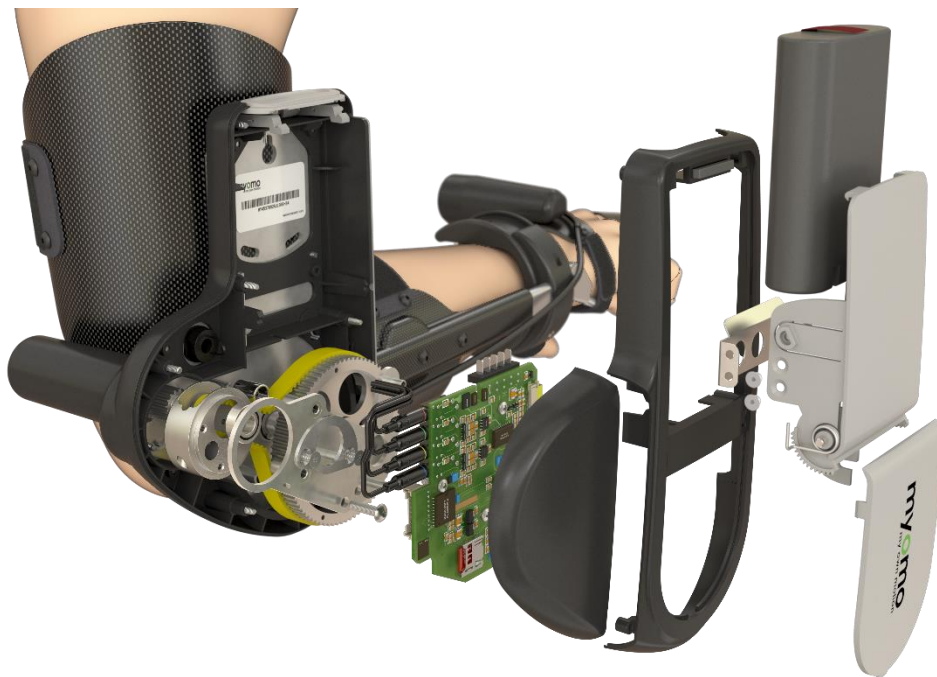


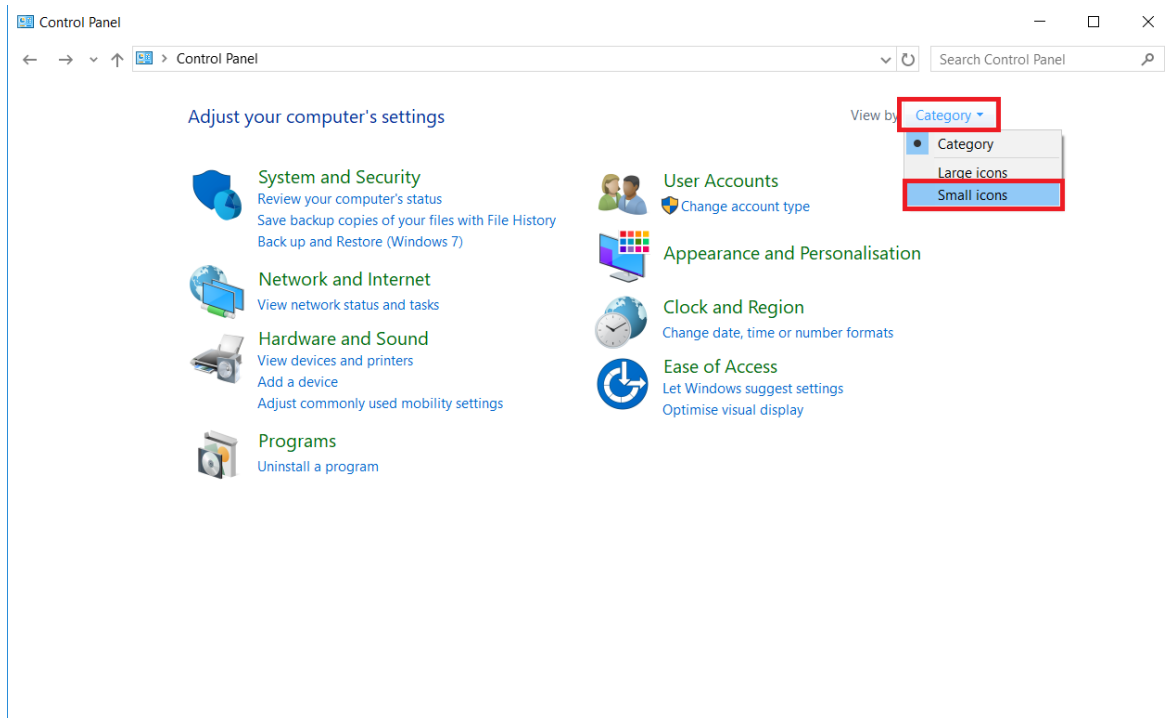
# Modifying Serial Number for Preinstalled SOLIDWORKS



