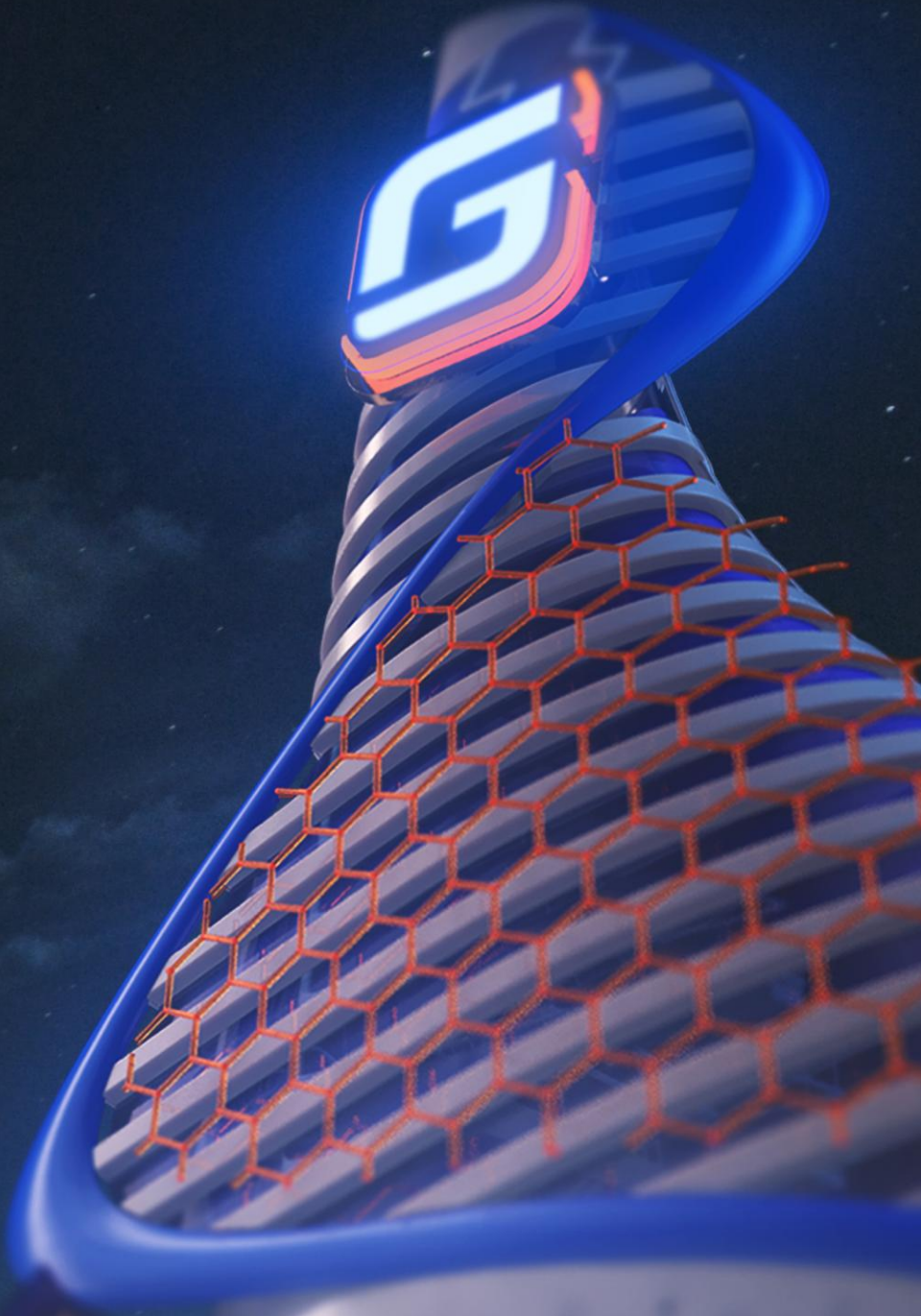




# *Activation and License Return Guide*

*PDF to DXF*



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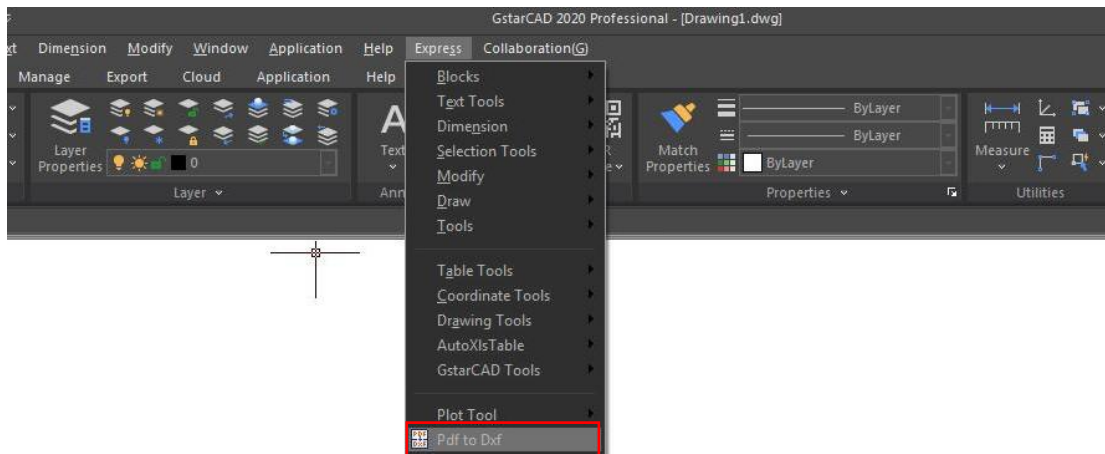


## PDF to DXF Activation and License Return

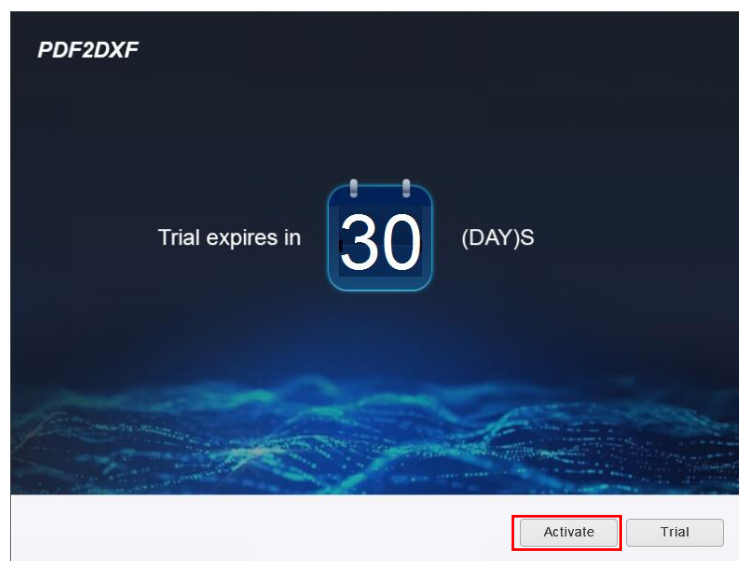
PDF to DXF is a third party application which could convert PDF file format to DXF file format. As a plug-in, PDF to DXF is not included in the current GstarCAD encryption system. You can activate it after 30 days free trial expired to enjoy the perpetual License.

