



# ***Activation and License Return Guide***

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***GstarCAD 2026 for Linux***



**GstarCAD**

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## 1. GstarCAD Licensing Options

GstarCAD provides the flexible licensing options. GstarCAD offers Stand-alone and Network license, both are available with License key and USB Dongle.

### Stand-alone license

The software is constrained to a certain host. A license is needed for each computer on which the software will be installed.

### Network license

A pool of licenses is available on the server, for use in any computer on the network. You only need to have licenses for the maximum number of simultaneous users expected, not for each computer where the software will be installed.

	Stand-alone	Stand-alone	Network	Network
	License-key Serial number	USB-key Dongle	License-key Serial number	USB-key Dongle
Perpetual license	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rental license	✓	×	✓	×
License borrowing	×	×	✓	×
Connection to license server	×	×	✓	✓

## 2. License Key Activation

After you install GstarCAD 2026 for Linux and start up software, the system prompts you to choose [Activate](#) or [On Trial](#). In both cases, please select a version accordingly first.

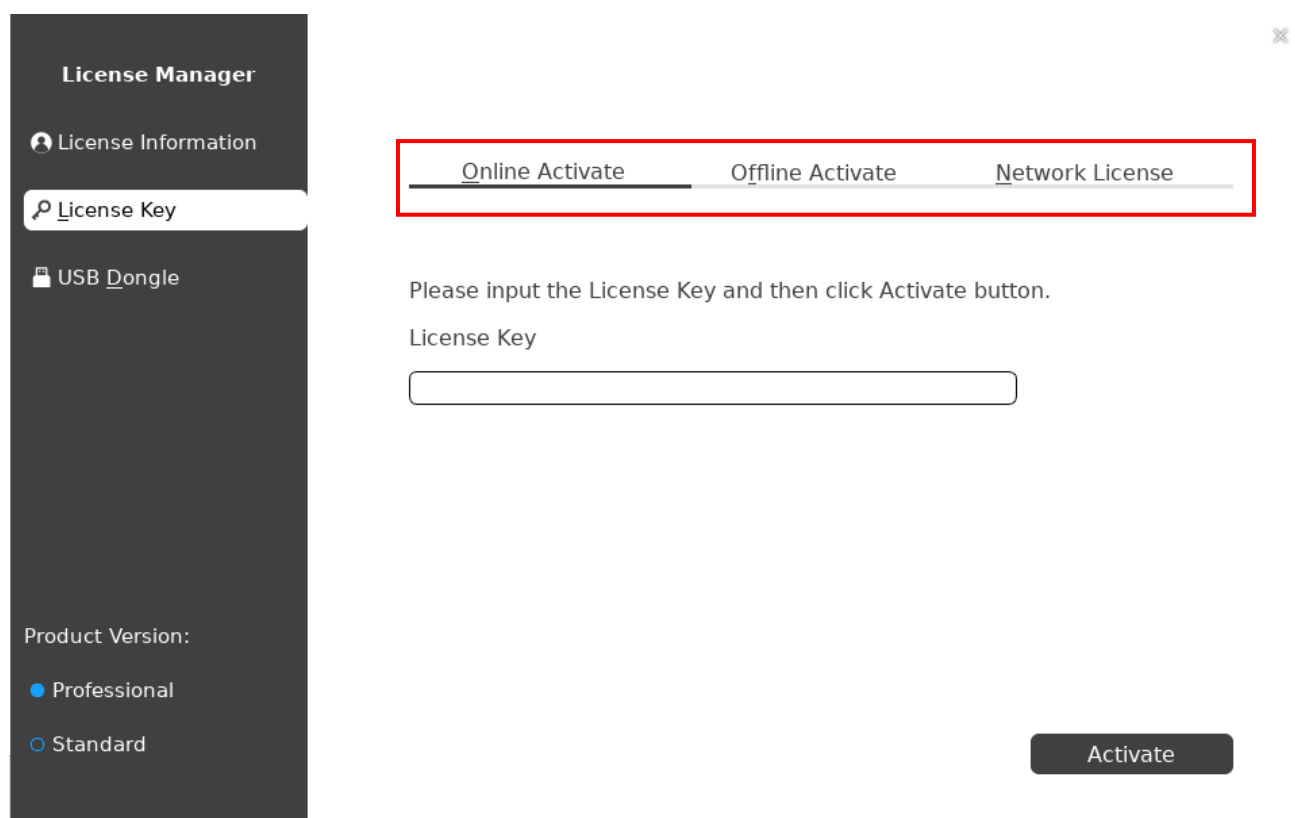


-If you want to try GstarCAD 2026 for Linux, just click [On Trial](#) to get a 30-day trial of the software. During the trial period, the product performs as fully activated.

-If you already have a valid license key, you can activate the software directly by selecting [Activate](#) to open GstarCAD License Manager. Or you can access GstarCAD License Manager from Help menu- Register.

## 2.1. Stand-alone License

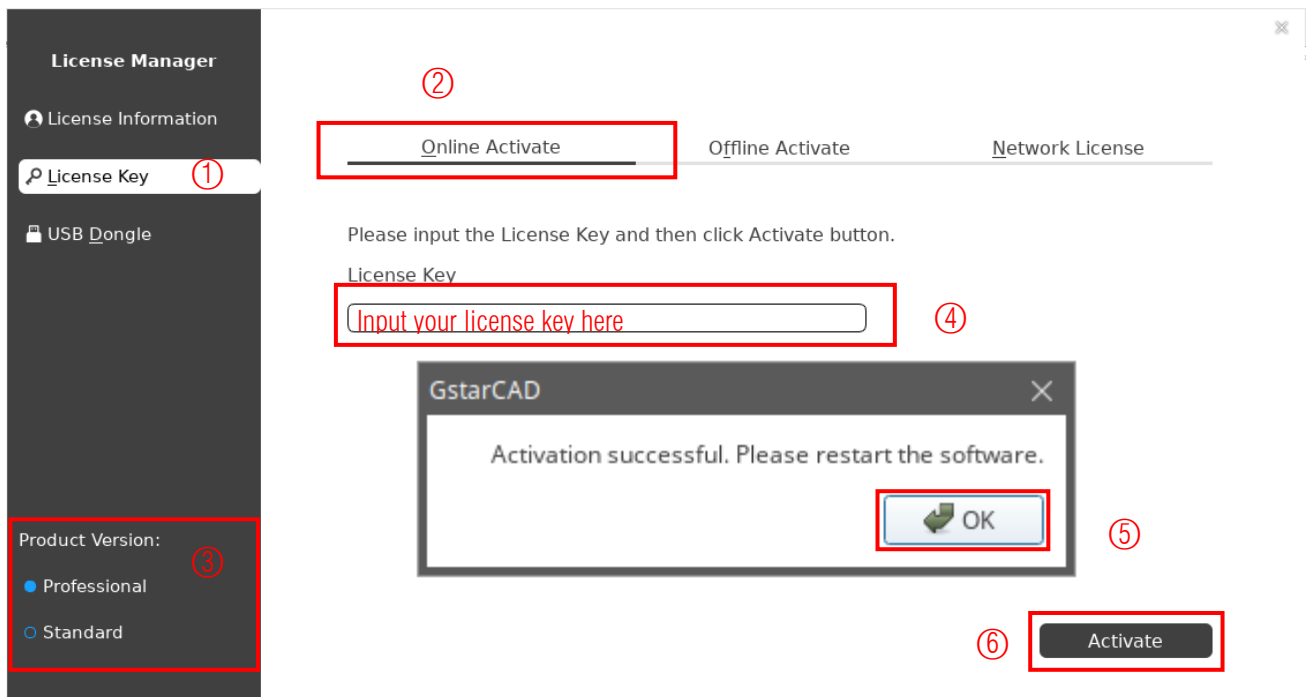
The license code is generally divided into two types: stand-alone license and network license, and supports online activation and offline activation.



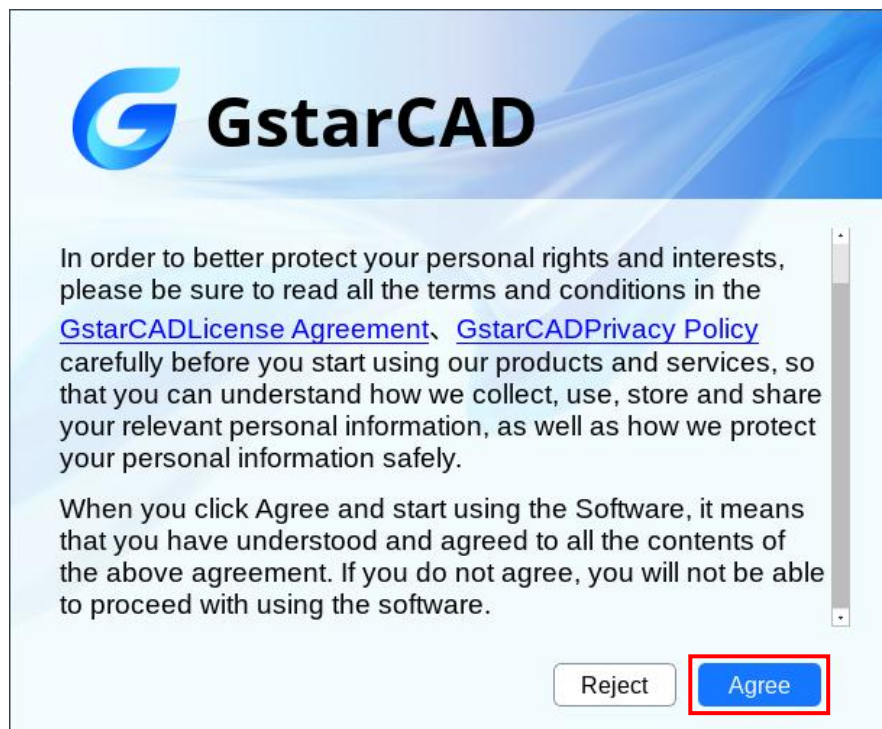
### 2.1.1. Online Activation

If your computer is connected to the Internet, you can follow the steps below to activate your GstarCAD 2026 for Linux online.

1. Click [Online Activation](#) from the [License Key](#).
2. Input your [License Key](#) and choose the correct [Product Version](#).
3. Click the [Activate](#) button.
4. After a few seconds the following message appears. Click [OK](#) button to finish the activation. Then restart your GstarCAD 2026 for Linux.



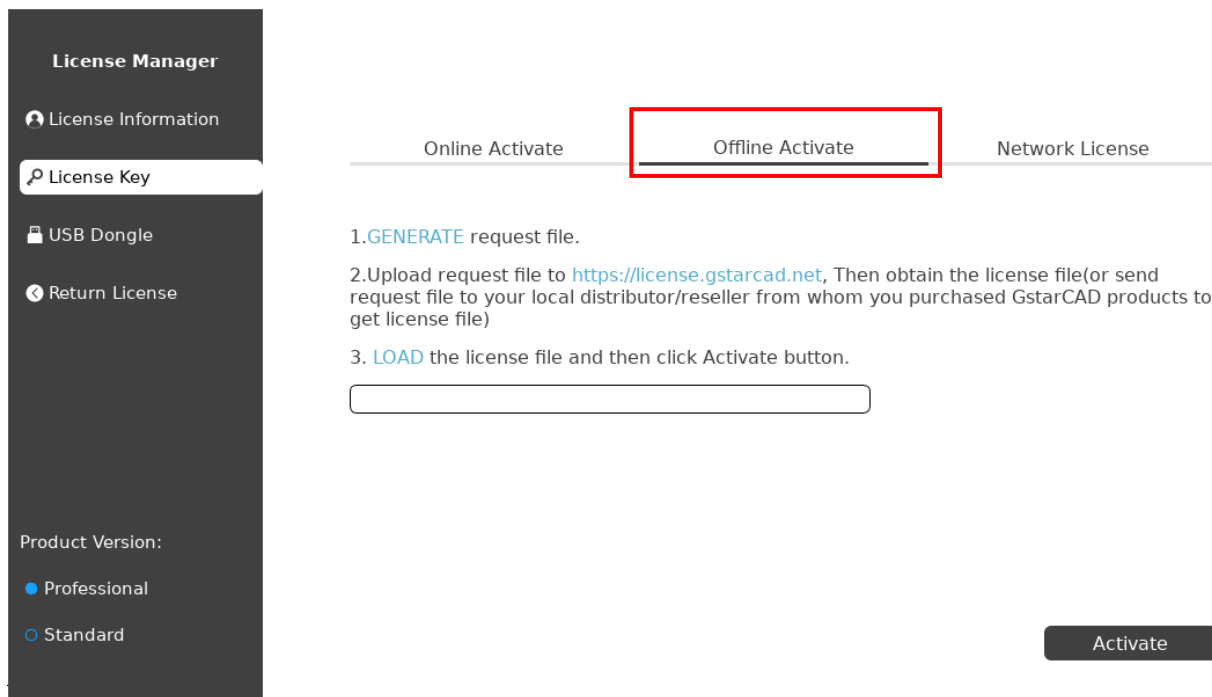
After GstarCAD is activated, the GstarCAD License Agreement dialog box pops up. Please read the agreement and policy carefully and click Agree button to continue use GstarCAD.