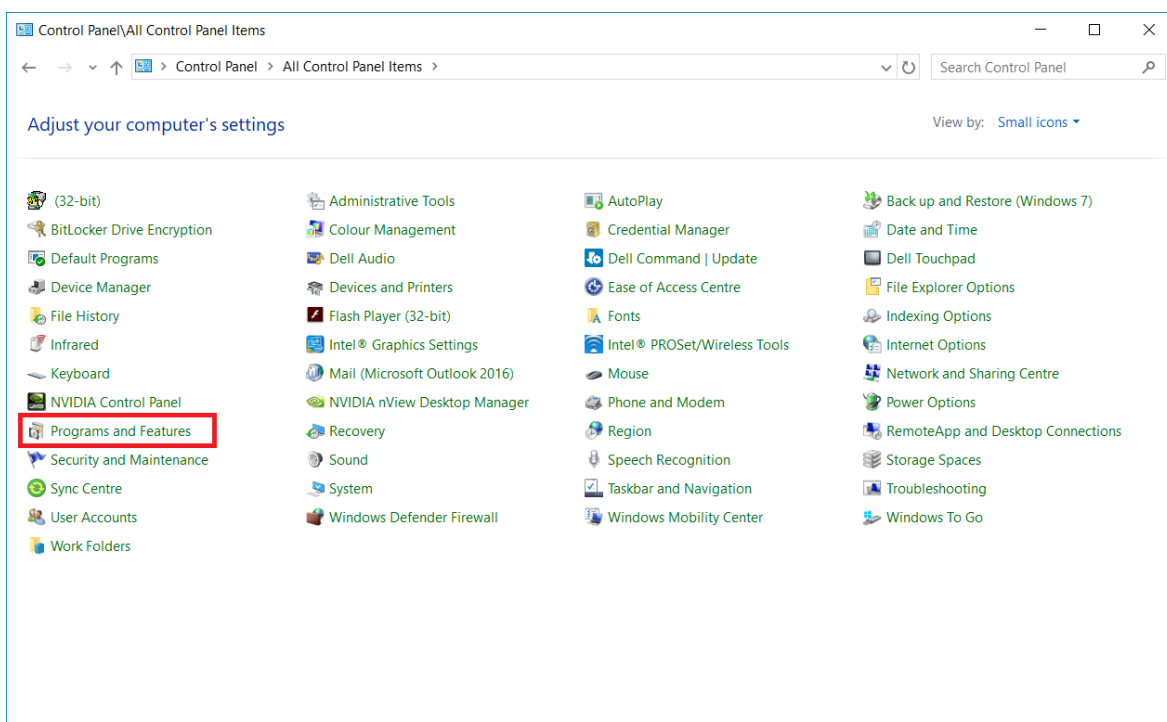
## Preinstalled SOLIDWORKS – Modifying Serial Numbers

This computer has SOLIDWORKS preinstalled on it, and you will need to modify the installation to use your schools' serial number. This computer comes preloaded with SOLIDWORKS, and has a temporary serial number. If you do not change this, SOLIDWORKS will stop working after a few days.

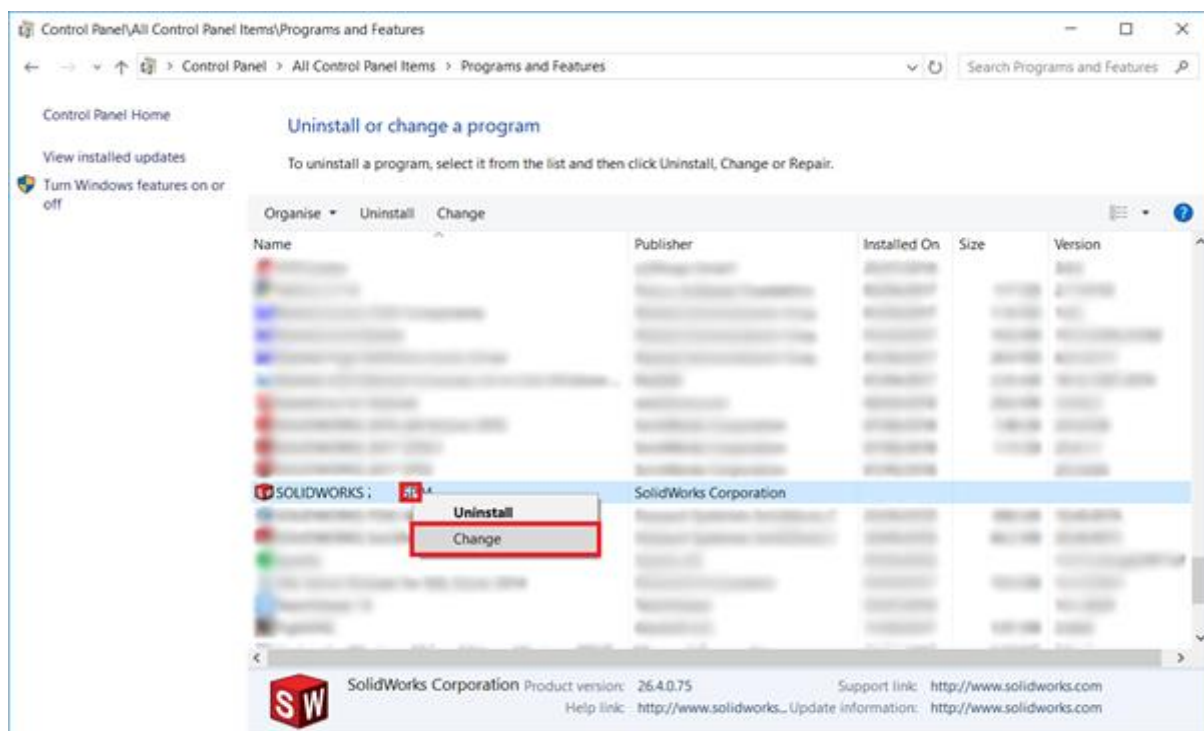
1. Go to **Control Panel** and set it to **View by > Small icons**.