### 1. PDF to DXF License Type

1. After you install GstarCAD 2020 and start up software, click PDF to DXF in Express tab.

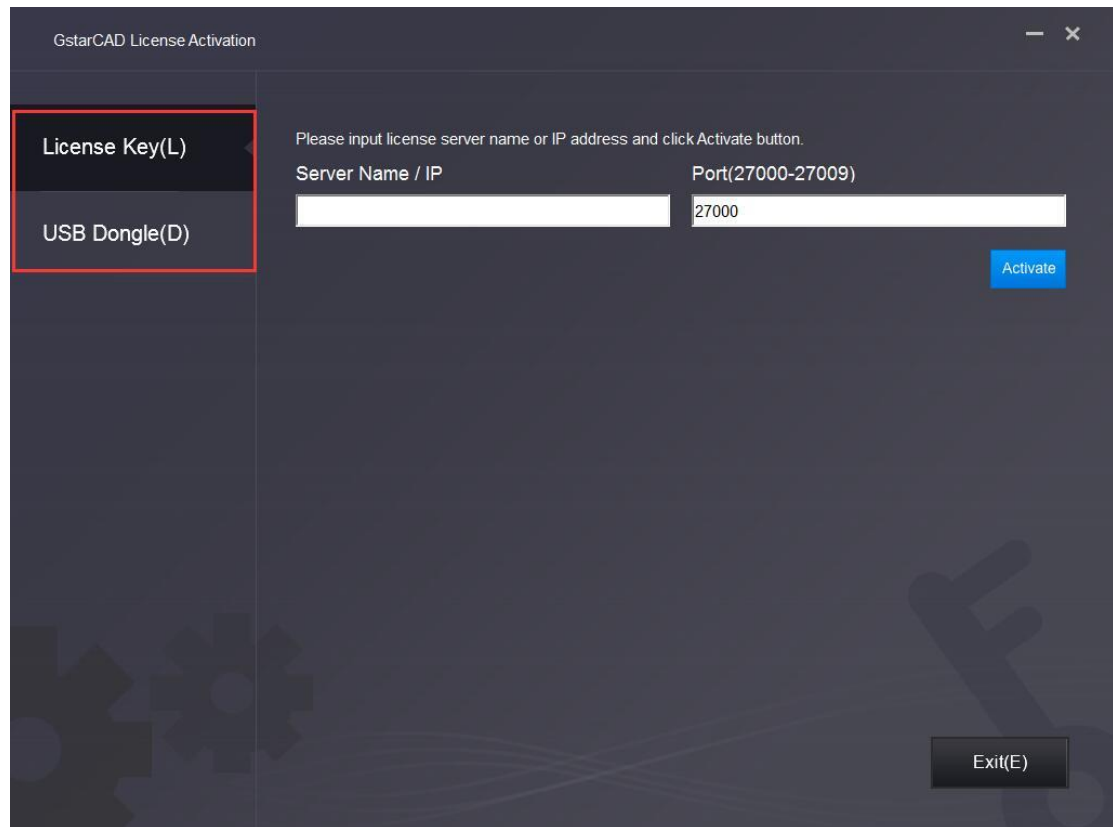


2. Then the following interface will pop up. After 30 days free trial, you need to activate it to use all the functionalities in PDF to DXF.



3. If you already have a valid license key or a USB dongle you can activate the software directly by selecting [Activate](#). Click [Activate](#) button to get a permanent license.

In the GstarCAD License Activation wizard, we provide 2 ways for you to activate PDF to DXF: [License Key](#) and [USB Dongle](#).



## 2. License Key Activation

You need a valid license key (serial number e.g. 662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030) to activate your PDF to DXF, or you can get/borrow a network license from an existing license server.

There are 4 activation types:

**Online Activation:** Activate license online

**Manual Activation:** Activate license manually

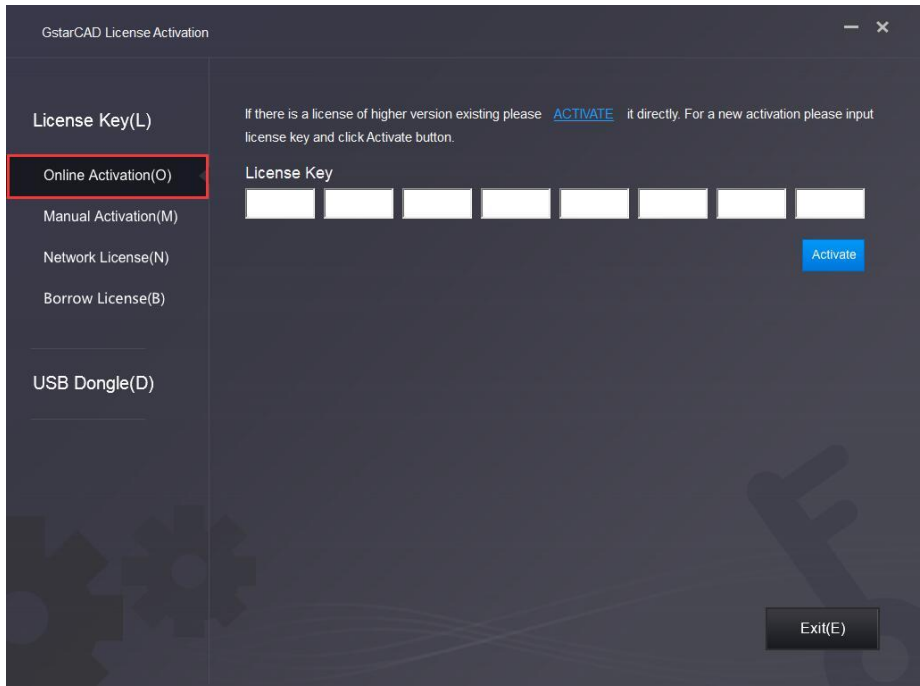
**Network License:** Get license from a network license server