## 2.1.2. Offline Activation

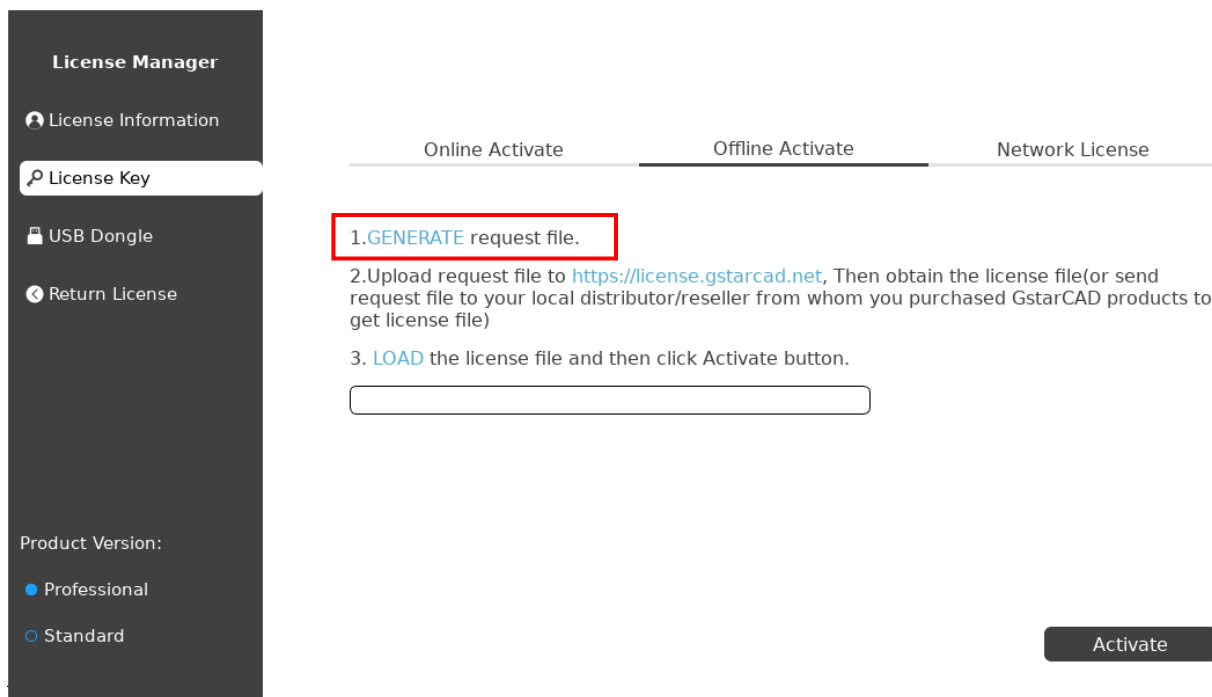
If your computer is not connected to the internet, you can use activation file (xml file) to activate your GstarCAD 2026 for Linux manually.

1. Click **Offline Activation** from **License Key**.

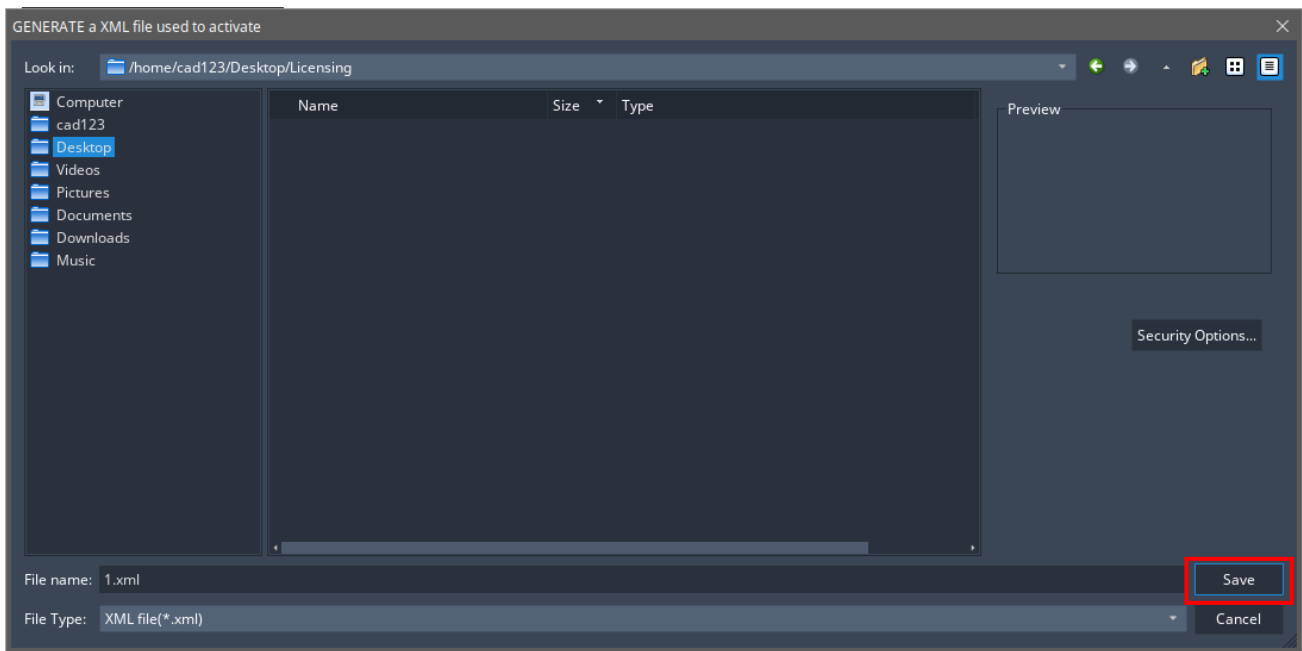


The screenshot shows the 'License Manager' window. On the left sidebar, 'License Key' is selected. The main area has three tabs: 'Online Activate', 'Offline Activate' (which is highlighted with a red box), and 'Network License'. Below the tabs, there are three numbered steps: 1. **GENERATE** request file. 2. Upload request file to <https://license.gstarcad.net>, Then obtain the license file(or send request file to your local distributor/reseller from whom you purchased GstarCAD products to get license file) 3. **LOAD** the license file and then click Activate button. Below the steps is a text input field. At the bottom right is an 'Activate' button. The left sidebar also shows 'License Information', 'USB Dongle', 'Return License', and 'Product Version' (Professional and Standard).

2. Please click the **GENERATE** button to get the request file in .xml format and save it.



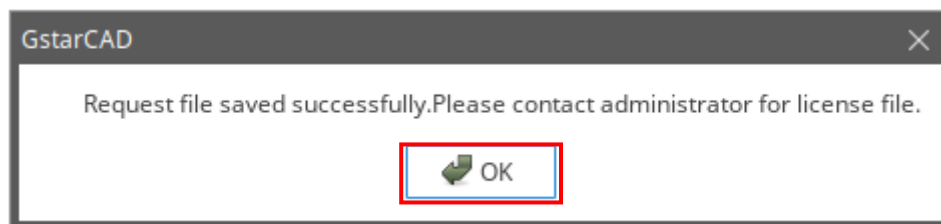
This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but with a red box highlighting the '1. **GENERATE** request file.' step in the instructions. The 'Offline Activate' tab remains highlighted, and the 'Activate' button is still visible at the bottom right.



3. There are 2 ways to acquire license file with the saved request file:

#### Option 1: E-mail

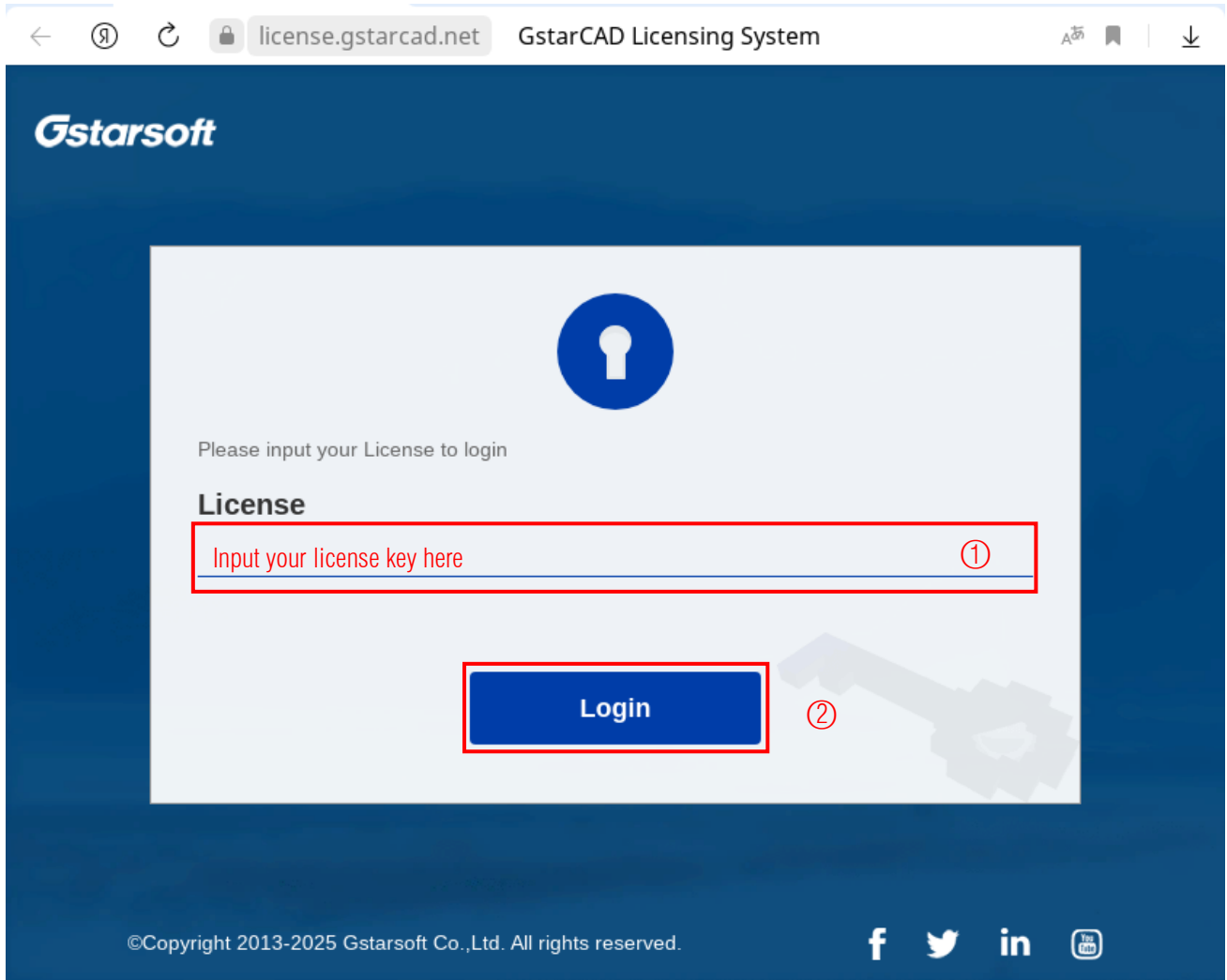
You can send the request file to your local GstarCAD distributor to get the license file.



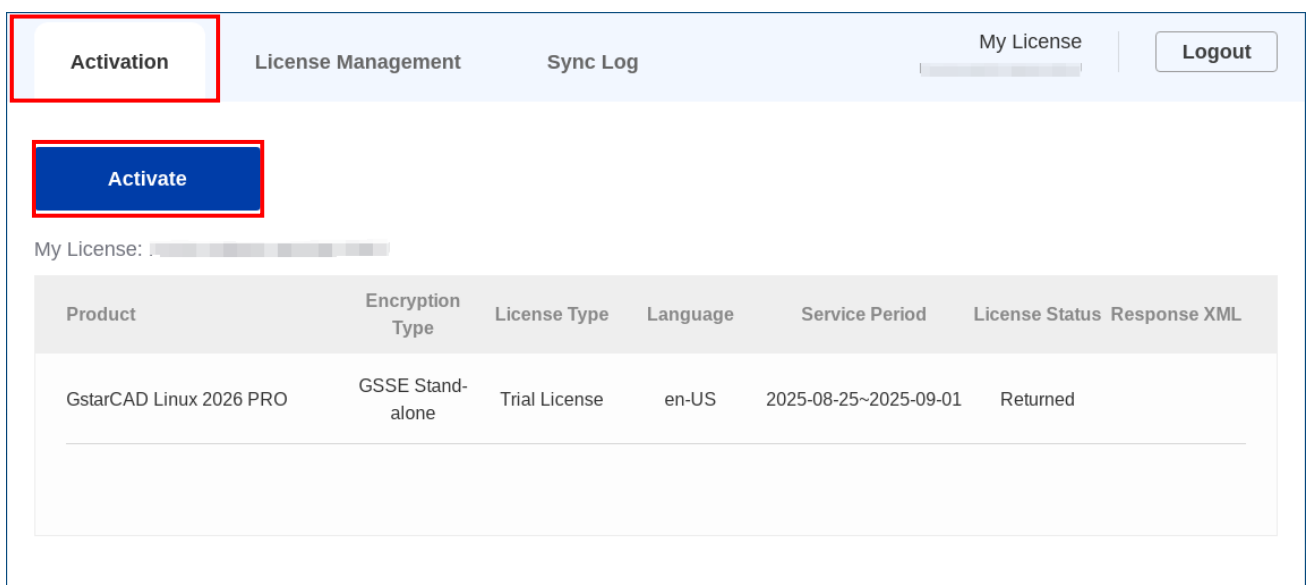
#### Option 2: Online Service

You can access GstarCAD online service center from any computer with internet connected to download the license file.

- 1) Login to GstarCAD online service center: <https://license.gstarcad.net/>
- 2) Input your license key (serial number) and click the [Login](#) button to continue.