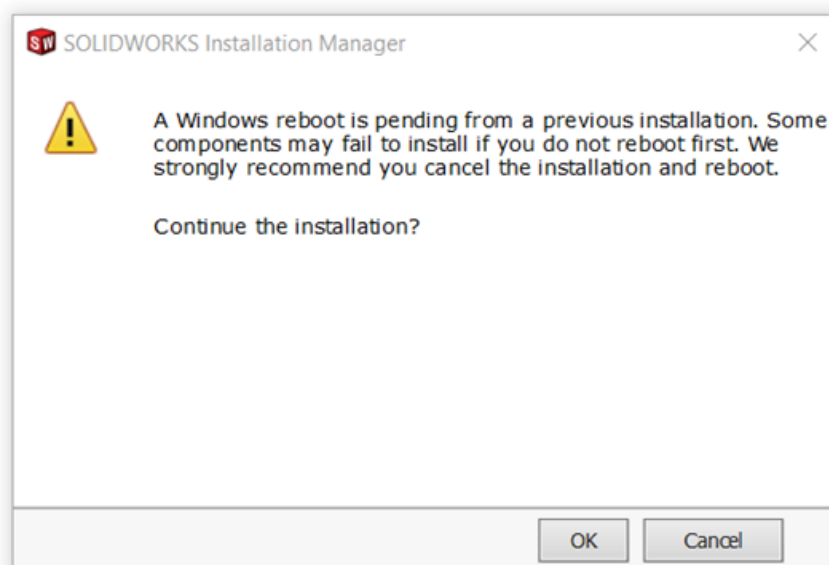
2. Select **Programs and Features**



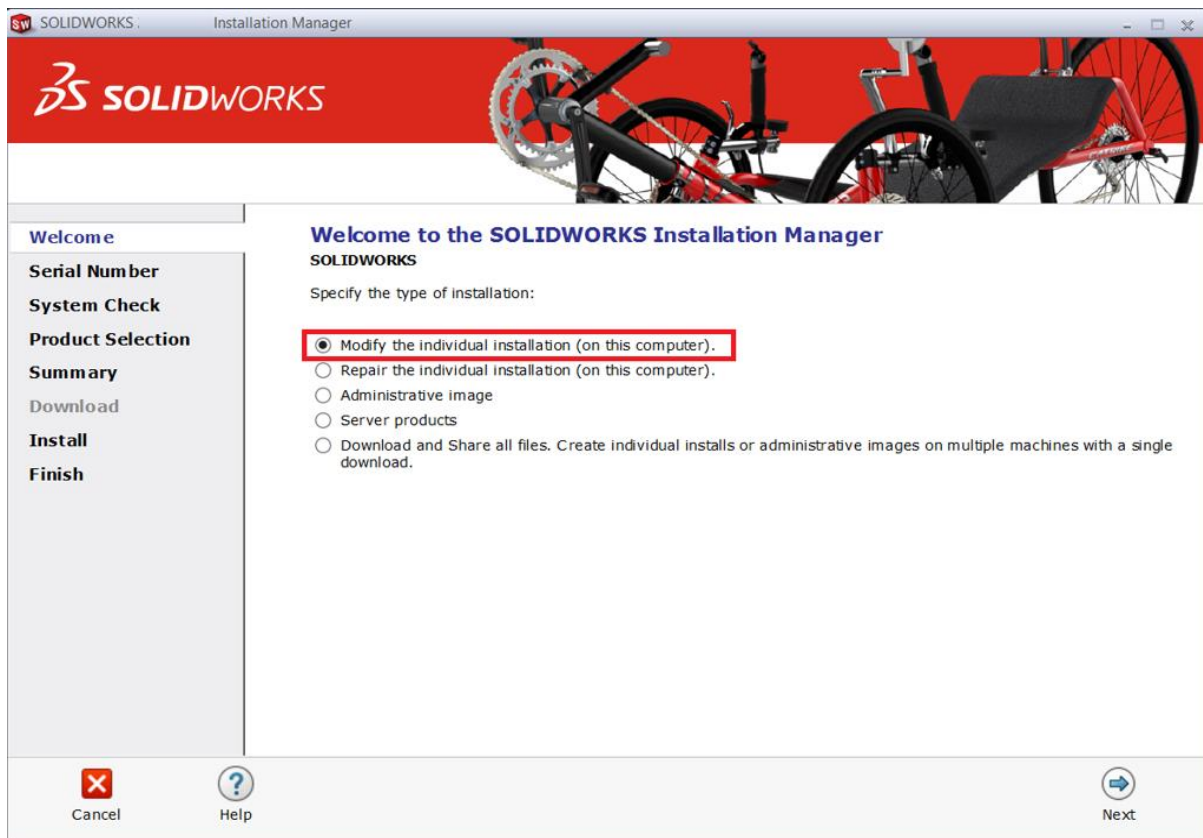
3. **Right Click** on SOLIDWORKS and go to **Change**.