**Borrow License:** Borrow license from a network license server

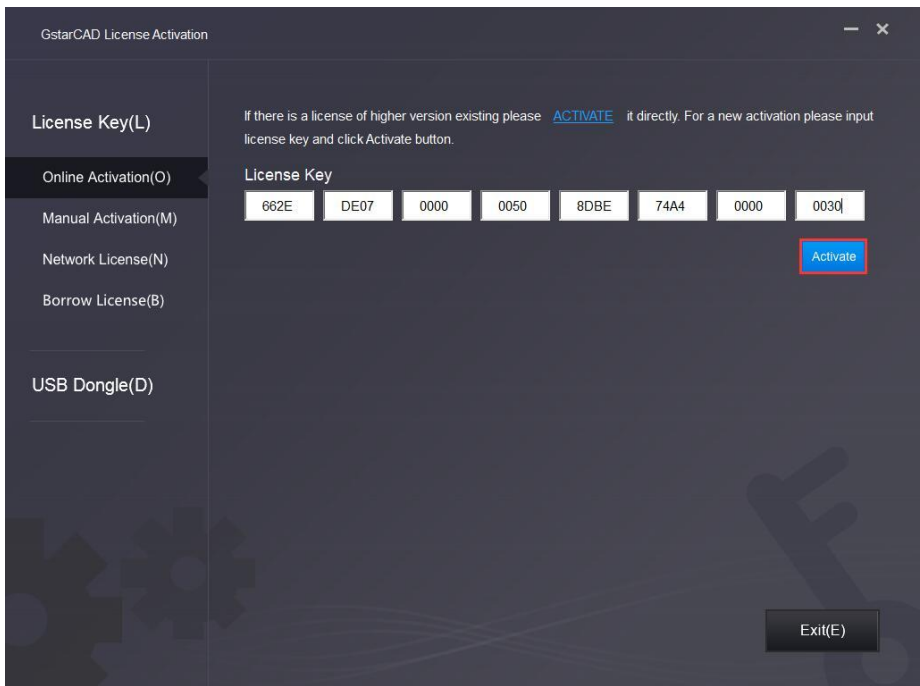
### 2.1. Standalone License key Online Activation

**Instruction:** Make sure your computer is connected to the internet.

1. Click [Online Activation \(O\)](#) under License Key (L).



2. Input your license key (serial number) and click the [Activate](#) button.



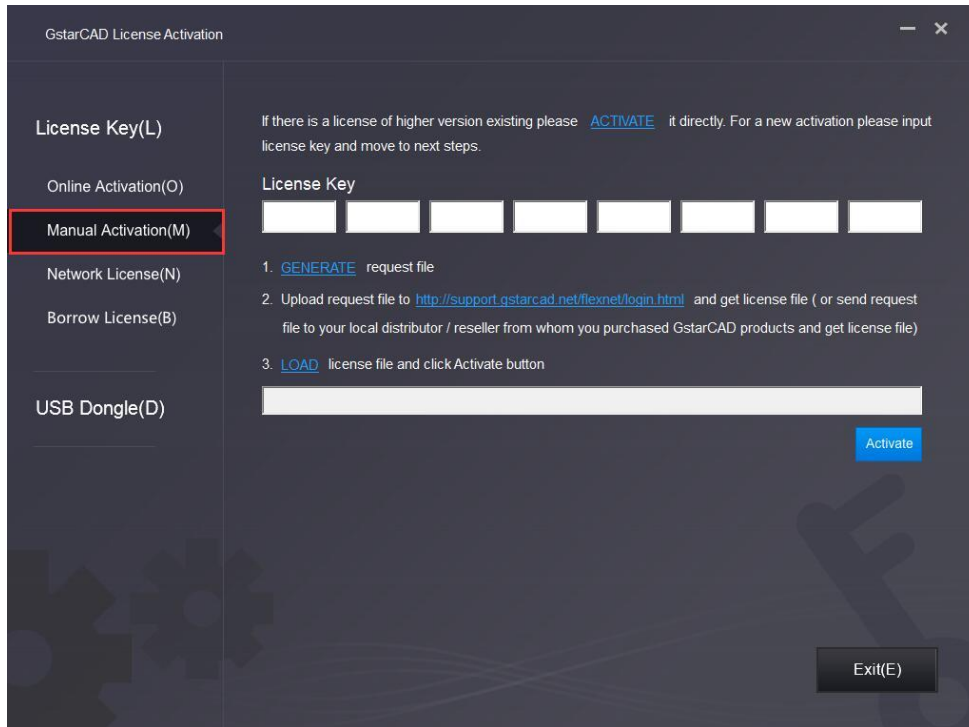
3. After a few seconds the following message appears. Click [OK](#) button to finish the activation.



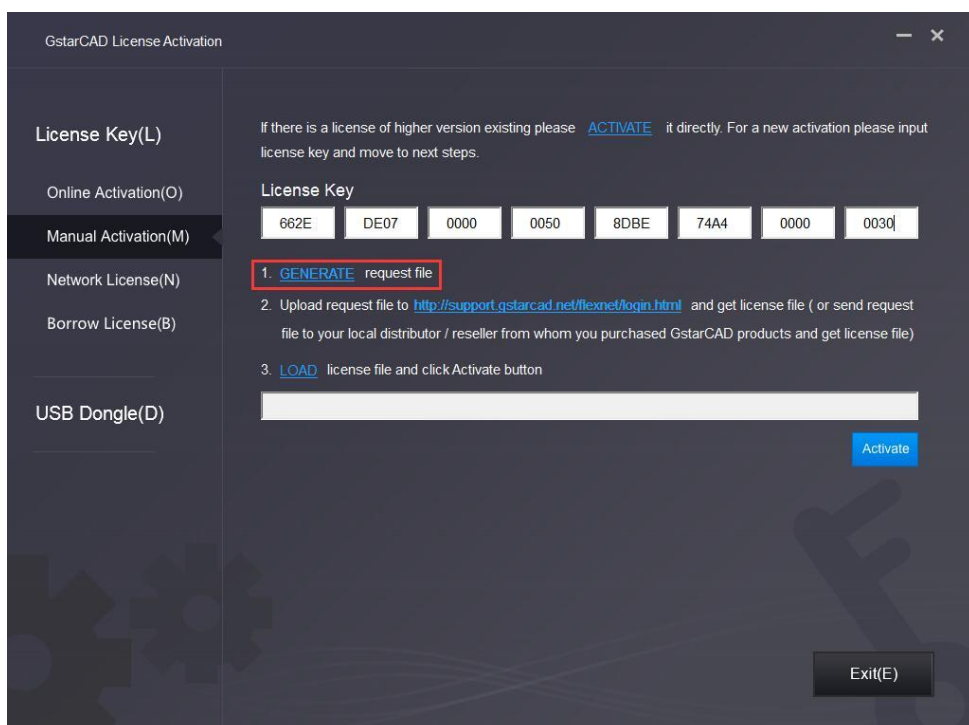
## 2.2. Standalone License Key Manual Activation