3) In Activation tab, click the [Activate](#) button to continue.





- 4) Click the [Choose File](#) button and select the request file you have saved and click the [Submit](#) button to continue.

My License: PUVU-N5DP-WX3W-Z3KJ [Logout](#)

My License: PUVU-N5DP-WX3W-Z3KJ

**Request XML File**

[Choose File](#) ①

Upload File: 1.xml

Load the credible request XML activation file which created at user client

[Submit](#) ②

Find out the file and click it to submit

- 5) Click the [Download](#) button and save the license file (Response XML File). We recommend you to store the license file to your USB flash drive.

[Activate](#)

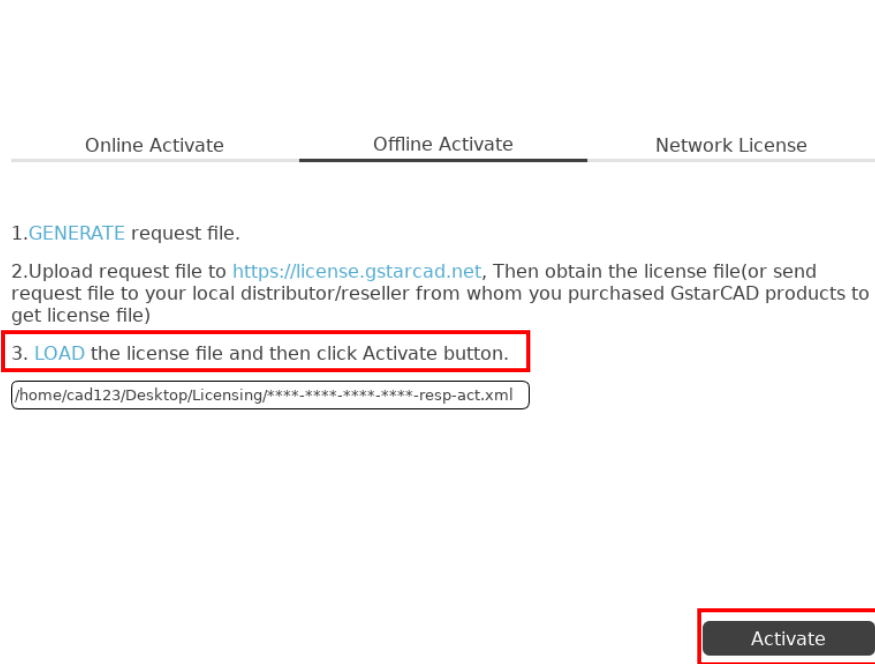
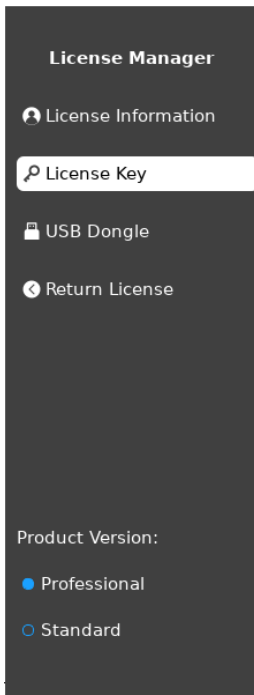
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**License Management**

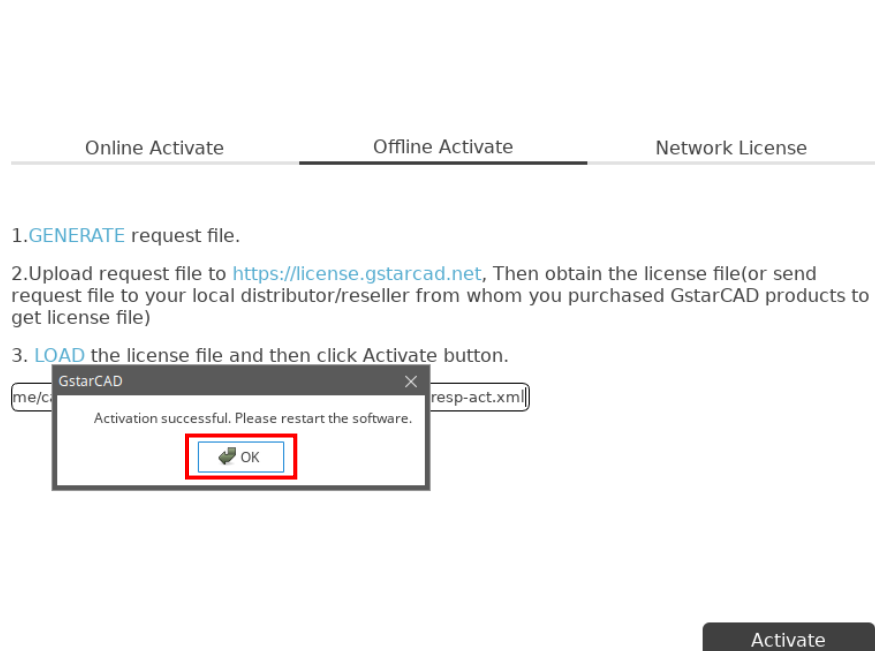
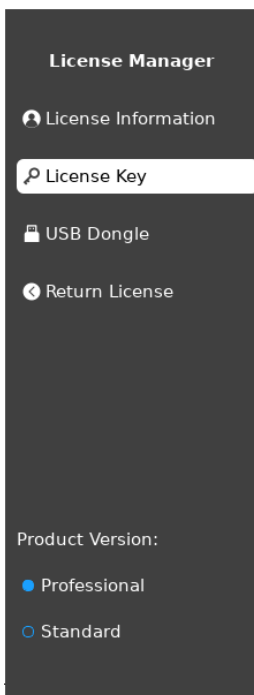
Product	Encryption Type	License Type	Language	Service Period	License Status	Response XML
GstarCAD Linux 2026 PRO	GSSE Stand-alone	Trial License	en-US	2025-08-25~2025-09-01	Activated	<a href="#">Download</a>

Please download Response XML file to activate your product.  
Please click "Return License" to return your license.

4. Back to your computer and find out GstarCAD License Manager from Help-Register in GstarCAD 2026 for Linux, click the [LOAD](#) button and select the license file you have just downloaded and saved from another computer, and then click the [Activate](#) button.



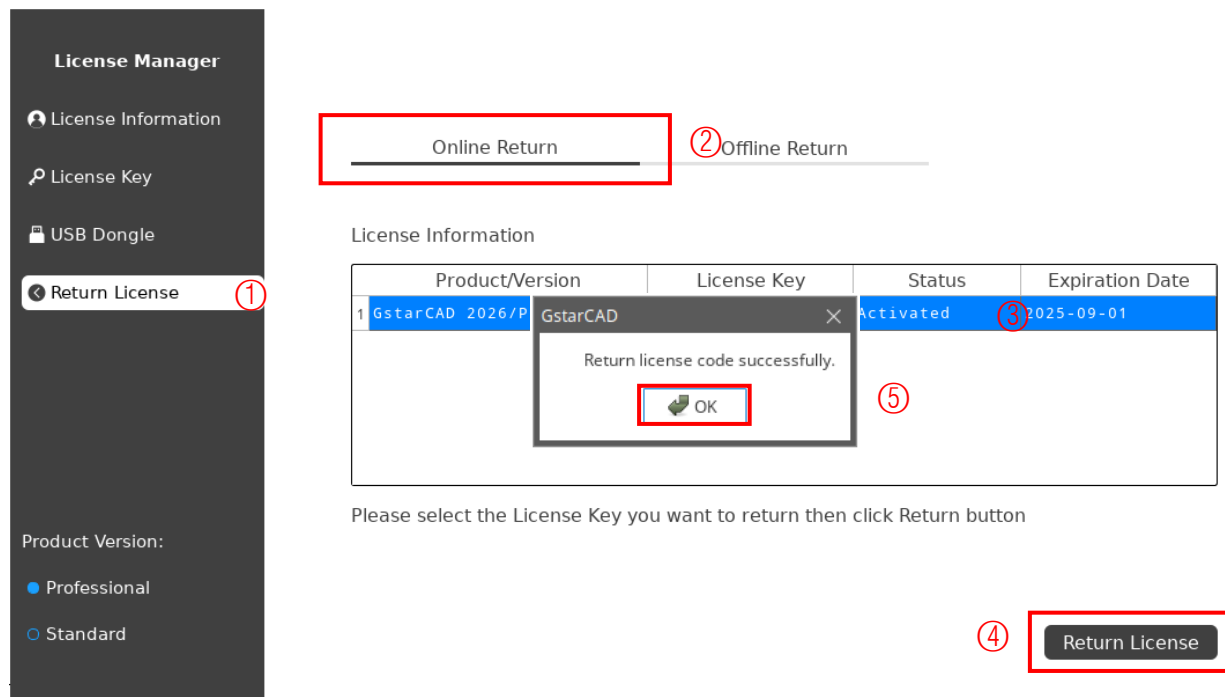
5. After a few seconds, the following message window appears. Click the **OK** button to finish the activation. Then restart your GstarCAD 2026 for Linux.



### 2.1.3. Online Return

After activating GstarCAD with the license key, your license information will be displayed on the Return License option. If you want to return the authorization and your computer is connected to the Internet, you can follow the steps below to return it online:

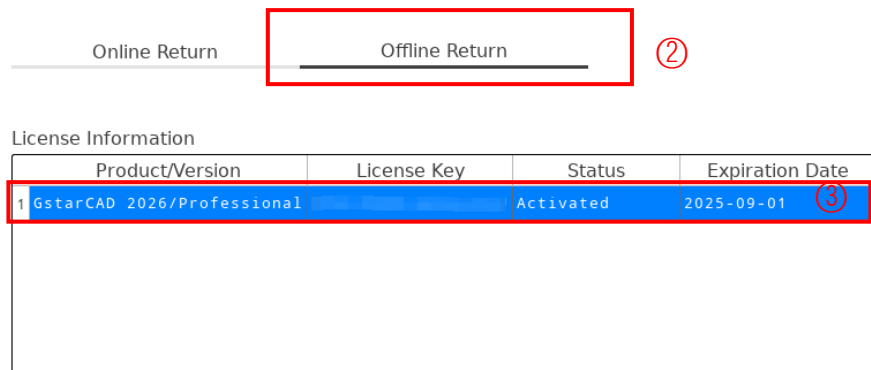
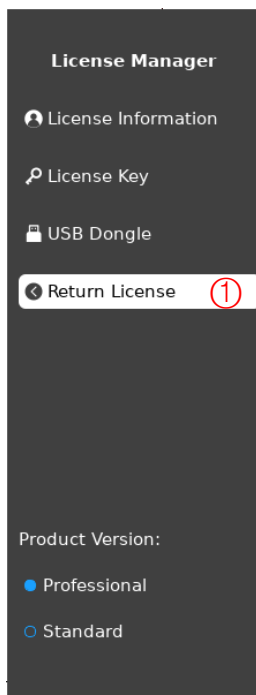
1. Click **Return License** from the License Key (L) and then click **Online Return**.
2. Select the license to be returned and click the **Return License** button.
3. A pop-up window will appear after a few seconds. Click **OK** button to close the window. Then you can see the license you have selected to return has disappeared from License information List.



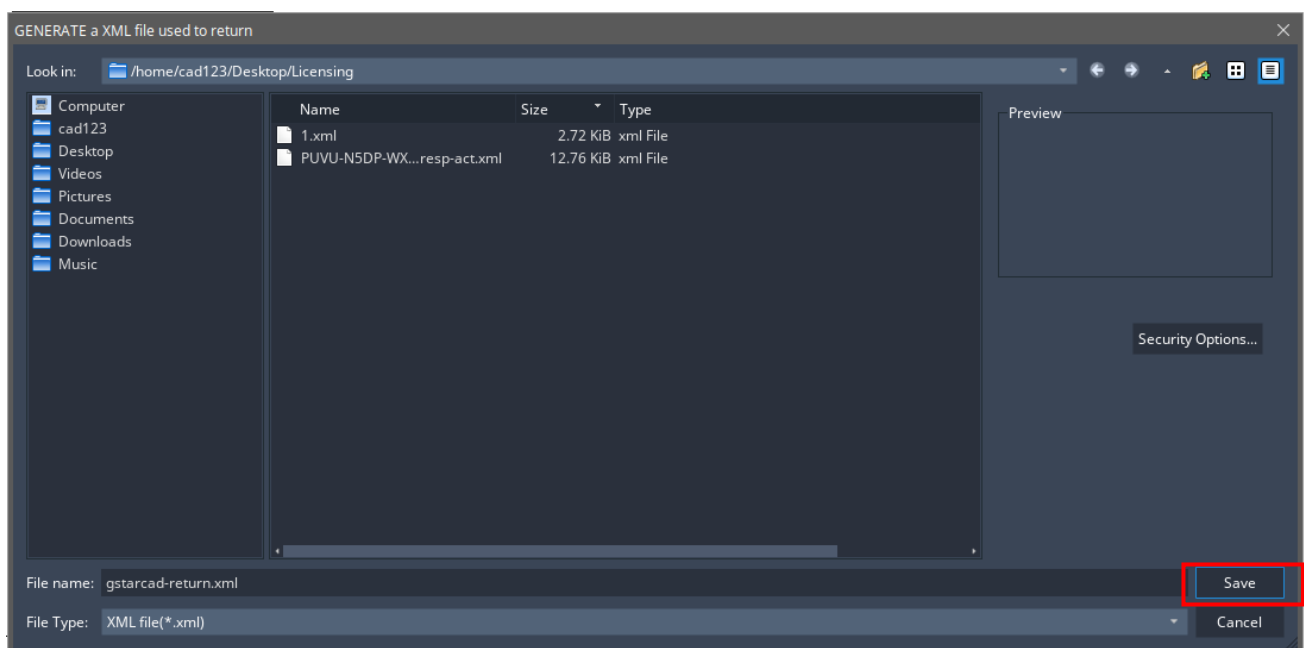
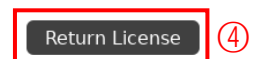
### 2.1.4. Offline Return