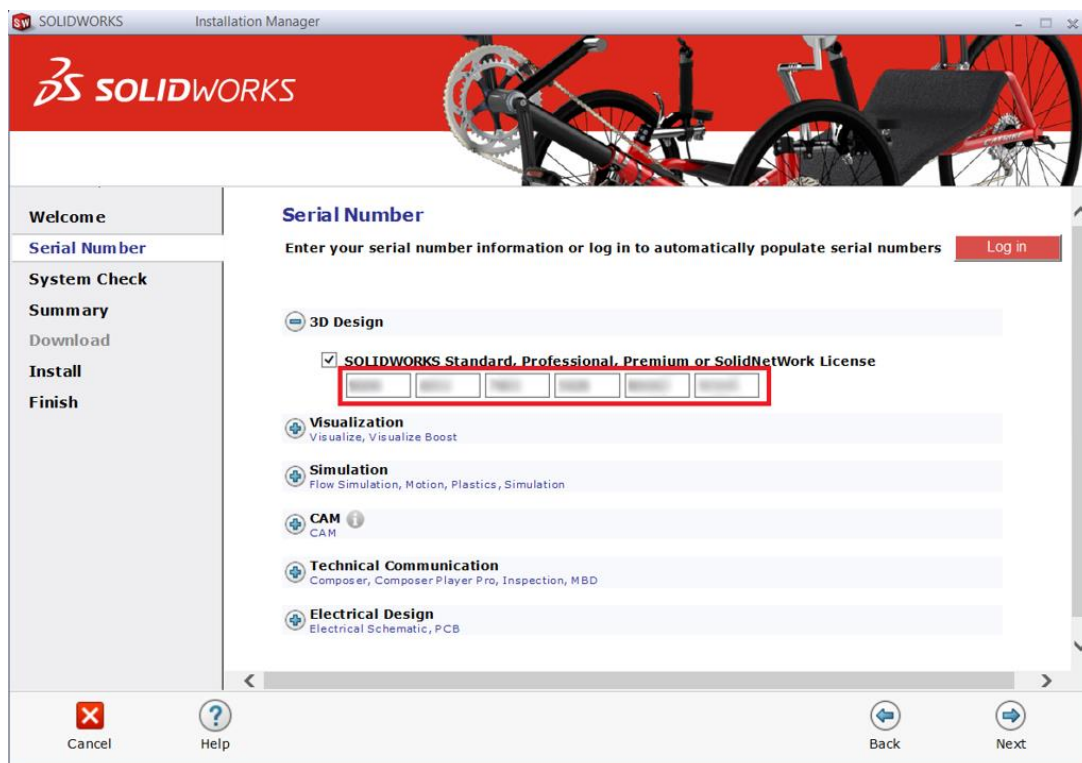
4. If prompted regarding Windows reboot is pending, Click **OK**.



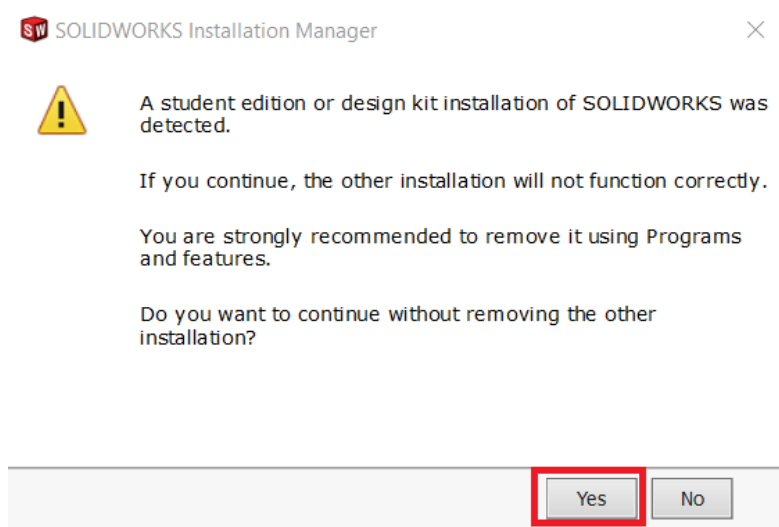
5. Select **Modify the individual installation (on this computer).**