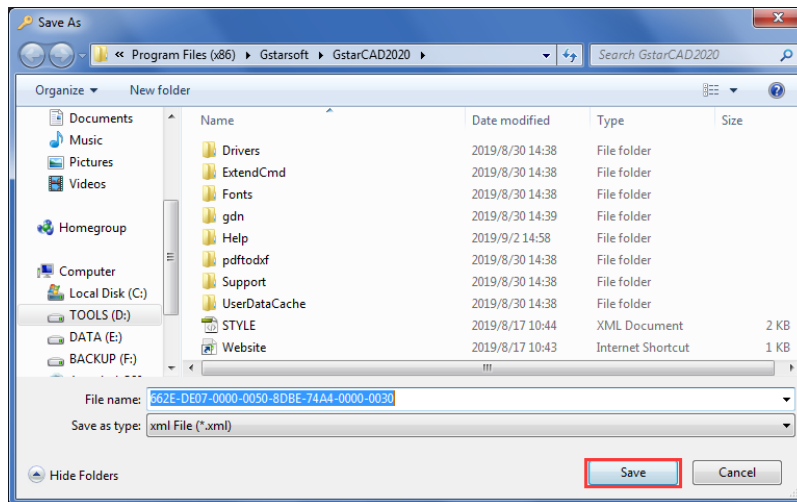
**Instruction:** If your computer is not connected to the internet, you can use activation file (xml file) to activate your PDF to DXF manually.

1. Click **Manual Activation (M)** under License Key(L).



2. Input your license key (serial number) and click the **GENERATE** button to get the request file and save it.





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

**Option 1: E-mail**

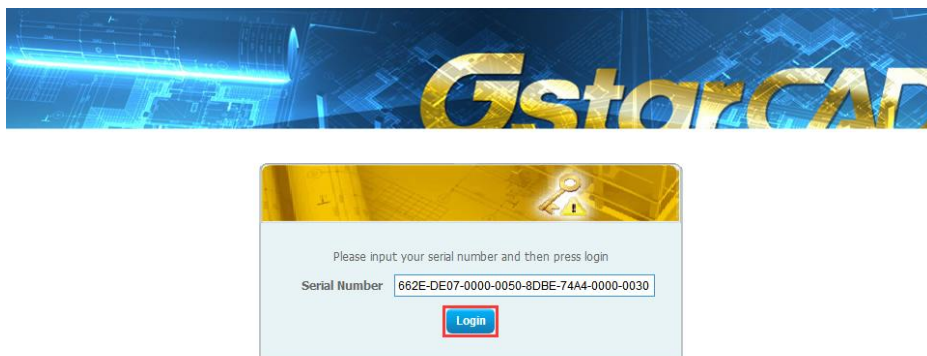
You can send the request file from any computer with internet connected to your local GstarCAD distributor to get the license file.

**Option 2: Online Service**

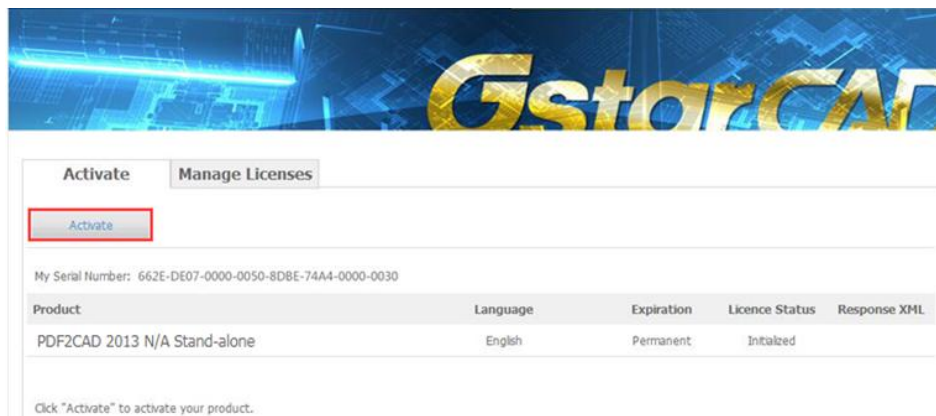
You can access GstarCAD online service center from any computer with internet connected to download the license file.

(1) Login to GstarCAD online service center: <http://support.gstarcad.net/flexnet/login.html>

(2) Input your license key (serial number) and click the **Login** button to continue.



(3) Click the **Activate** button to continue.

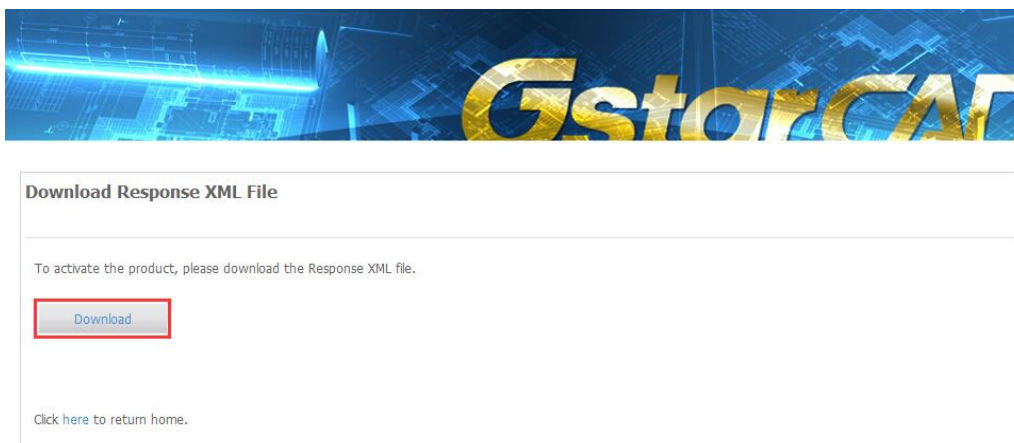


(4) Click the **Choose File** button and select the request file you have saved and click the **Submit** button to continue.