If your computer is not connected to the internet, you can use the return file (.xml) to return the license manually. The steps are as follows:

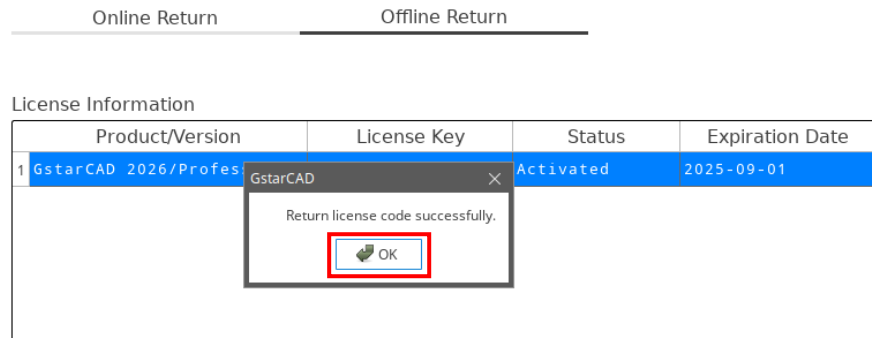
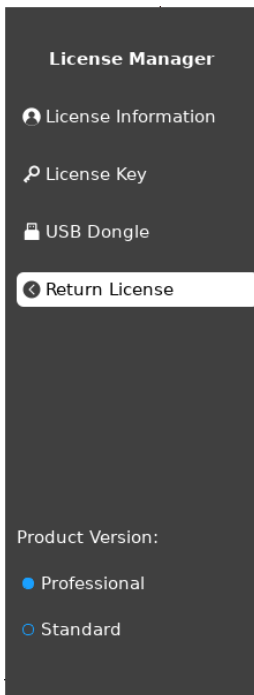
1. Select **Return License** and click **Offline Return**.
2. Select the license to be returned, and then click the **Return License** button. A return file in .xml format will be automatically generated and saved it.



1. Please select the license you want to return and click Return button.  
 2. Upload file to <https://license.gstarcad.net> (or send file to local dealers) to enable the License Key can be reactivated on other devices.



3. Then the following window will appear. Click the **OK** button to continue returning the license.



1. Please select the license you want to return and click Return button.
2. Upload file to <https://license.gstarcad.net> (or send file to local dealers) to enable the License Key can be reactivated on other devices.

Return License

4. There are 2 ways to return the license.

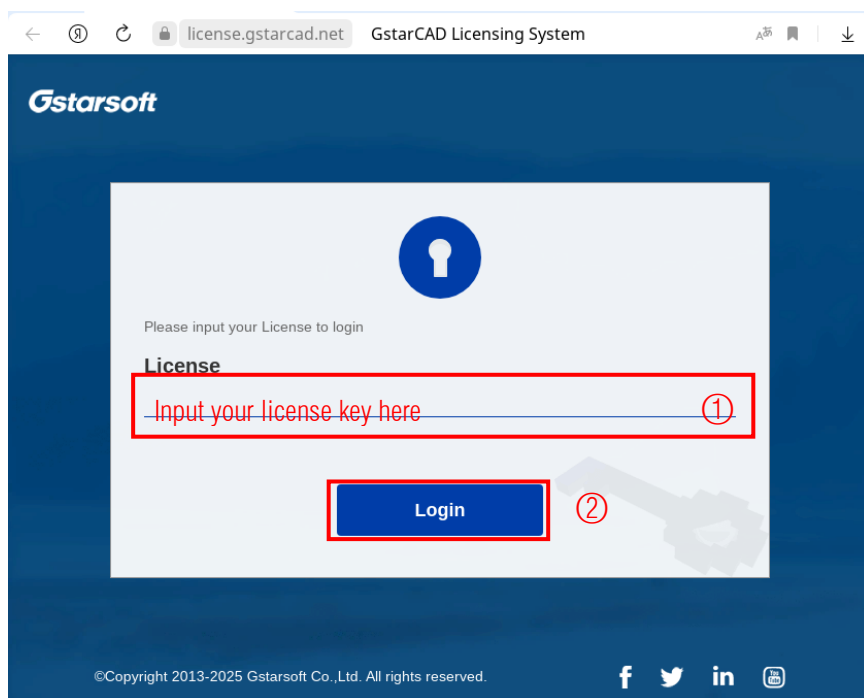
#### Option 1: E-mail

You can send the return request file from any computer with internet connected to your local distributor/reseller from whom you purchased GstarCAD products to get the return file.

#### Option 2: Online Service

You can access GstarCAD online service center from any computer with internet connected to download the license file.

- 1) Access the link <https://license.gstarcad.net/> and login with the license key you get from GstarCAD.



- 2) Click [License Management](#) tab and click [Return License](#) button.

The screenshot shows the 'License Management' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Return License' button. Underneath the button, the text 'My License:' is followed by a blurred license key. Below this, there is a table with the following data:

Product	Encryption Type	License Type	Language	Service Period	License Status	Response XML
GstarCAD Linux 2026 PRO	GSSE Stand-alone	Trial License	en-US	2025-08-25~2025-09-01	Activated	

- 3) Click the [Choose File](#) button, upload the saved request XML file return file, and then click the [Submit](#) button.

The screenshot shows the 'License Management' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Choose File' button (labeled ①) and a 'Submit' button (labeled ②). Below the 'Choose File' button, the text 'Upload File: gstarcad-return.xml' is displayed. Below the 'Submit' button, the text 'Find out the file and click it to submit' is displayed. The text 'Load the credible request XML returned file which created at user client' is also visible between the two buttons.

- 4) If the license key is successfully returned, the license status is displayed as "Returned".

Activation

License Management

Sync Log

My License

PUVU-N5DP-WX3W-Z3KJ

Logout

Return License

My License: ██████████

Product	Encryption Type	License Type	Language	Service Period	License Status	Response XML
GstarCAD Linux 2026 PRO	GSSE Stand-alone	Trial License	en-US	2025-08-25~2025-09-01	Returned	

### 3.1. Network License

GstarCAD Network enables you to share a number of GstarCAD licenses on your office LAN. It gives flexibility of license floating among a working group.

#### 3.1.1. Activate License

##### 1. Server

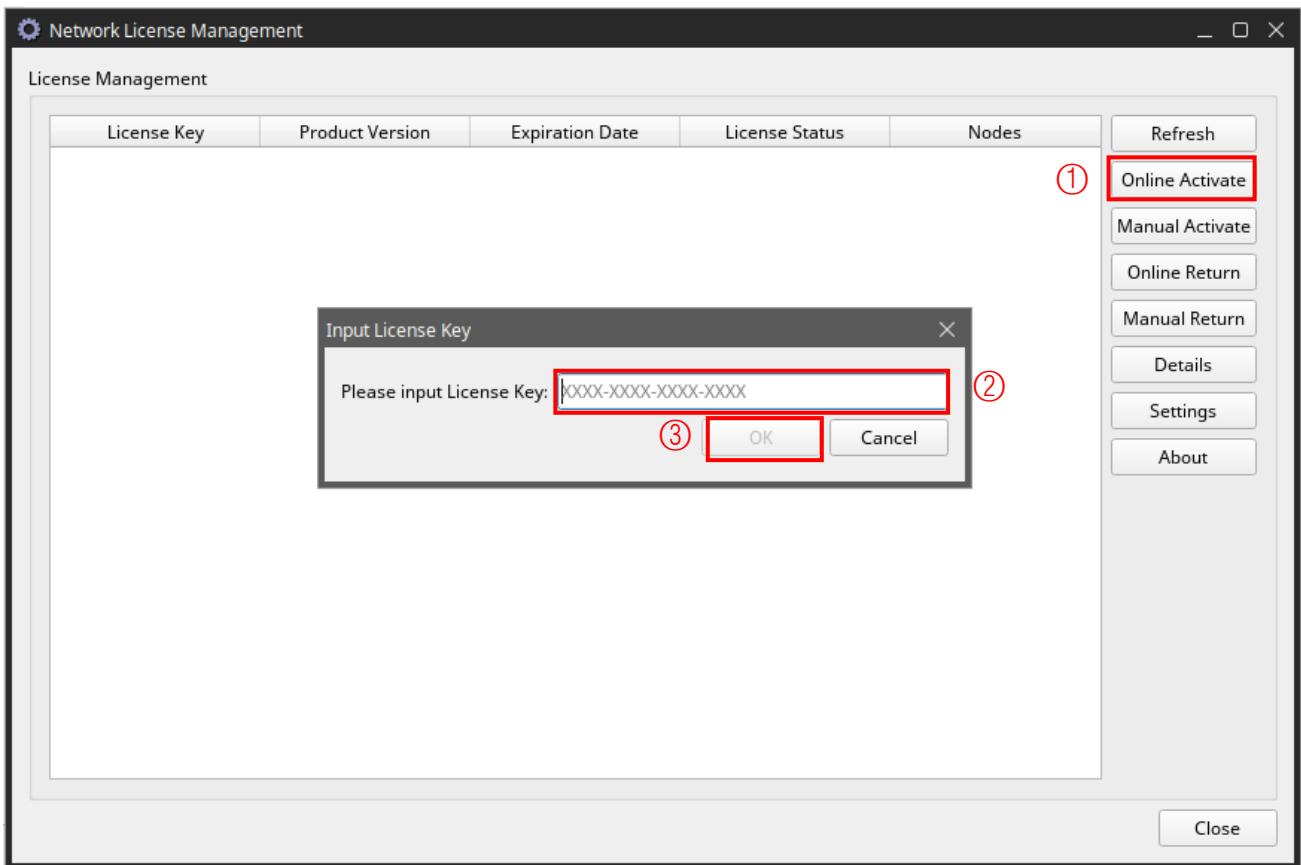
- Before the network activation, you need to specify a server computer to install [GstarCAD 2026 for Linux Network License Manager](#) to manage your network license. You can download the corresponding version of the GstarCAD 2026 for Linux Network License Manager Tool from our official website.
- After the installation is complete, find [glm-Setup](#) in the start menu and click it to start the [GstarCAD 2026 for Linux Network License Manager](#).

3) Activate:

##### ● Online Activation

If the server computer is already connected to the Internet, you can use the online activation method to activate your GstarCAD network license on the server.

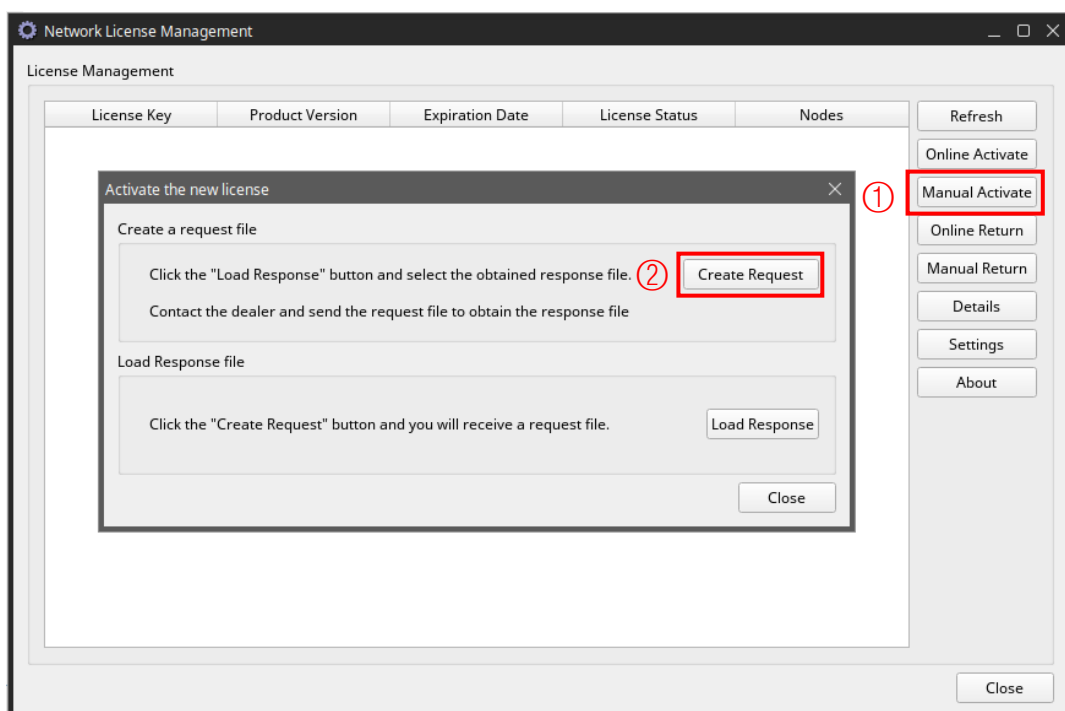
- Click the [Online Activate](#) button.
- Input the [license key](#) and click the [OK](#) button to activate.



