

Simmod *PRO!* 8.6.2 Installation Notes

Step #1: Installing the Software

Attention: Attach the USB device **AFTER** you install the software.

Upgrading:

If you are upgrading from a older version of Simmod *PRO!*, you must first uninstall the older version. The setup program may appear to update an older version; however, you may receive an error message when launching Simmod after the update. You must also make sure that the USB software activation device is *not* attached when you uninstall the older version. Do not re-attach the USB device until the new version of the software is completely installed.

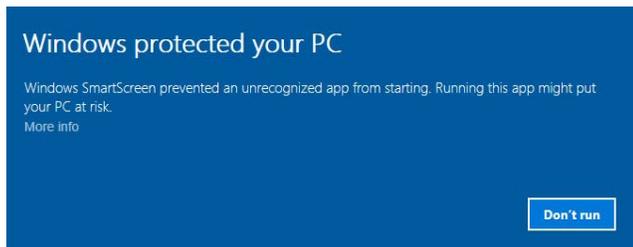
Installing:

To install the software, you must have administrator-level permission access to your computer. If you are not sure that you have administrator-level permission, ask your administrator to install the software.

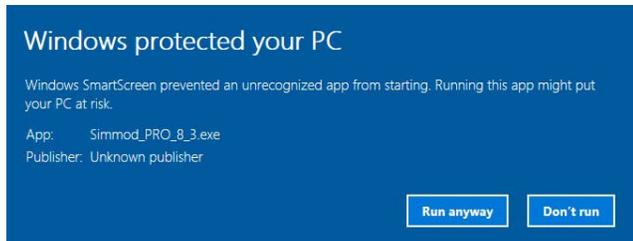
If you have downloaded the `Simmod_PRO_Installer_8_6_2.exe` file, you can start the installation by double-clicking the file name at the location to which you downloaded the file. If you have been provided a `license.txt` and/or `simmod.lic` file, place this file in the same folder as the installer file.

Windows may display a number of prompts depending on the version of Window that you are using. Windows 10 messages are shown below; however, Windows 11 messages are similar.

With this Windows warning, click the “More info” or the equivalent words depending on your language.



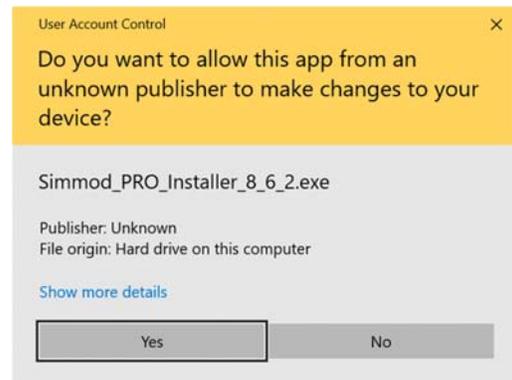
You may be presented with another message. Click the “Run anyway” or the equivalent words depending on your language.



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If you are using other virus or malware protection software, you may see other warning messages.

Finally, Windows may present this warning. It is safe to click “Yes” or the equivalent words depending on your language.



By default, the installer chooses the folder specified by the `%ProgramFiles%` environment variable and creates a `\Simmod` folder within this as the installation folder. For the English version of Windows, this creates a `C:\Program Files\Simmod` folder. This is different from Simmod version 8.4.x and earlier versions. However, you may change this location and install Simmod in any folder on a local letter drive.

Scenarios created with Simmod are stored in folders that can be anywhere on the local drive system. Upon first use, Simmod will ask for a folder location in which to store the individual scenario folders. This folder location can be changed by the user to enable the grouping of scenarios to suit the user’s needs. Since Simmod *PRO!* performs much disk reading/writing, scenario should be stored on a local drive.

Do not install Simmod or set the scenario folder location to a network or mapped drive.

Windows may ask if it is okay to run the program from Microcomputer Applications Inc — this installs the ATAC-supplied USB device driver, and it is safe to run.

Step #2: Connecting the USB Activation Device to Your Computer

If a USB software activation device was provided to you, it should be attached to a free USB port on your computer. It does not interfere with the normal operations of the computer. Attach the USB device after you have installed the software. When you attach the device, Windows may report a message that a new USB device driver is being installed.

Step #3: Running Simmod *PRO!*

To run Simmod *PRO!*, run the Start → Programs → Simmod *PRO!* → Network Builder program or double-click on the Network Builder icon on your desktop.

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If you receive a message that the system cannot find a valid license, make sure that the license file has been properly placed in the installation folder. Also make sure that the security device has been attached, if provided.

For new users we strongly recommend copying the sample scenarios to the scenario folder that you specified during the first use.

TROUBLESHOOTING: License Information Problems

Your Simmod *PRO!* license is protected through the use of a `license.txt` and/or `simmod.lic` file in your installation folder. This file contains one or more license keys. The installation program should create this license file automatically; however, you may need to edit this file manually. Additional information will be provided to you if this is necessary.

TROUBLESHOOTING: If these fixes do not solve your problem.

If the software still will not run, please call us at +1 408 736 2822 and ask for Eric Boyajian or e-mail him at EricBoyajian@atac.com.