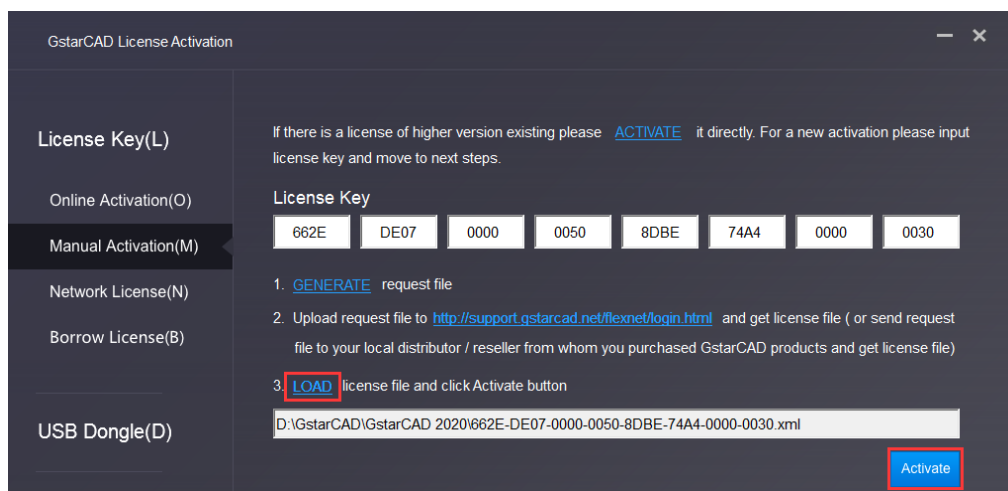
The image shows a web interface for GstarCAD activation. At the top is a blue banner with the GstarCAD logo in gold. Below the banner is a form titled "Activation". The form contains a text input field with the license key "662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030". Below this is a "Request XML file" label, a "Choose File" button, and a text input field containing the filename "662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030.xml". Below the filename is a line of text: "Generate the trusted storage activation request as a XML file on the client machine. Load that file here." At the bottom of the form is a "Submit" button.

(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.



The image shows a web interface for downloading the response XML file. At the top is a blue banner with the GstarCAD logo in gold. Below the banner is a form titled "Download Response XML File". The form contains a text input field with the license key "662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030". Below this is a "Download" button. Below the button is a line of text: "Click here to return home."

4. Back to your computer and find out GstarCAD License Activation wizard, please click the **LOAD** button and select the license file you have just downloaded and saved from another computer, and then click the **Activate** button.



The image shows the GstarCAD License Activation wizard. The window title is "GstarCAD License Activation". On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: "License Key(L)", "Online Activation(O)", "Manual Activation(M)", "Network License(N)", "Borrow License(B)", and "USB Dongle(D)". The "Manual Activation(M)" option is selected. The main area contains instructions: "If there is a license of higher version existing please **ACTIVATE** it directly. For a new activation please input license key and move to next steps." Below this is a "License Key" section with a grid of input fields containing the license key: "662E", "DE07", "0000", "0050", "8DBE", "74A4", "0000", "0030". Below the grid are three numbered steps: "1. **GENERATE** request file", "2. Upload request file to <http://support.gstarcad.net/flexnet/login.html> and get license file ( or send request file to your local distributor / reseller from whom you purchased GstarCAD products and get license file)", and "3. **LOAD** license file and click Activate button". Below the steps is a text input field containing the file path "D:\GstarCAD\GstarCAD 2020\662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030.xml". At the bottom right is an "Activate" button.



5. After a few seconds the following message window appears. Click the **OK** button to finish the activation.



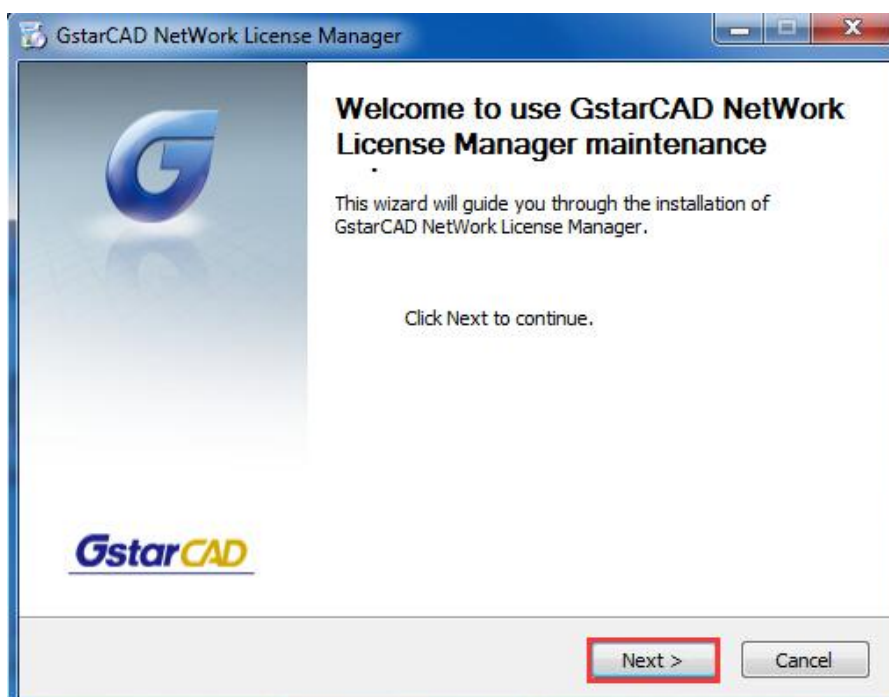
## 2.3. Network License Key Activation

Network Activation enables you to share a number of PDF to DXF licenses on your office LAN. It gives flexibility of license floating among a working group. Before the network installation, the following confirmation is required:

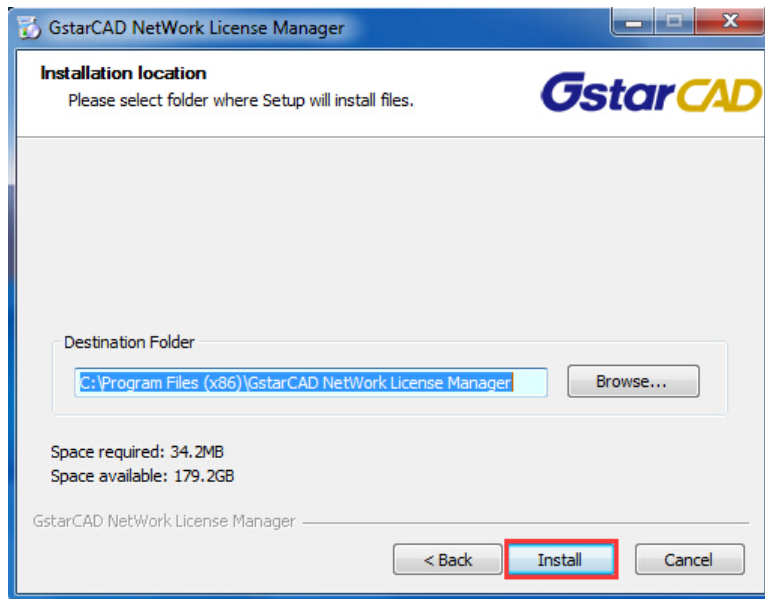
1. Information of product you want to purchase, including version language, version type and the quantity of licenses.
2. Specify server computer to install and execute GStarLMS.exe.