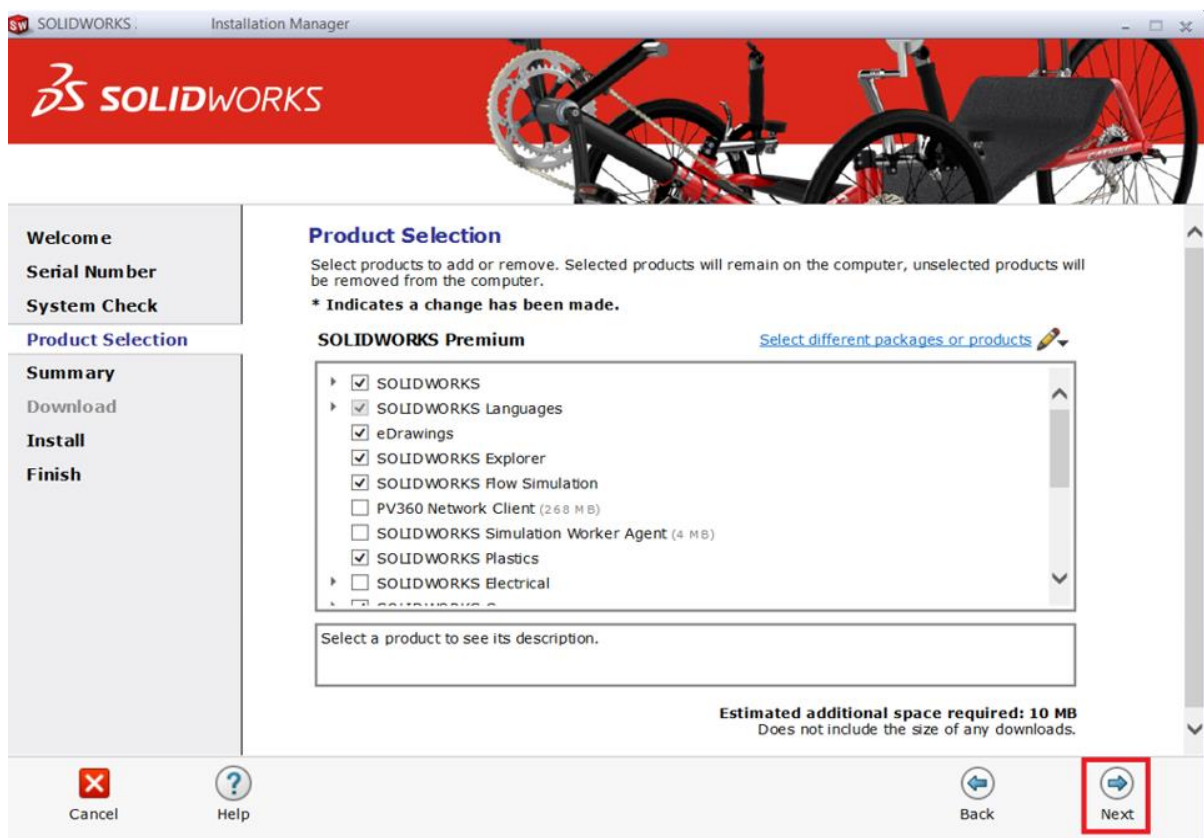
6. Change the **Serial Number** to match your schools' **Serial Number**.  
(Please see the FAQ at the end of this document for further information on this)