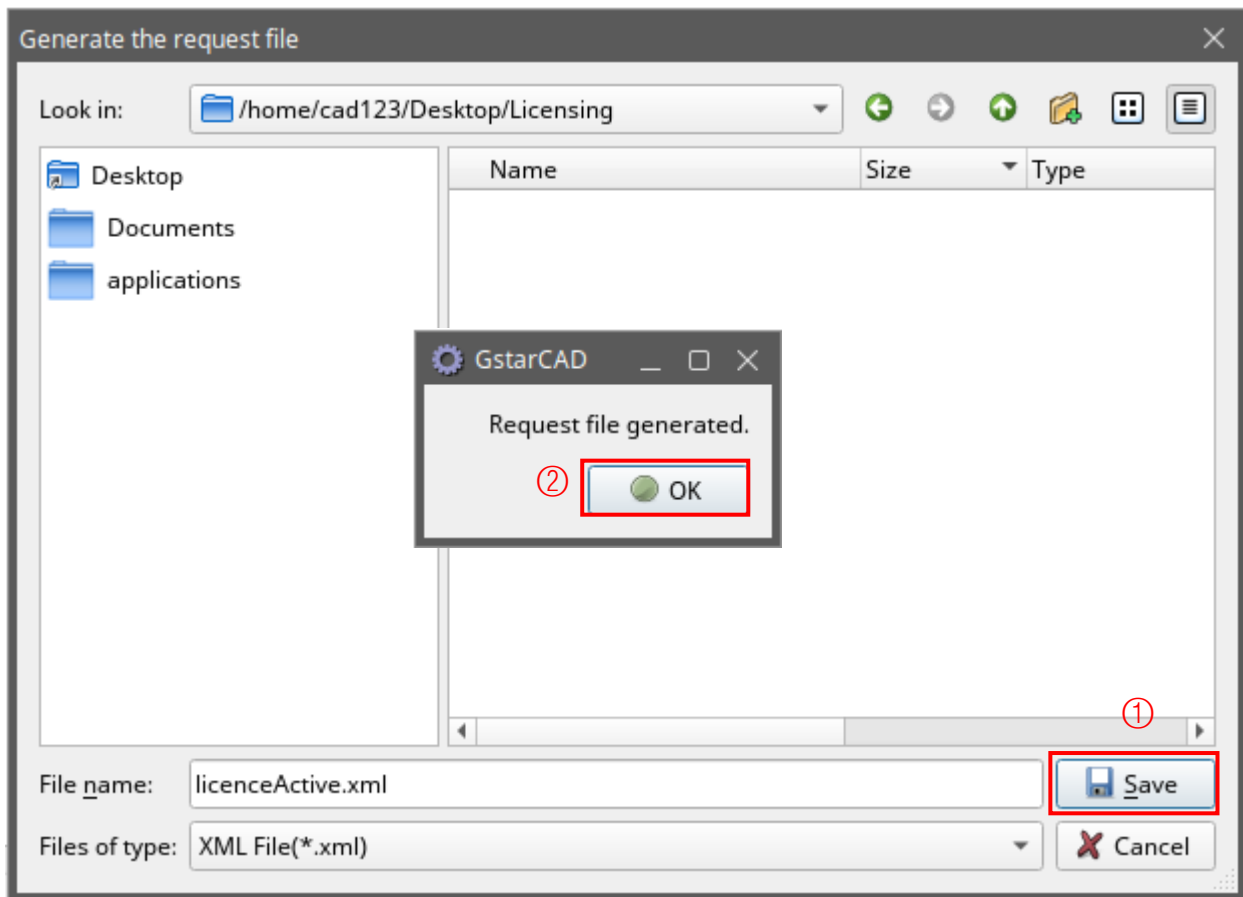
## ● Manual Activation

If the server computer is not connected to the Internet, you can use the manual activation method to activate your GstarCAD network license on the server.

- 1) Click the [Manual Activate](#) button;
- 2) Click the [Create Request](#) button to generate a request file in .xml format and save it.







- 3) There are 2 ways to acquire license file with the saved request file:

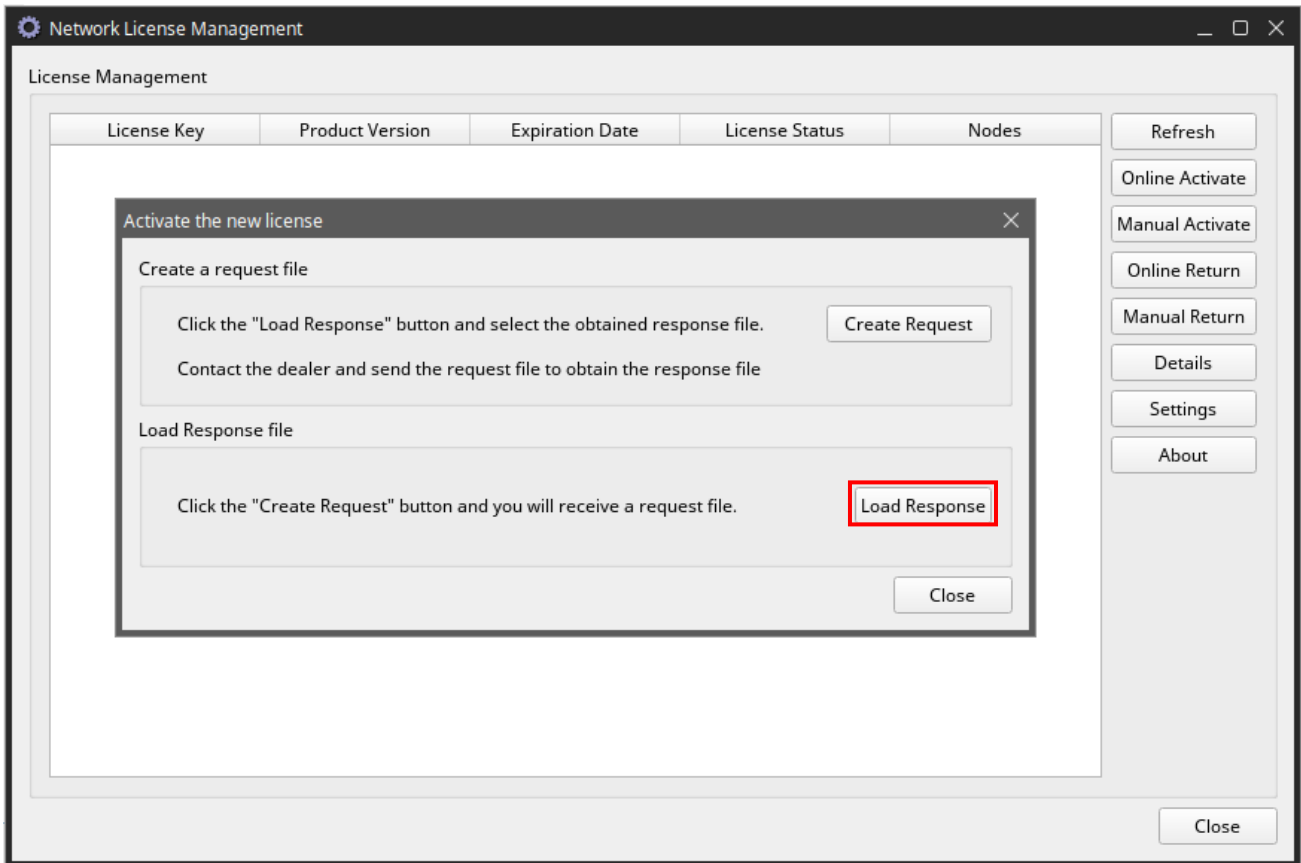
**Option 1: E-mail**

You can send the request file to your local GstarCAD distributor to get the license file.

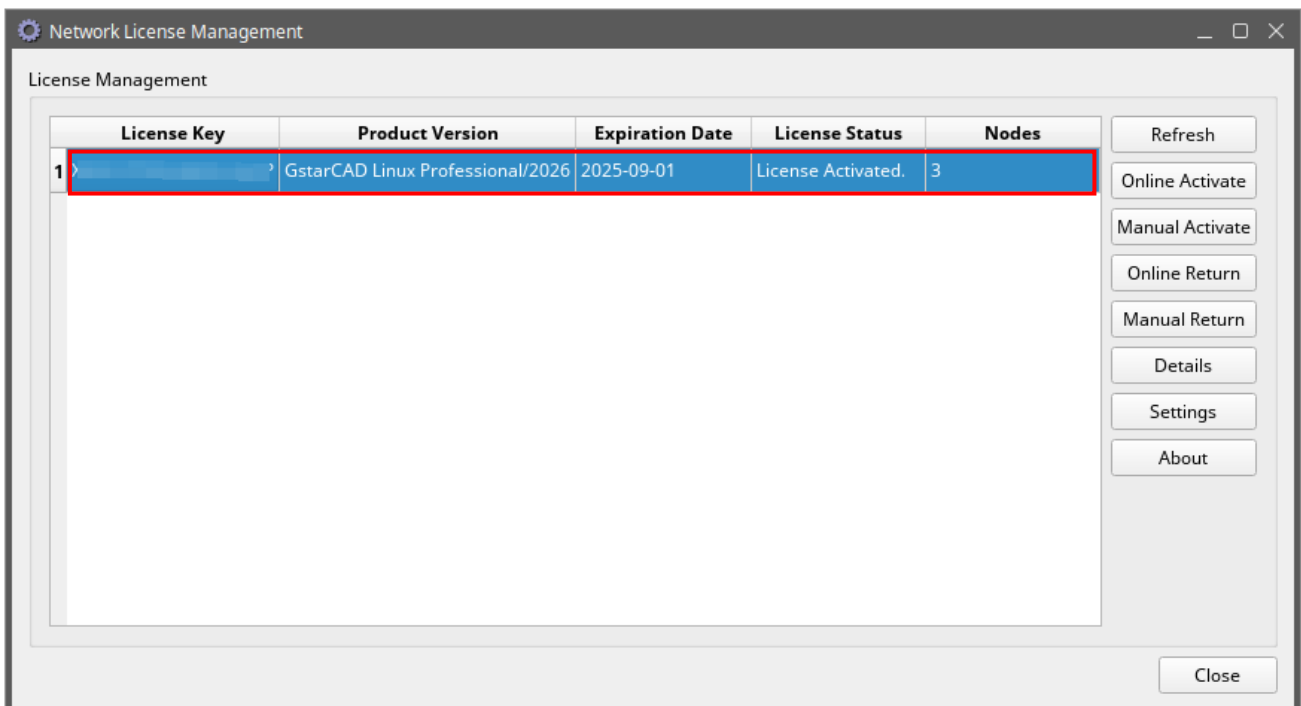
**Option 2: Online Service**

You can access GstarCAD online service center <https://license.gstarcad.net/> from any computer with internet connected to download the license file. The operation steps are the same as the section 2.1.2. Offline Activation.

- 4) Click the **Load Response** button to upload the response file in .xml format. The network license can be activated after uploading the file.



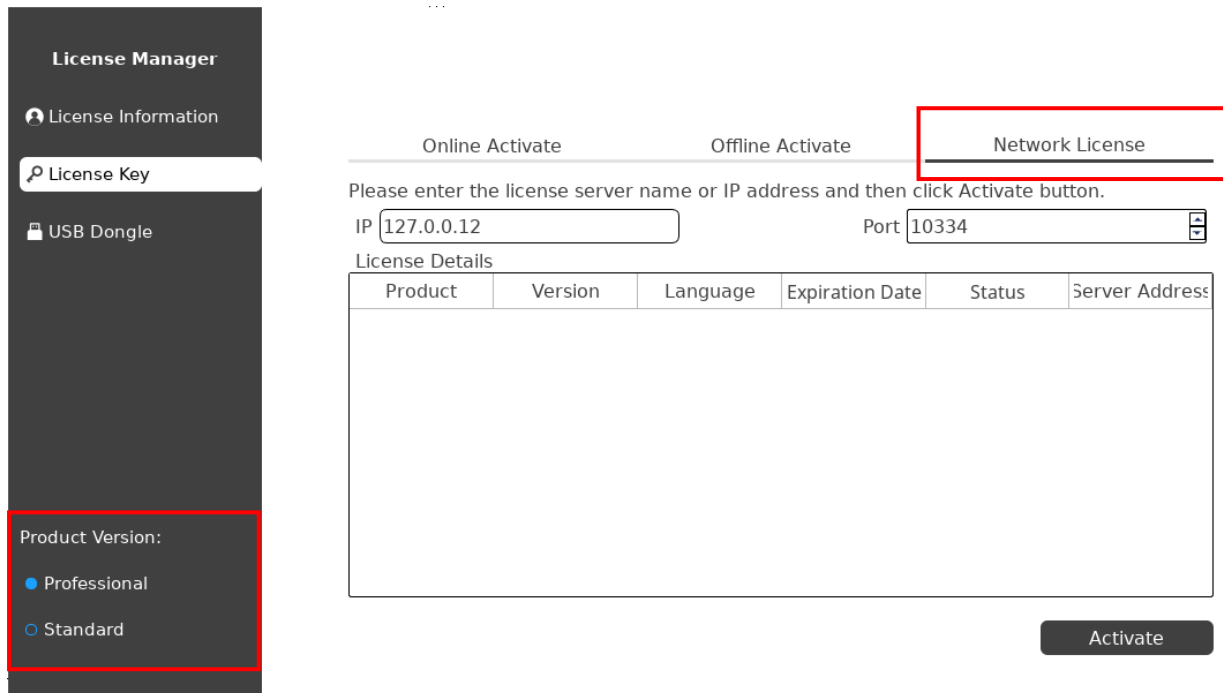
- 5) After successful activation, the product information will display. You can check the license key, product version, license expiration date, license status, number of nodes and other related information.