### 2.3.1. Network License Manager Installation

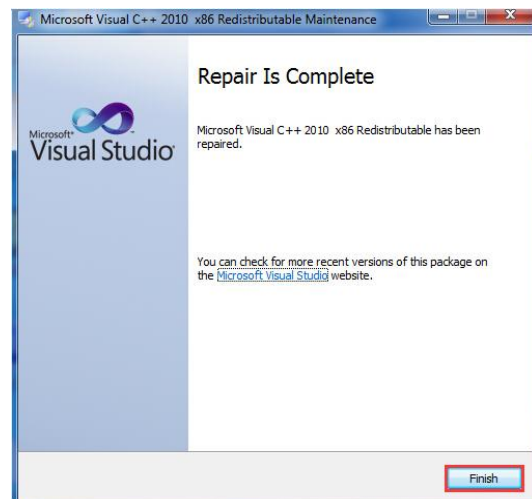
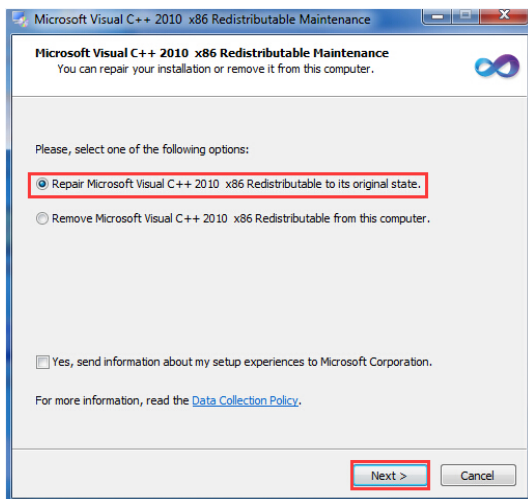
1. If it is your first time to install GstarCAD Network License Manager, please follow the steps below:
  - (1) Double click [GstarCAD\\_LMS](#) on the specified server computer, the following window opens, Click **Next** to specify the installation directory of GstarCAD Network License Manager.



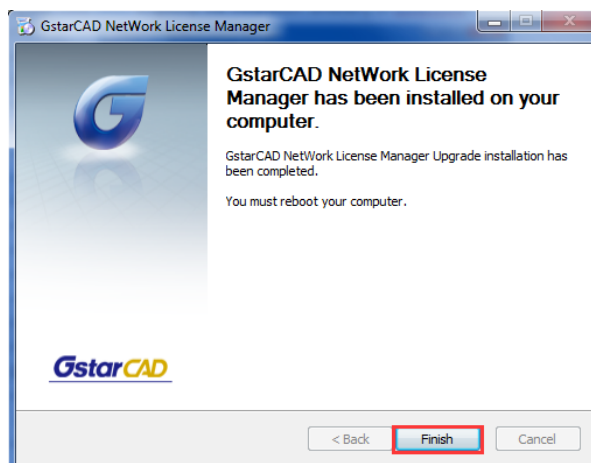
- (2) Click Install after specifying the directory.



- (3) Check the first option in the window below, click Next and Finish to finish programming language maintenance.



- (4) Click Finish to complete the GstarCAD Network License Manager installation.



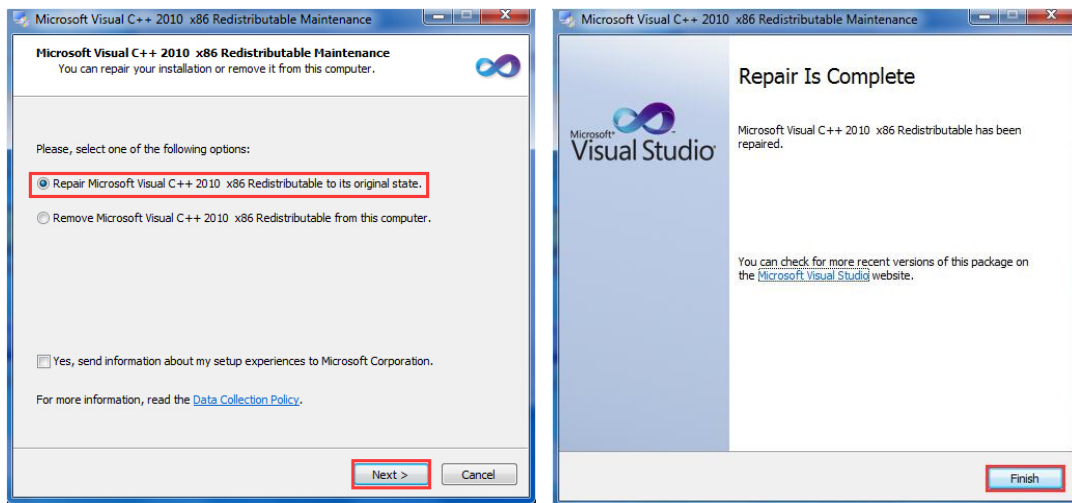
2. If you installed GstarCAD Network License Manager before, please follow the steps below:
- (1) Double click [GstarCAD\\_LMS](#) on the specified server computer, the following window opens, click [Next](#) to continue.



- (2) Click [Upgrade](#) and click [Next](#) to continue [GstarCAD Network License Manager](#) upgrading.



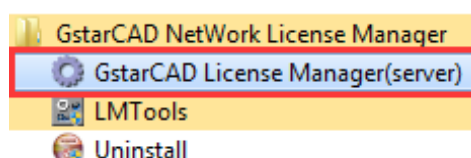
(3) Check the first option in the window below, click **Next** and **Finish** to finish programming language maintenance.



(4) Click **Finish** to complete the **GstarCAD Network License Manager** installation.



3. After the installation is finished, a utility program group called **GstarCAD Network License Manager** is added to Windows Programs in which you will find:



**GstarCAD License Manager (server):** Managing the list of licenses on the server computer.

**LMTools:** A tool which is used to manage license server for network.

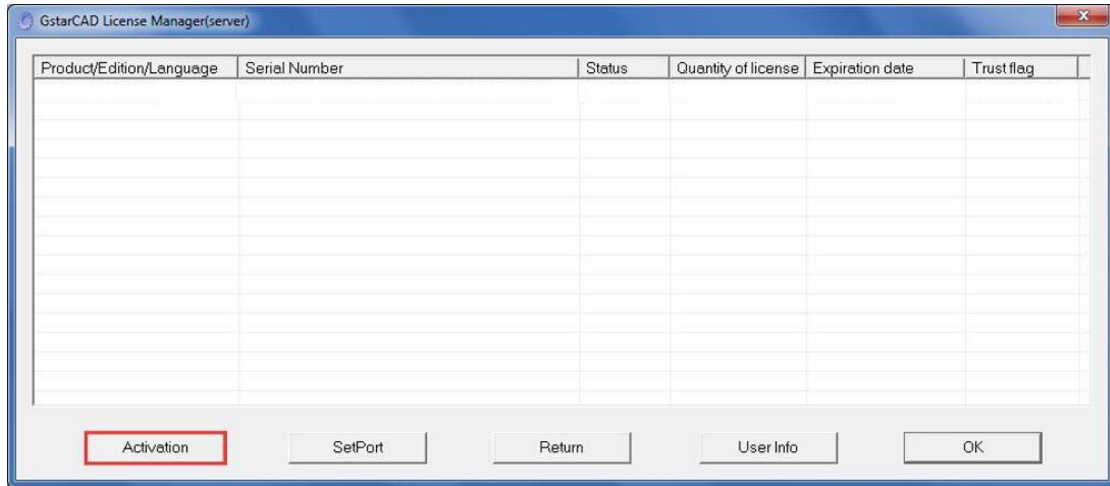
**Uninstall:** Uninstall program.