7. Click **Yes**

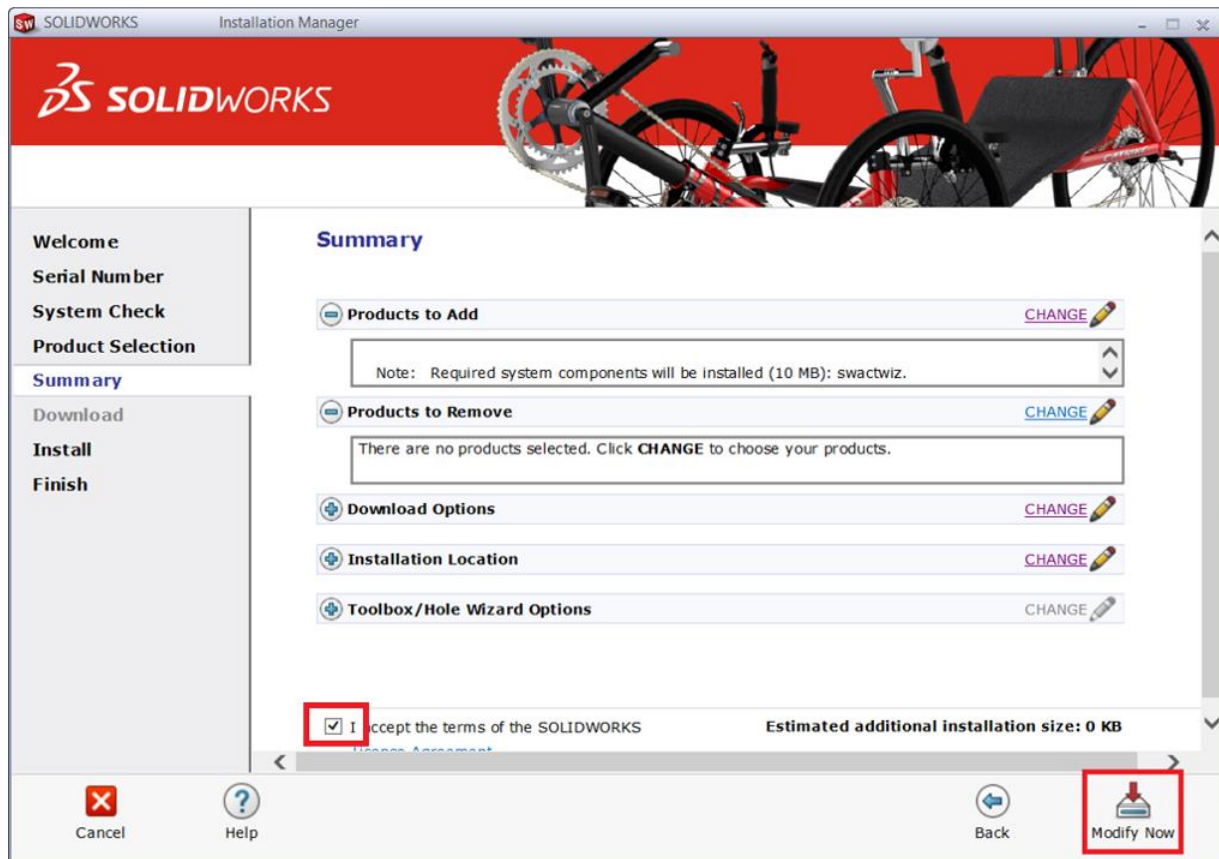


8. Click **Next**

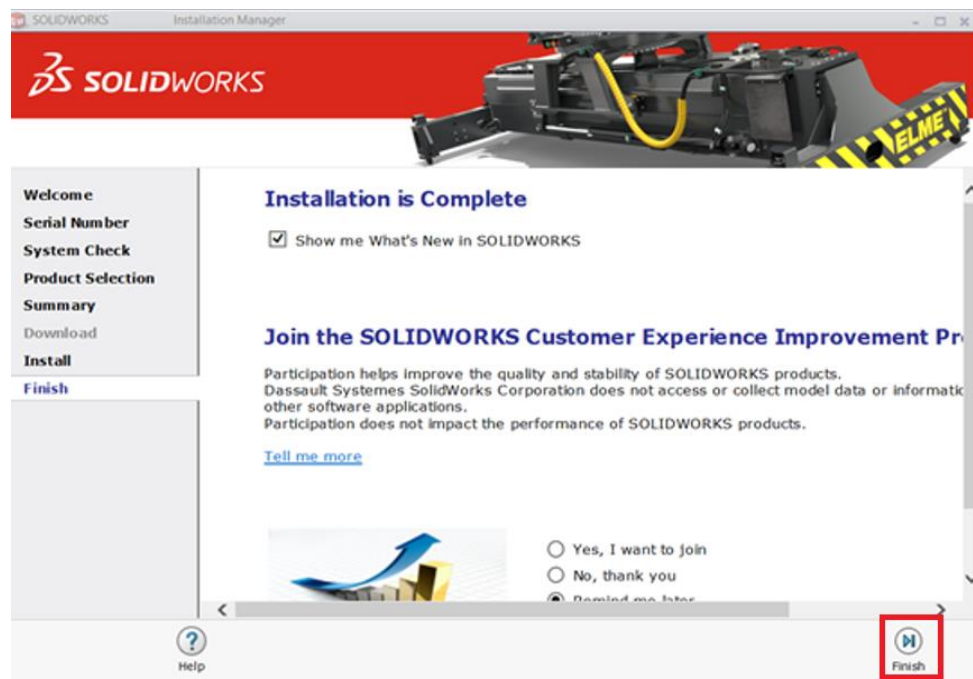




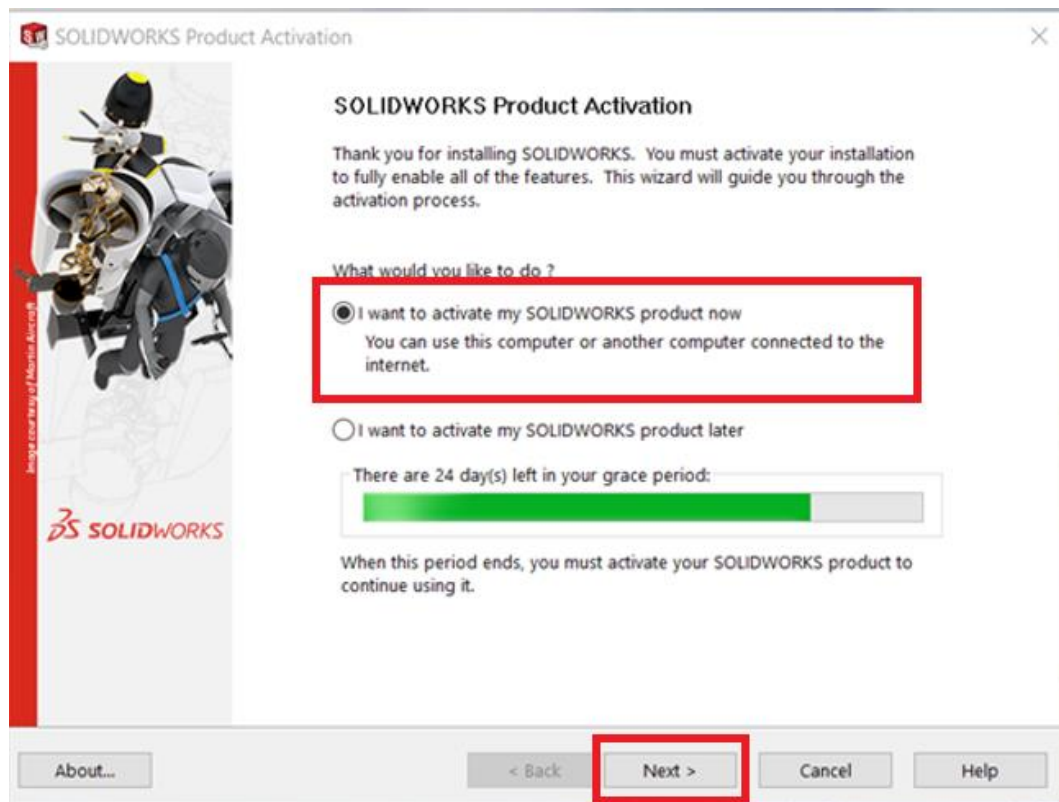