## 2. Client Activation

After GstarCAD network license key has been activated on the server computer, any client with the valid server IP and License Port can access to the server in the same LAN.

1. Click **Network License** from License Key and select the product version.



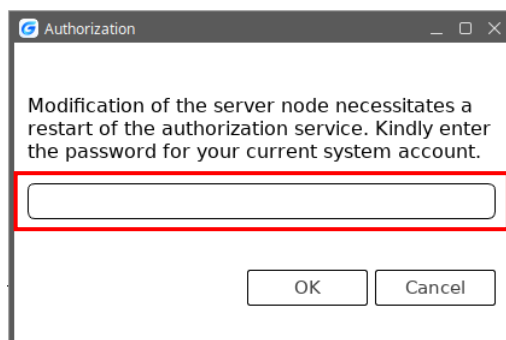
The screenshot shows the 'License Manager' window. On the left sidebar, 'License Key' is selected, and the 'Product Version' dropdown is open, showing 'Professional' (selected) and 'Standard'. The main panel has three tabs: 'Online Activate', 'Offline Activate', and 'Network License' (highlighted with a red box). Below the tabs, there is a text prompt: 'Please enter the license server name or IP address and then click Activate button.' Below this, there are input fields for 'IP' (containing '127.0.0.12') and 'Port' (containing '10334'). Below these fields is a table titled 'License Details' with columns: Product, Version, Language, Expiration Date, Status, and Server Address. The table is currently empty. At the bottom right, there is an 'Activate' button.

2. Input the server **IP address** and **Port number** of the server computer and click the **Activate** button.

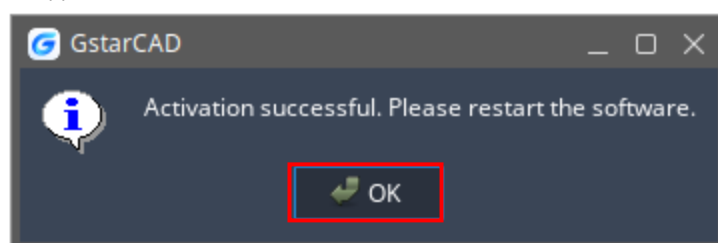


This screenshot is similar to the previous one, but the 'Product Version' dropdown is now closed. The 'IP' field contains '127.0.0.12' and the 'Port' field contains '10334'. Both input fields are highlighted with a red box. The 'Activate' button at the bottom right is also highlighted with a red box.

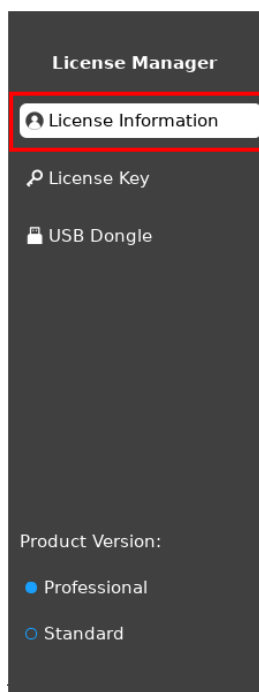
3. Please enter the password of your current system account in Authorization dialog box and click **OK** button.  
(When adding or deleting a server for the first time, you need to enter the computer password to restart the authorization service)



4. The following window will appear. Click the **OK** button to activate on client and restart the software to use it directly.



You can check the license information from in detail after activated.



Product Name:	GstarCAD 2026
Version:	Professional
Language:	en-WW
Expiration Date	2025-09-01
License Type:	Network License

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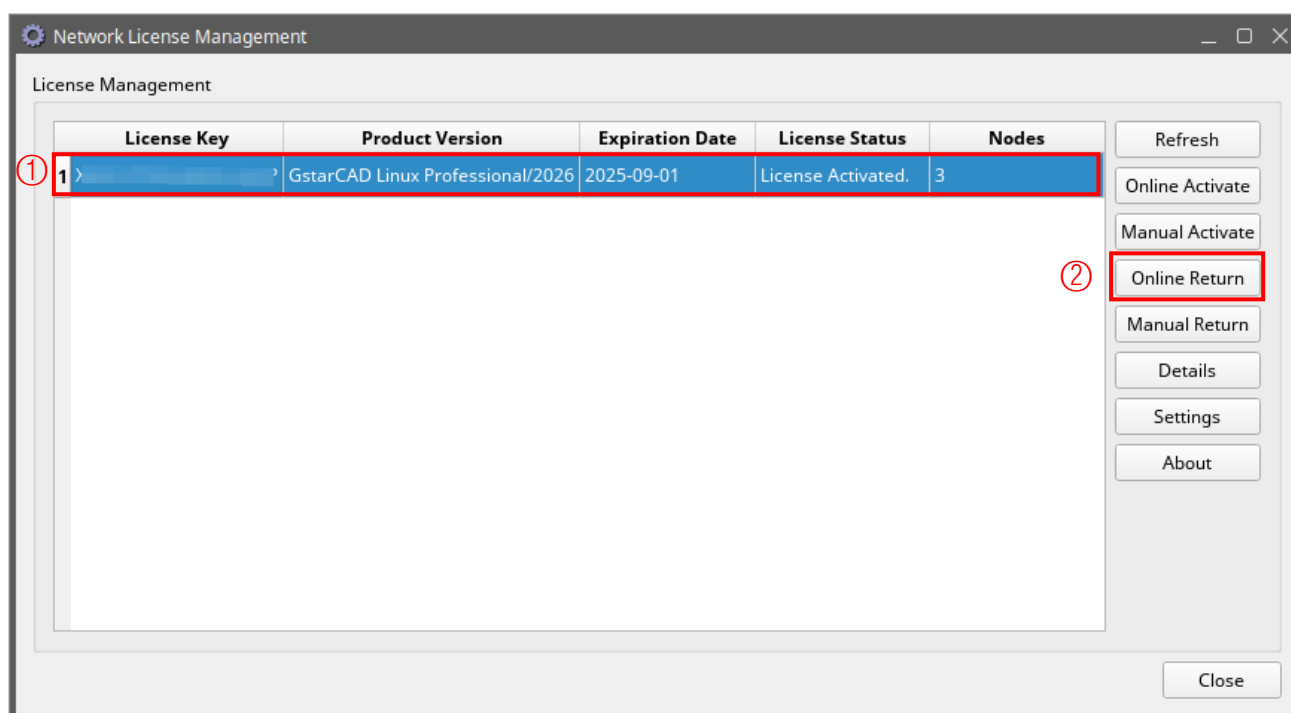
### 3.1.2. Network license Return

Network license supports online return and manual return the license.

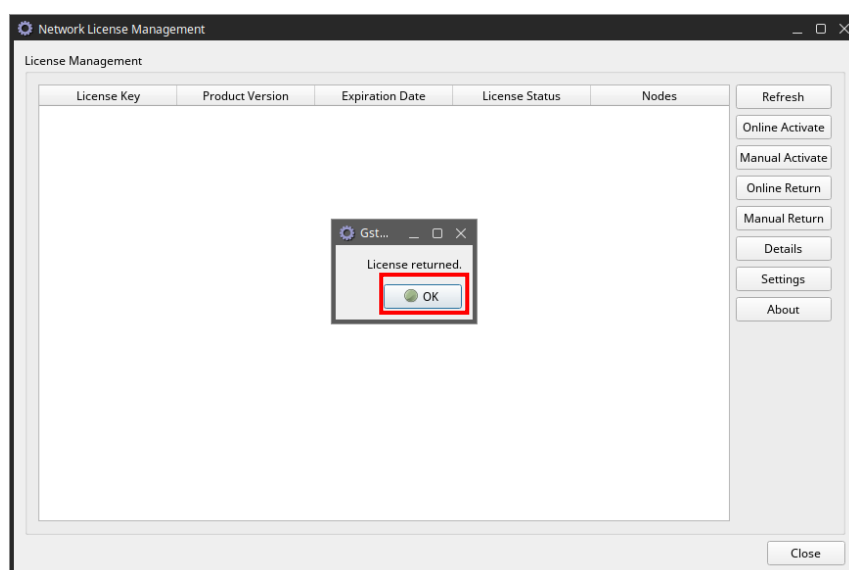
- **Online Return**

If the server computer is already connected to the Internet, you can use the online return method to return your Network license from server computer.

1. Select the license item to be returned and click the [Online Return](#) button.



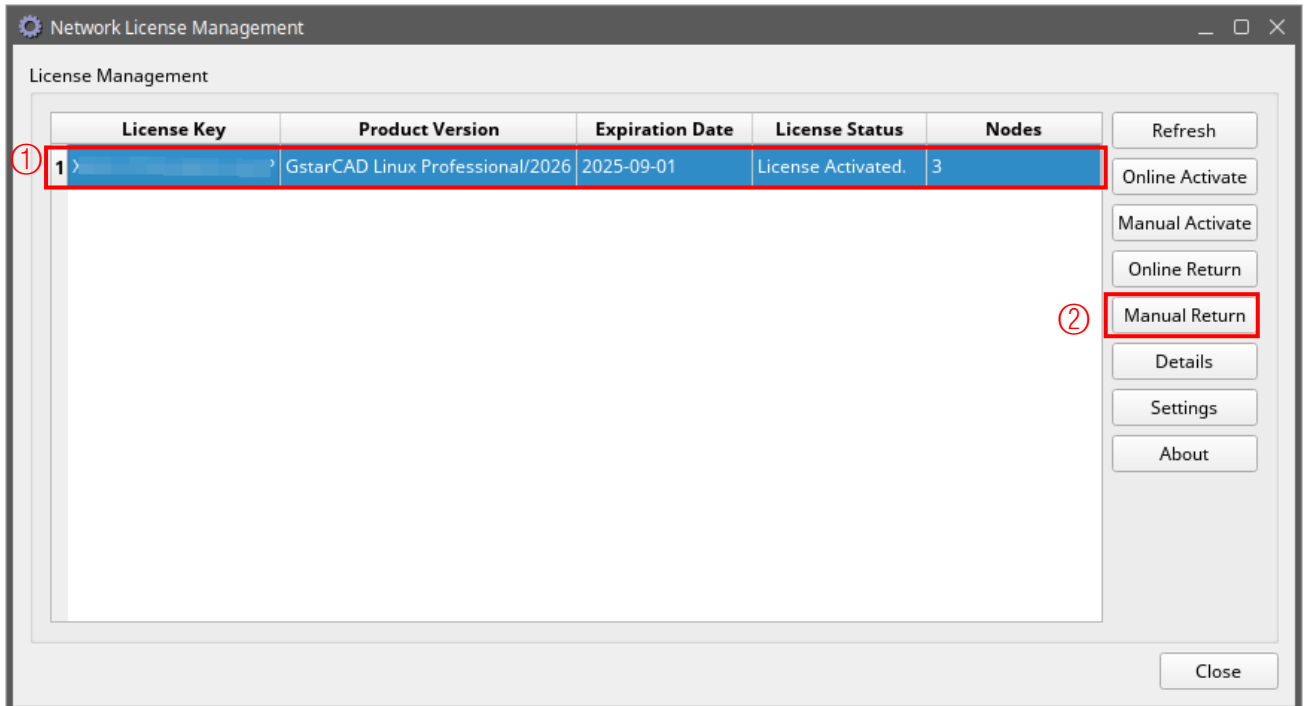
2. The following window will appear. Click the [OK](#) button to return the license. After the license is successfully returned, the license information disappears from the Network License Manager.