Click **GstarCAD License Manager (server)** to set license server.

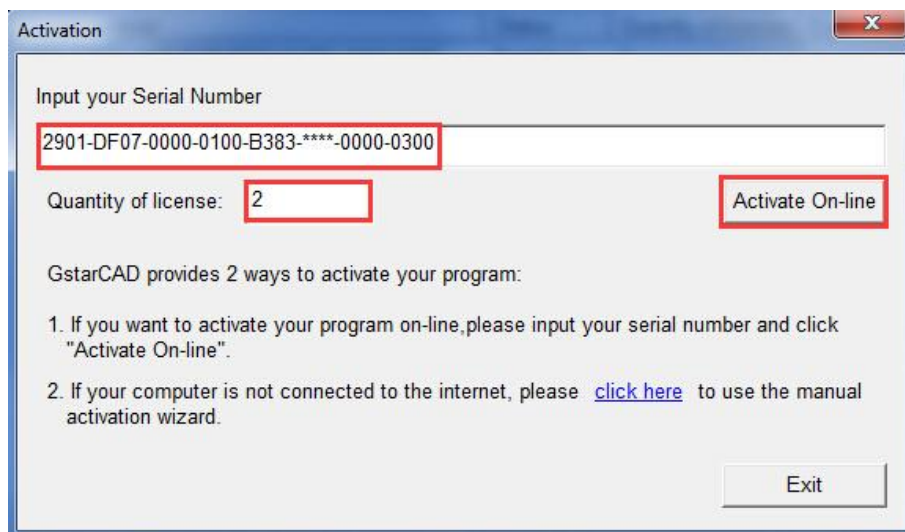
### 2.3.2. Network License On-line Activation

**Instruction:** make sure your computer connect to the internet.

1. Click to run **GstarCAD License Manager (server)**. Click **Activation** button.



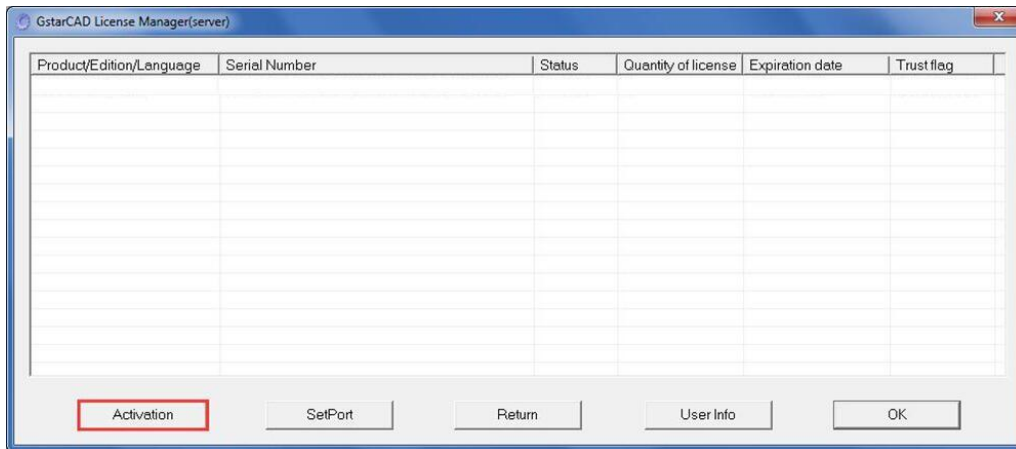
2. Input your Serial Number and specify the quantity of license, then click **Activate On-line** button.



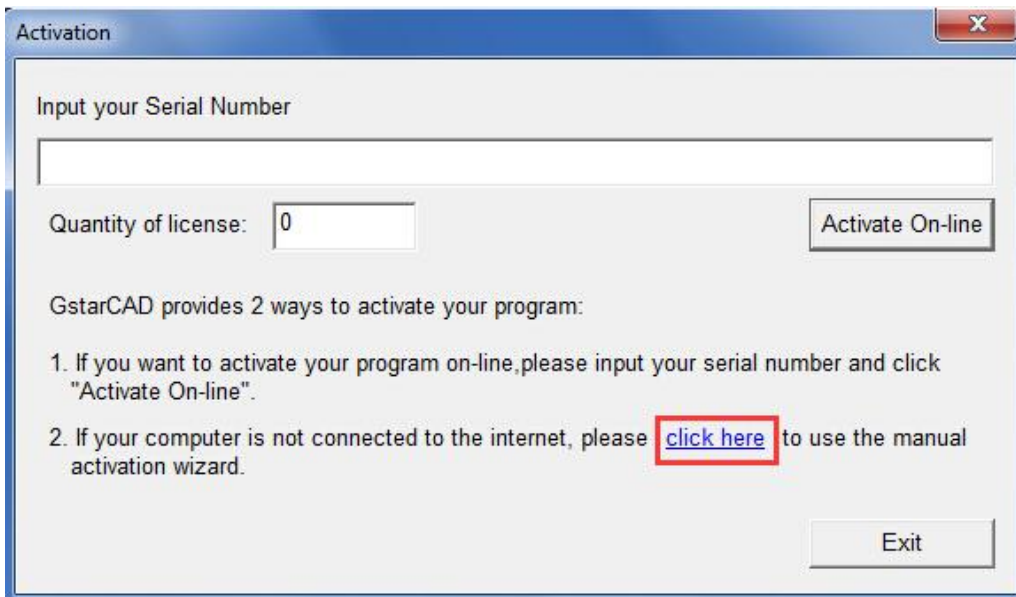
3. Click the **OK** button to close the Activation successful window.