9. Tick "I Accept the terms" and Click **Modify Now**



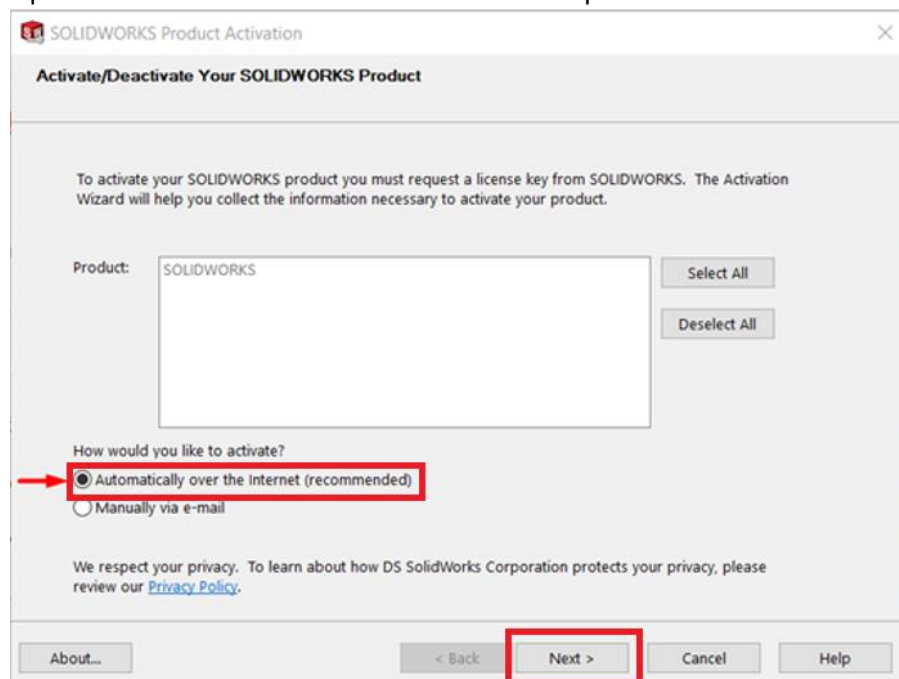
10. When Installation is Complete, Click **Finish**