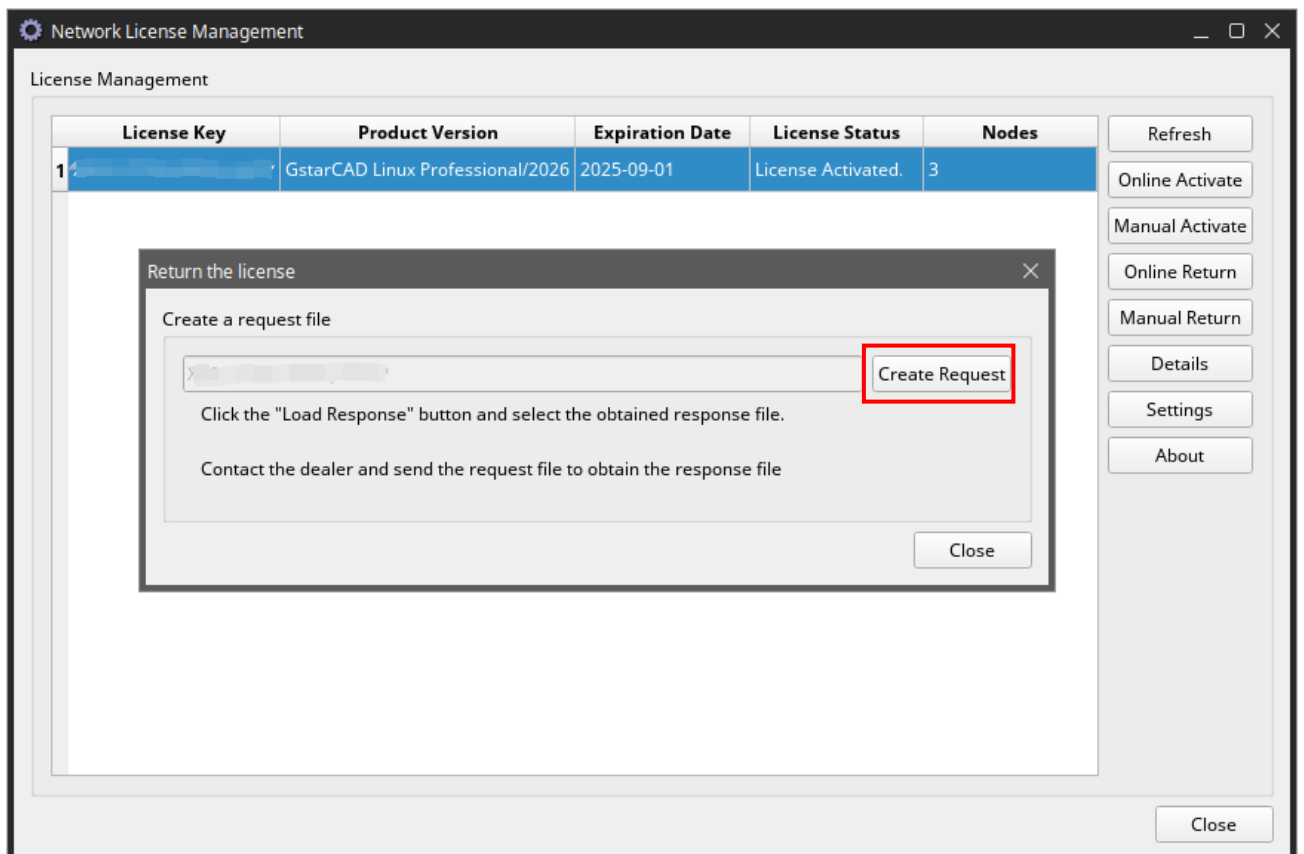
- **Manual Return**

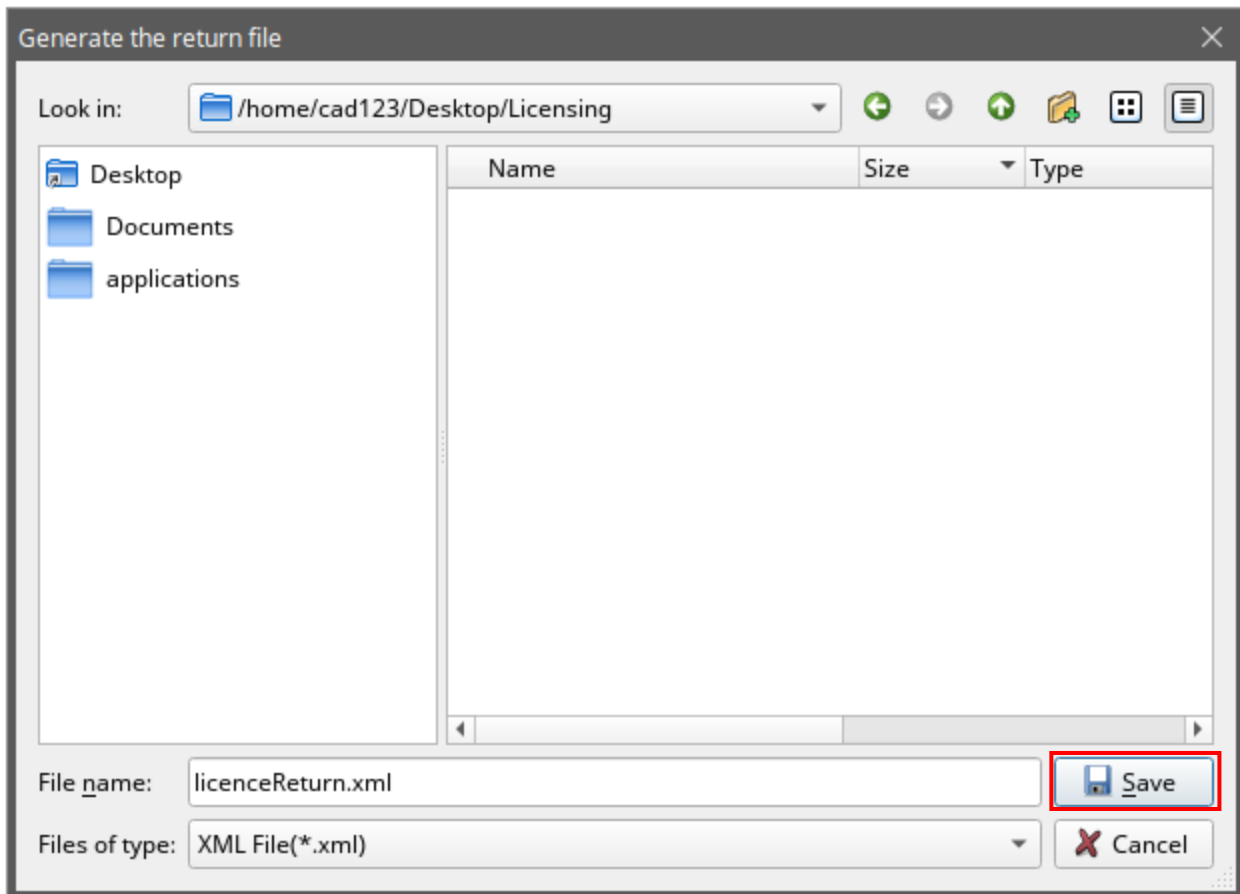
If the server computer is not connected to the Internet, you can use the manual return method to return your network license from server.

1. Select the license key to be returned and click the [Manual Return](#) button.

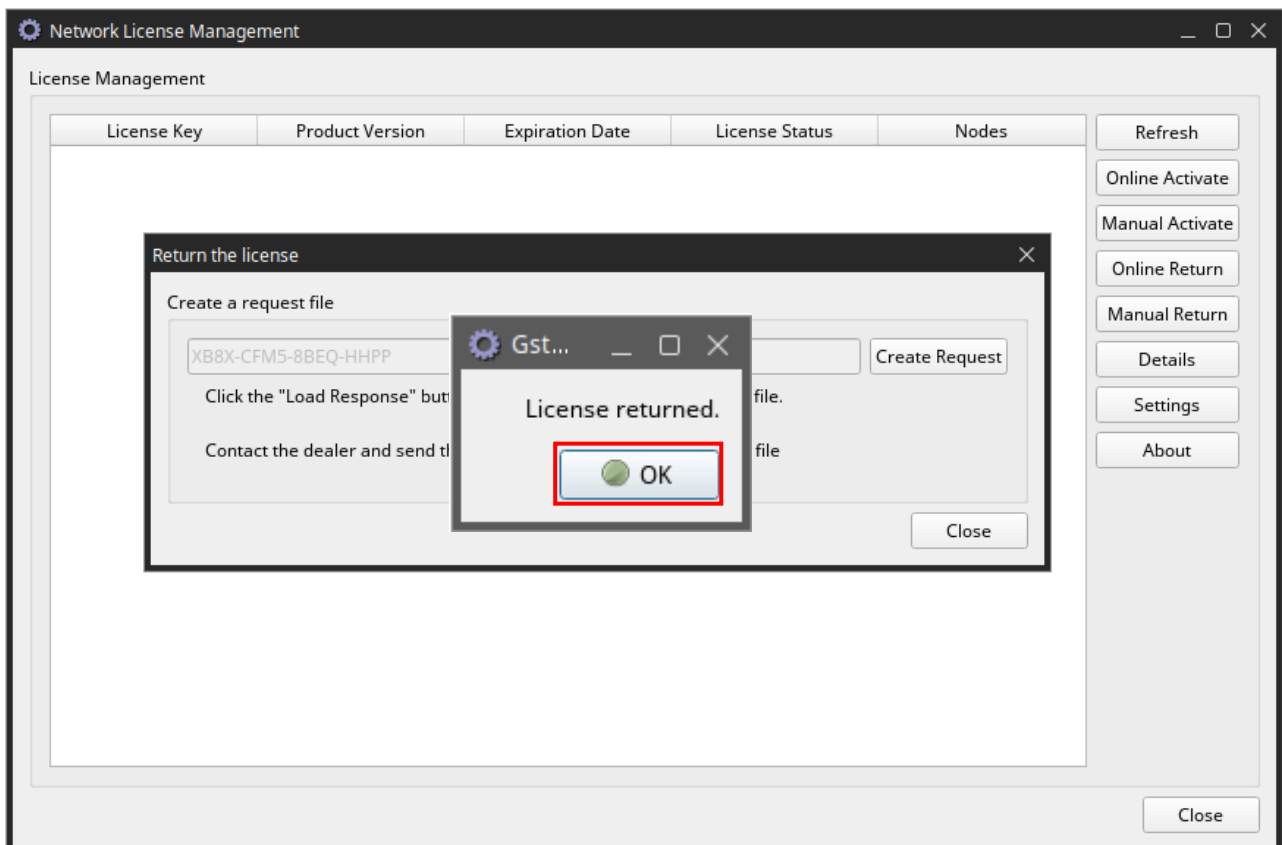


2. Click the [Create Request](#) button to generate a return file in .xml format and save the return file.





- Then the following window will appear. Click the **OK** button to return to the license, and the license information will disappear from the Network License Manager.



4. There are 2 ways to acquire license file with the saved request file:

**Option 1: E-mail**

You can send the request file to your local GstarCAD distributor to get the license file.

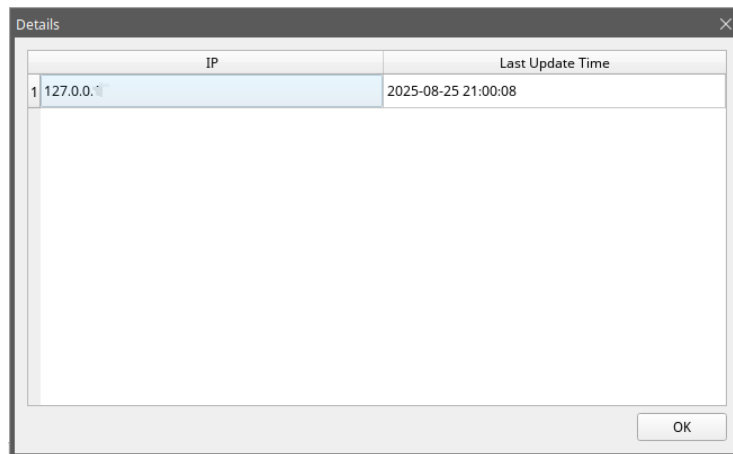
**Option2: Online Service**

You can access GstarCAD online service center <https://license.gstarcad.net/> from any computer with internet connected to download the license file. The operation steps are the same as the section 2.1.4. Offline Return.

### 3.1.3. Network License Key Management Tool

- **License Details**

You can view the user information that displays the licenses occupied by the connected server, including the user IP address and the most recent active time, as shown below.

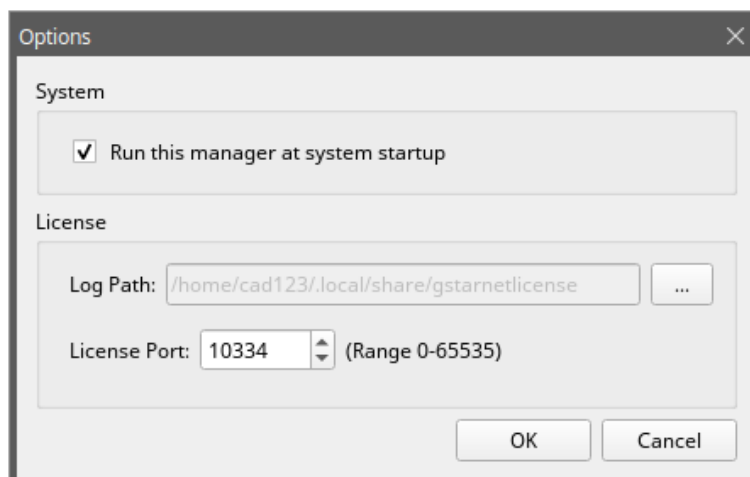


- **Settings**

The License Service Log path: Set it to a location that is writable by the LocalService, otherwise the license service will fail to run.

License Port: The valid range is given, just set it within the valid range.

Run this manager at system startup: This option is used to control whether the network license manager tool runs when the system starts, but it does not control the license service. If the license service has been created, even if you exit this network license manager tool, it will not affect the availability of the license.



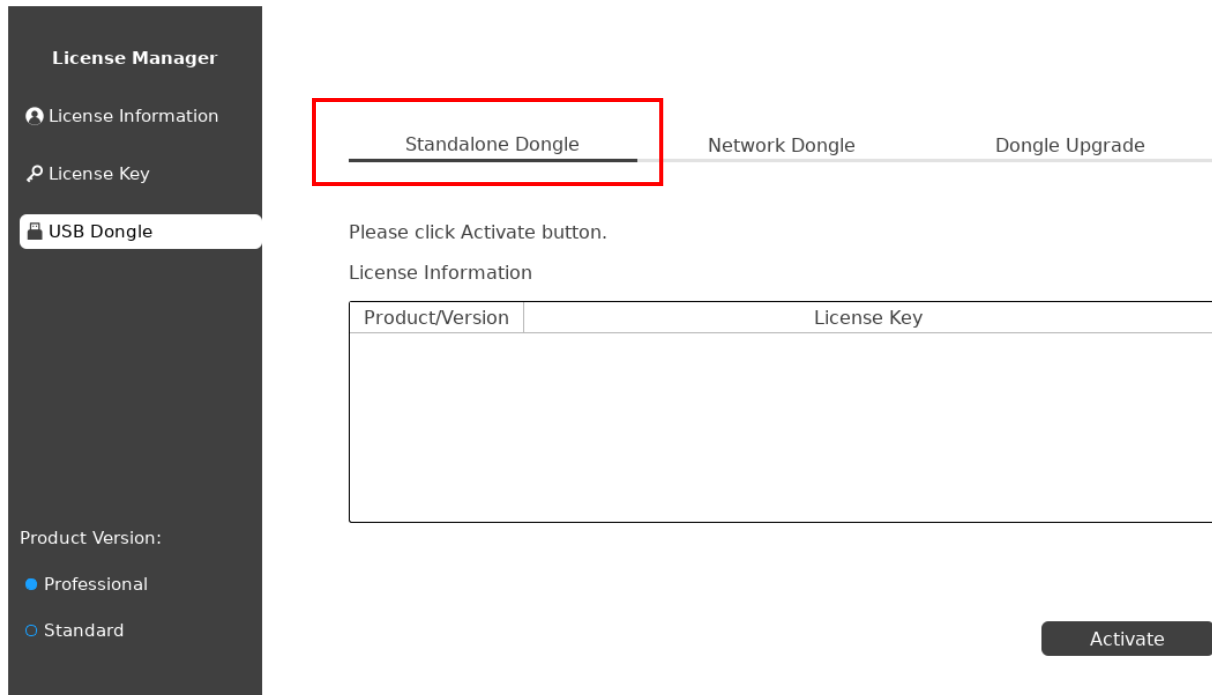


### 3. USB Dongle Activation

GstarCAD also provides Stand-alone USB Dongle and Network USB Dongle encryption modes.

