on a mobile device. At the top, the status bar shows 4G, 90% battery, and 10:31. The browser address bar shows the URL https://www.paypal.com/. Below the address bar is the PayPal logo, a shopping cart icon with \$90.00 USD, and a language selector set to English. A horizontal line separates the header from the main content. The main content starts with the text 'Have a PayPal account?' followed by a blue 'Log In' button. Below this is the word 'or' centered between two horizontal lines. The next section is titled 'PayPal Guest Checkout' with the subtext 'We don't share your financial details with the merchant.' Below this are several input fields: a 'Country' dropdown menu set to 'United States', a row of payment method logos (American Express, VISA, MasterCard, DISCOVER), a 'Card number' input field, and two input fields for 'Expires' and 'CSC' (with a small card icon to the right). Below these are two empty input fields.

5. If you do have a PayPal account, you can log in and pay from your PayPal account. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can pay by entering your bank details as required. Your bank details are not shared with me or anyone else. Your invoice is drafted in the name of your unique email address, and your payment is verified against your email address as well, which means that you do not need to disclose any personal particulars to me in purchasing your CRED program.
6. Once you have paid your invoice, which is in the name of your unique email address, your payment will reflect within minutes in the PayPal account against your invoice, where I can verify it. You will also receive an email from PayPal containing a copy of the invoice with a "Paid" stamp on it. I receive an email from PayPal as well, informing me that your invoice has been paid, so I know about it even before you send me your request for your Activation Code. Now you will return to step 4's window and email your computer ID to me (van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com) from the same email address to which your PayPal invoice was

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sent, including the words “**Request Activation Code – Payment done.**” I do not need your name or any personal particulars, only your email address. Ensure you copy your computer ID correctly before mailing it, otherwise your activation code will not work.

7. Once I receive your email with your computer ID, your payment will be verified on PayPal against your invoice, and your Activation Code be created and emailed back to you in a reply email to the request you have sent, which may take up to 48 hours depending on the load of purchases received at the time of your purchase. However, precedence is given to paid customers before other requests so that they first receive their Activation Codes before other requests are handled. Therefore, that you may have waited a day or two before you received your Cred package, or your Trial Code. You can monitor the “Cred Energy (for cyclists)” Facebook page where daily updates will be posted on processing in the event that delays may occur.
8. Once you have received your email containing your Activation Code, copy it and paste it in the “Your Activation Key” bar in the window as seen in step 3 or step 4, whichever window opens when you attempt to open the CRED program, and click the “Activate” button. The CRED program will now be permanently active and ready for use, but on your computer only.
9. Follow the same steps for any additional computer/s you want the CRED program to work on.

Should I decide not to sell the CRED program to a software vendor, I will have an automated website created later where you can get your Activation Code online by clicking on a “Get Key Online” button in the window as seen in step 3, which will speed up the process. However, for the time being that option is not available yet.

Furthermore, the CRED program will soon become a product of a new company to be registered, after which its price tag will rise. Until such time, this limited offer is available to you.

Short version of Installation & Activation Instructions steps

1. Store your CRED program in a safe location. Only 32-bit systems will operate CRED. See full descriptions above to find your system info.
2. If your CRED program is already a trial version, it will open when you click on it. If not, continue with step 3.
3. Save the CRED program file, the Tutorial and the Installation & Activation Instructions files in one folder on your computer, in My Documents, or a location of your choice. Open the CRED program and **copy your System ID in a mail to me** with the words “**Request Trial Code**” to van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com to receive your limited trial version activation code. You will receive a trial code only once, where after you have to buy your activation code. **Ensure your System ID is correct, otherwise your trial code will not work.**
4. Email “**Request Cred Invoice**” to van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com to receive your PayPal invoice. Click on the “Pay Now” button in the invoice and make your payment. *(See full description above for exact steps.)*

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5. Email “**Request Activation Code –Payment done**” including your **System ID** to van.staden.pj.x@gmail.com, and wait for your Activation Code to be mailed back. **Ensure your System ID is correct, otherwise your activation code will not work.**
6. Copy your Activation Code from your email and paste it in the “Your Activation Key” bar in the window that opens when you attempt to open CRED, and click the “Activate” button.
7. The CRED program is now permanently active and will open every time without any windows asking for codes.
8. To install the CRED program on another computer too, copy the CRED program file to that computer and follow through from step 4.