

How To: Install Simba Evaluation License



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Product(s):	SimbaO2X 4.3 or later. SimbaEngine Sample Drivers
Client Application(s):	Microsoft Excel 2003 or later
Platform(s):	Windows XP and later (with special notes for 64-bit Windows and for Windows 7, Vista, and Windows Server 2008)

Overview

To evaluate SimbaO2X, or the sample ODBC drivers in SimbaEngine, and some other future products, you will need to install a Simba license (.lic) file. Simba Sales will forward this license file to you by email. The location to put the license file, and the license installation process, varies on different versions of Windows and different bit-widths of Windows. This How-To document describes the license file installation process in detail.

Installing Your Simba Product

With 64-bit Windows operating systems becoming prevalent, it is important to run the correct installer variant for the product. For a Simba product like O2X, the installer file name should contain “x86” for 32-bit or “x64” for 64-bit. The 64-bit installer can only be run on 64-bit versions of Windows. For most Simba products, the 64-bit installer will additionally install the 32-bit variant that is useful when using 32-bit applications.

Installing the Evaluation License Key

Be particularly careful if you are running either Windows 7/Vista/Server 2008, or when running a 64-bit Windows OS.

Windows 7/Vista/Server 2008

If you are running Windows 7, Windows Vista, or Windows Server 2008, you must both be an administrator on the computer, and additionally start Windows Explorer “As Administrator”. Steps:

1. When emailed the .lic file, do not right-click>Copy the attachment directly from of MS-Outlook. Just save the file to a convenient location, perhaps your Windows desktop.
2. In preparation for starting Windows Explorer, find it in StartMenu > Programs > Accessories. In the Accessories area, right-click on Windows Explorer and choose “Run as administrator”.
3. Using that Windows Explorer instance, navigate your file system to the .lic file where you stored it from Outlook in Step 1 above. Using that Windows Explorer instance, copy and paste it into the appropriate subdirectory of C:\Windows\ that is described below depending on your operating system’s width: 32-bit or 64-bit width.

License Install Location Depends on Windows OS Bit Width

On 32-bit Windows, please install the .lic file provided into directory C:\Windows\System32\.

On 64-bit Windows, please ensure you have, as described earlier, run the 64-bit SimbaO2X installer. Then (using the special instance of Windows Explorer running as Administrator described earlier):

- For use with 32-bit applications on 64-bit Windows, put the .lic file in c:\Windows\SysWOW64\ (This stands for “Win32-On-Win64”).
- For use with 64-bit applications (like the 64-bit version of Excel 2010) additionally put the .lic file in c:\Windows\System32.

Note: The directory names/purposes referred to above for 64-bit Windows may seem reversed, but this is how Microsoft uses these directories on 64-bit versions of their OSes.