**Standalone Dongle:** Activate GstarCAD 2026 for Linux via Standalone USB dongle connected to the computer.

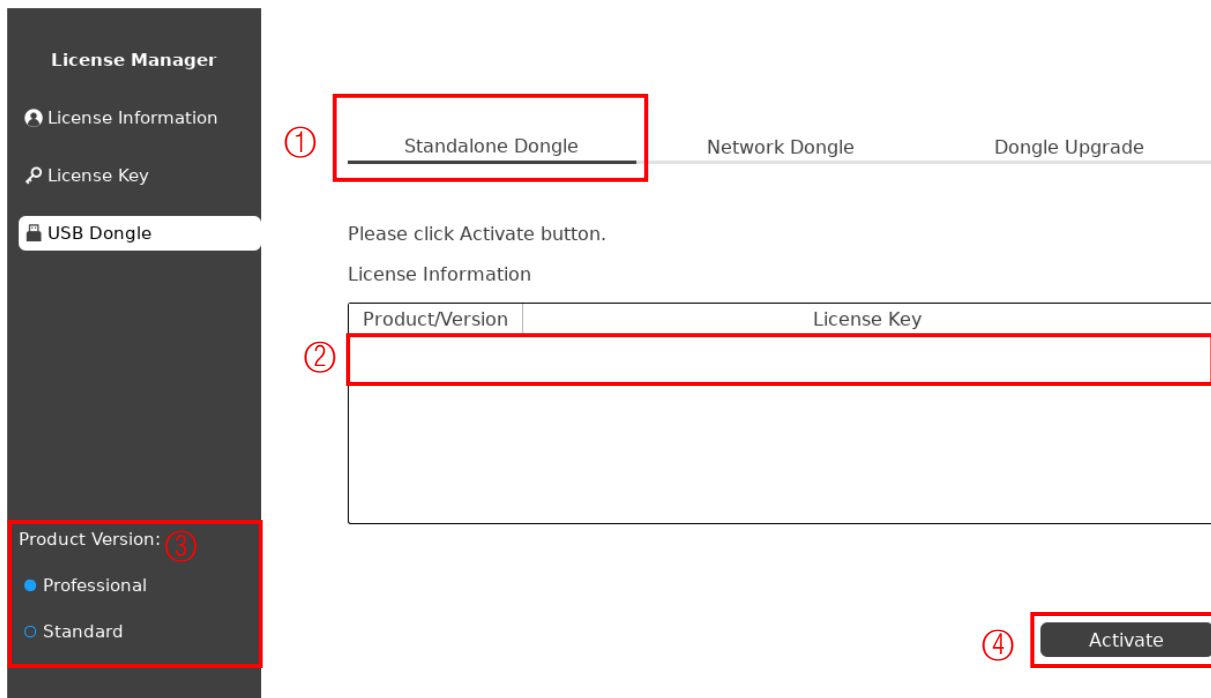
**Network Dongle:** Obtain license from server computer with a USB network Dongle inserted.



#### 3.1. Stand-alone Dongle

You need to insert your Stand-alone dongle with the corresponding software written into your computer to activate your GstarCAD 2026 for Linux.

- 1) Insert the Stand-alone Dongle into the USB interface of the computer and click the [Stand-alone Dongle](#).
- 2) Your Stand-alone Dongle information shows in the License Information, select it.
- 3) Choose the corresponding version and click the [Activate](#) button to activate the software.
- 4) Restart the software and you can use it directly. Be careful not to remove the Dongle when using GstarCAD, otherwise the activation will become invalid.



### 3.2. Network Dongle

Please make sure the Network Dongle drive is installed in the server computer. Insert your Network Dongle with the corresponding software written into the server computer (any computer in the LAN).

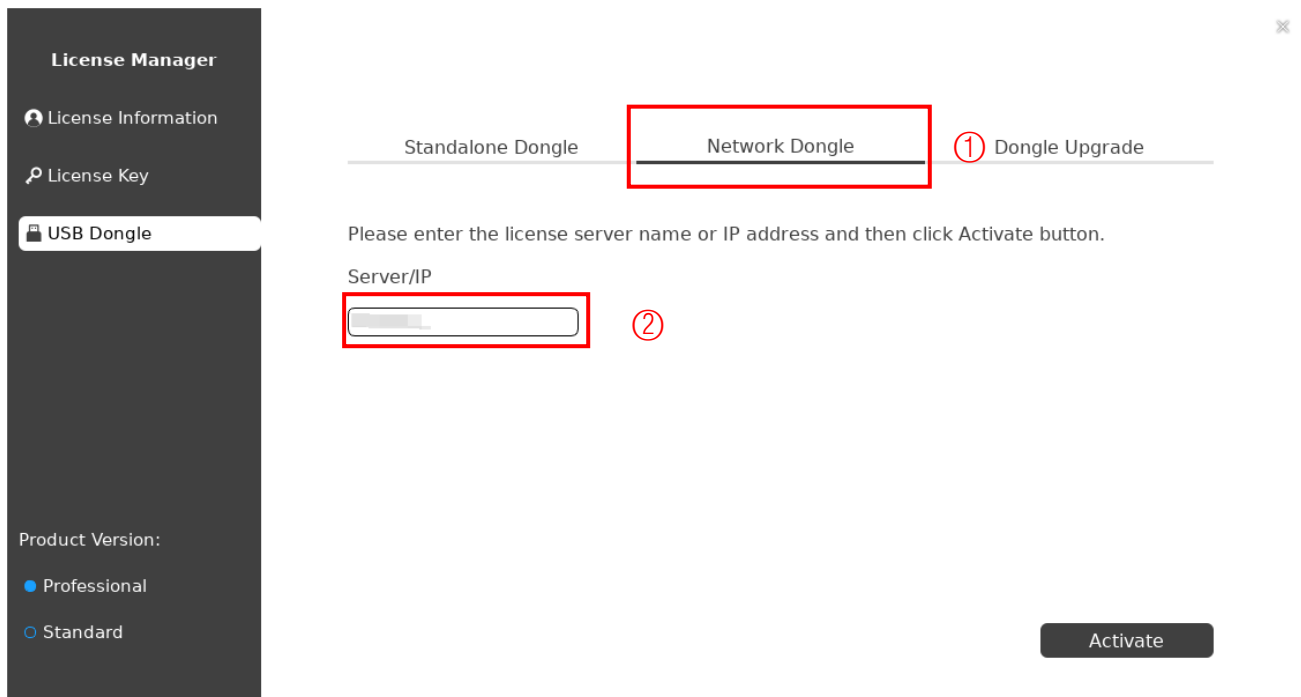
#### 1. Server side

- 1) Click the [Network Dongle](#) option;
- 2) Use the default IP address or input the real [IP address](#) of the current server computer and click the [Activate](#) button;
- 3) Restart the software and you can use it directly.

**Note:** The network on server computer cannot be disconnected during use. If it is disconnected and the network Dongle cannot be found, an abnormality may occur and the drawing cannot be saved.

#### 2. Client Activation

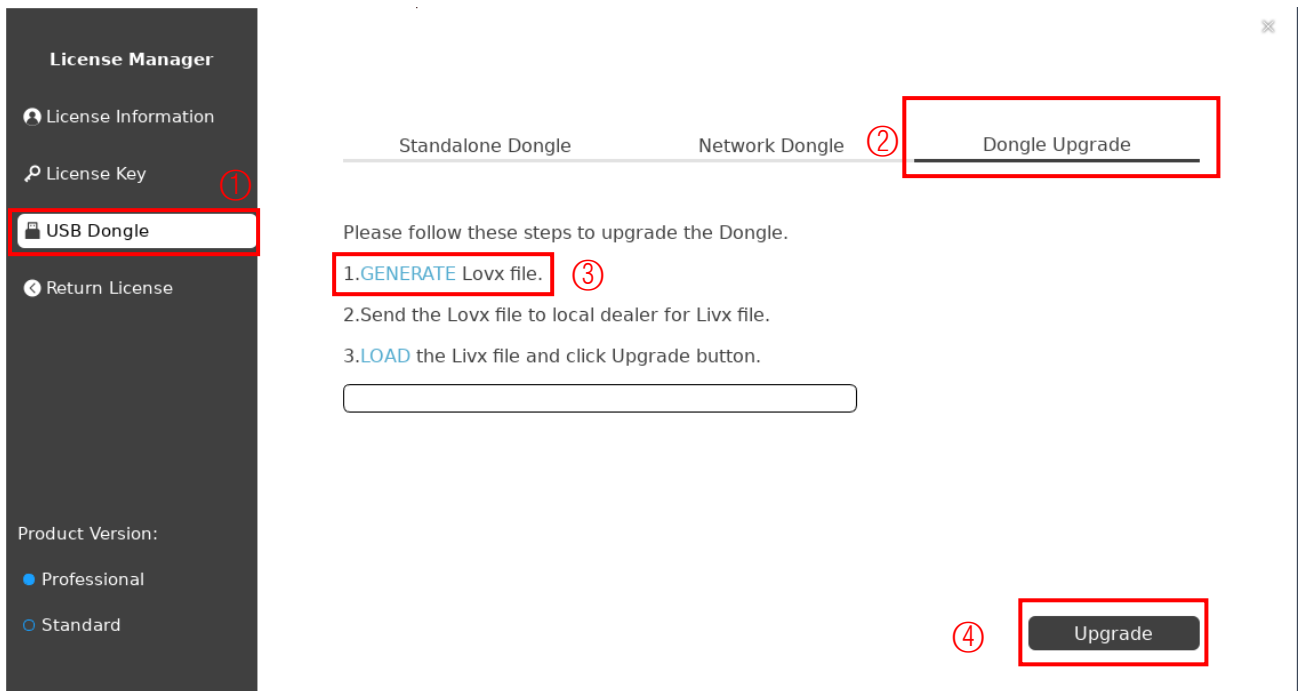
- 1) Click the [Network Dongle](#).
- 2) Specify server IP address, then click [Activate](#) button to activate your software at client.
- 3) Click the [Activate](#) button to activate your software at client.
- 4) Restart the software and you can use it directly.



### 3.3. Upgrading Dongle

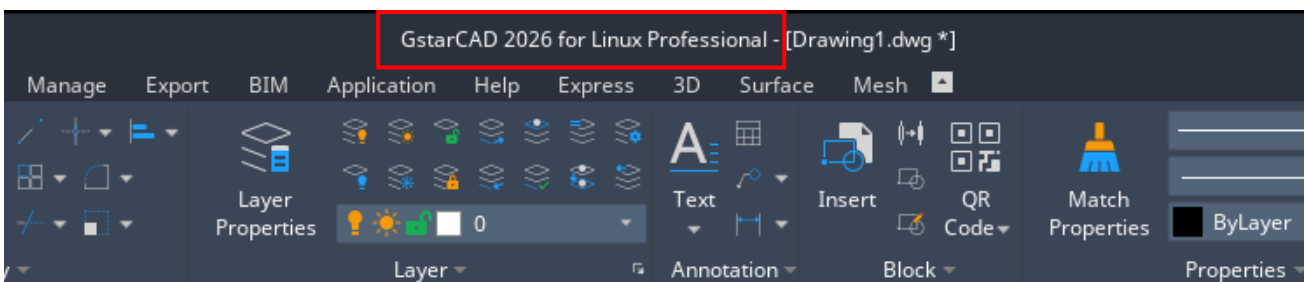
If your GstarCAD encryption mode is a Dongle and you have purchased the upgrade software, you need to upgrade the Dongle to activate the new version of the software. You can upgrade the Dongle by following the steps below.

- 1) Insert the Dongle into the USB interface of your computer, open the old version of the software, and click the [Upgrade Dongle](#).
- 2) Click the [Generate](#) button to generate the [LOVX](#) file and save it. Then send the [LOVX](#) file to your local dealer where you purchased the GstarCAD product/and get the [LIVX](#) file.
- 3) Download and install the new version of the software.
- 4) Open the new version of the software and click "Load" to load the LIVX file.
- 5) Click the "Upgrade" button to complete the upgrade.



#### 4. How to Check Whether GstarCAD is Activated

When you complete the activation, you can check from the top of the software to see the remaining days. If there is still a reminder of expiration or how many days are left, the activation is not successful. If it is displayed as below, it means that the activation is successful.





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