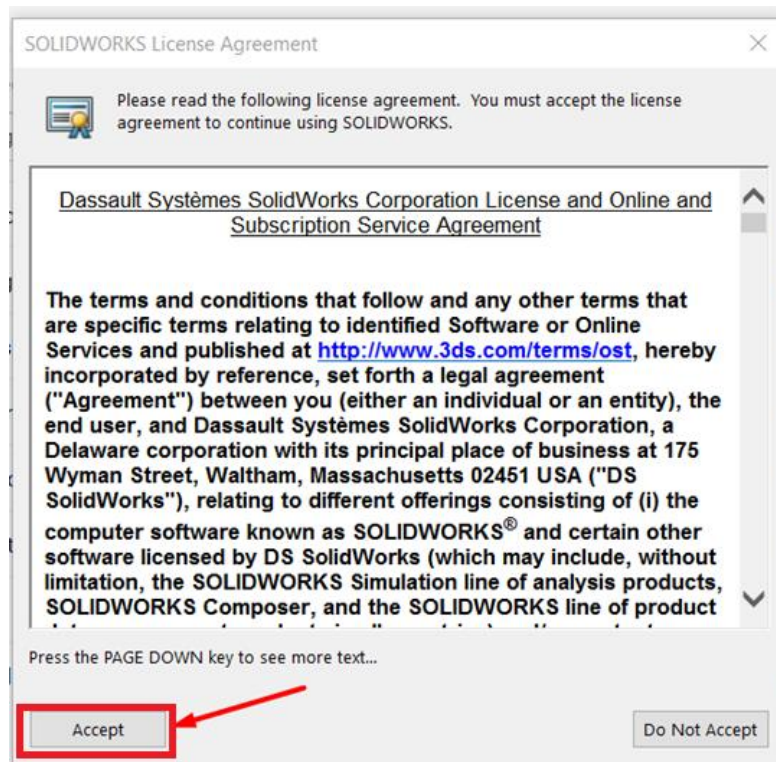
11. Open SOLIDWORKS from the icon on the Desktop.  
Choose **“I want to activate my SOLIDWORKS product now”**. Click Next.



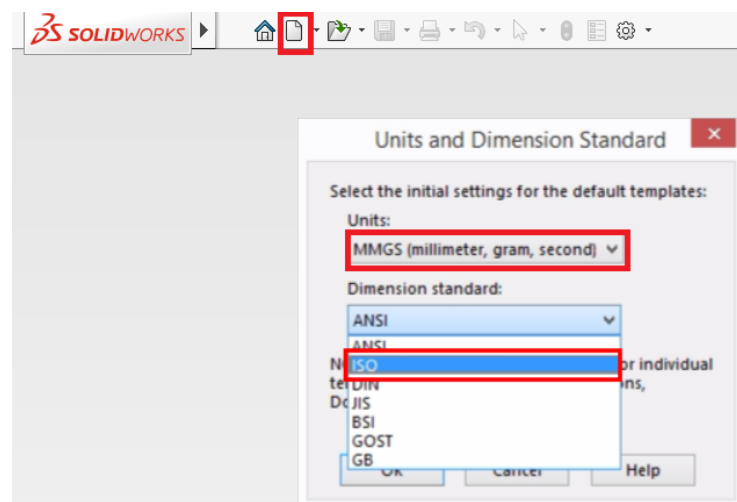
12. Open SOLIDWORKS from the icon on the Desktop.



13. Click “Accept” to the License Agreement



14. After SOLIDWORKS opens, click the New icon  
When prompted for Units, choose “MMGS” and “ISO”



**SOLIDWORKS is now ready to use**



## FAQ

Q: Where can I find my School Serial Number?

A: On any other pre-existing School Computer with SolidWorks installed, open SolidWorks and under the Help drop-down menu, click "About SOLIDWORKS" and "Show Serial Number". If you do not have any other previous computer with SolidWorks already installed and cannot locate your serial, please contact Technical Support ( 01 2974440 or [support@solidsolutions.ie](mailto:support@solidsolutions.ie))

Q: How can my students install SOLIDWORKS on their computers?

A: The Student Design Kit is a version of SOLIDWORKS that students can install on their own computers. Details of this are sent to teachers each year in September.

Q: Where can I get help installing SOLIDWORKS?

A: Please call or email Solid Solutions Ireland on 01 297 4440 or [support@solidsolutions.ie](mailto:support@solidsolutions.ie).

Q: When do I need to **Deactivate/Transfer** my SOLIDWORKS license?

A: SOLIDWORKS Licenses need to be deactivated under the following circumstances.

- Decommissioning or getting rid of old computers
- Changing hardware (hard drive, memory, motherboard, CPU)
- If SOLIDWORKS is not going to be used on the computer again
- Upgrading Windows

Q: I install SOLIDWORKS for multiple schools, can I just use one image to install everywhere or use the same serial number in multiple schools?

A: No. Each school has a unique serial number that is tied to that school. If you use one image everywhere it can cause major license issues.

Q: We bought computers that already had SOLIDWORKS installed on them and they are now giving errors about expired licenses.

A: These installations are to preload SOLIDWORKS so you don't have to install it yourself. They are loaded with a temporary serial number. These computers should come with instructions for changing the serial number. If they do not, the process is simple. Go to **Control Panel > Programs and Features** > scroll down to **SOLIDWORKS** > **right click** and go to **Change**. When the Installation Manager starts, select the option **Modify the individual installation (on this computer)**. On the next screen change the serial number from the built in one (usually starts with 9020) to your school serial (usually starts with 9700 or 9701).