### 2.3.3. Network License Off-line Activation

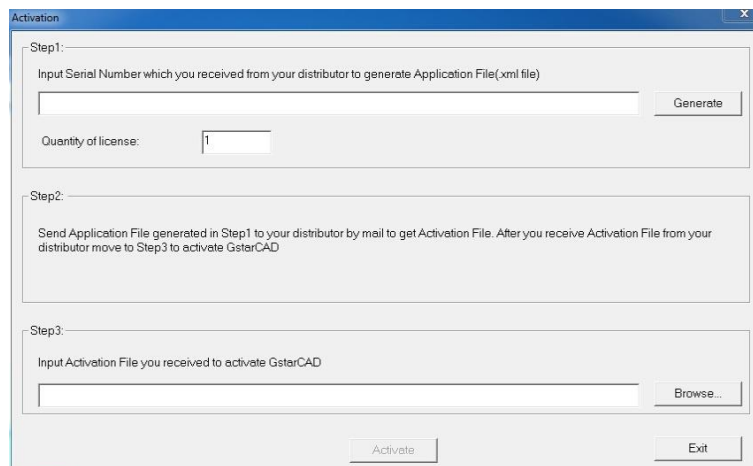
1. Click to run [GstarCAD License Manager \(server\)](#). Click [Activation](#) button.



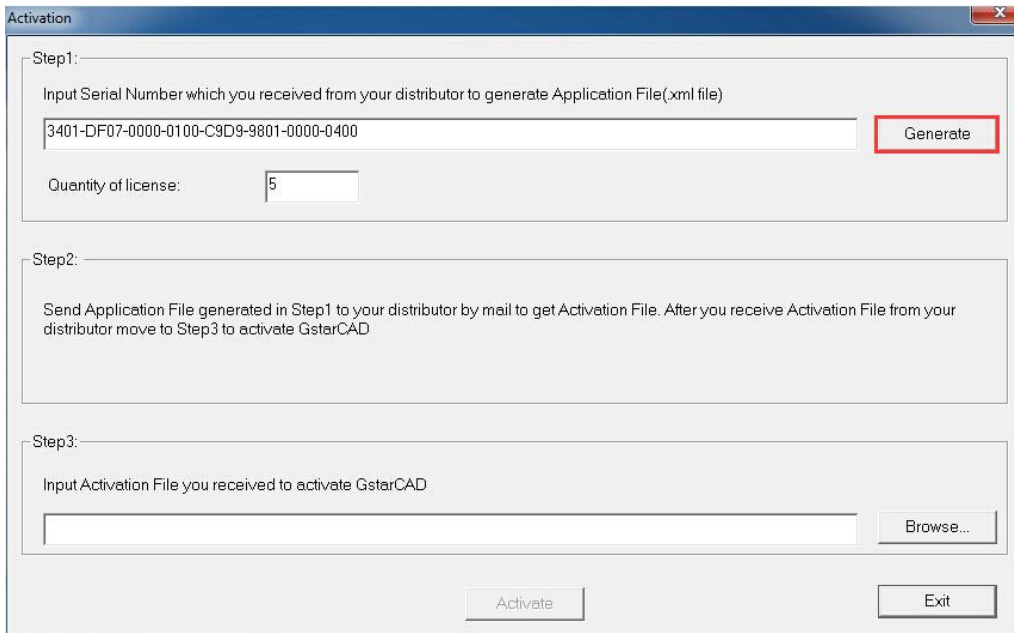
2. Click "[click here](#)" to open the manual Activation guide.



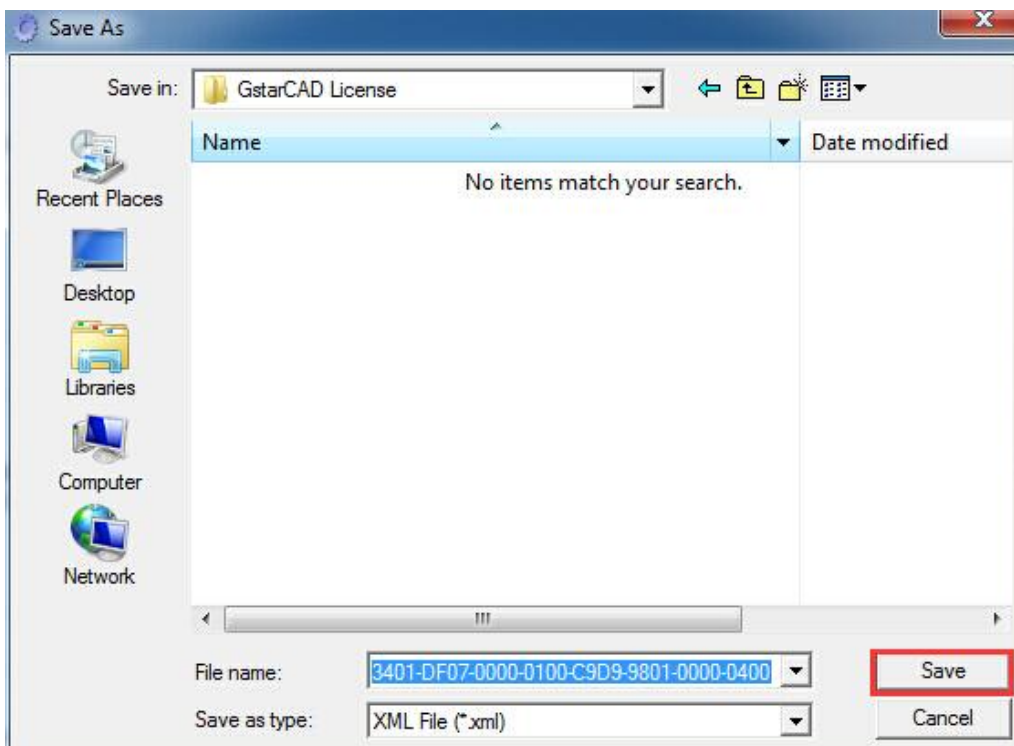
3. Then the following window open:



4. Enter Network License Serial Number which is provided to you when you purchase PDF to DXF, and the quantity of License you purchased. Click **Generate** to generate **Request file** with a file name consists of the Network License Serial Number and **.xml** extension.  
(e.g.3401-DF07-0000-0100-C9D9-9801-0000-0400.xml)



5. Click **Save** to save the generated **Request file** to the local computer.



6. Go to another computer with internet connection and use the **Request file** you have saved to acquire a corresponding Activation File via one of the two options as follow.

Option 1: E-mail

You can send the generated Application File to your distributor to get the Activation File.

Option2: online service

You can go to the GstarCAD online service center ("<http://support.gstarcad.net/flexnet/login.html>") to get the Activation File.

(1) Log in the GstarCAD online service center ("<http://support.gstarcad.net/flexnet/login.html>") by the computer with internet connection. Input the Serial Number and click the **Login** button to continue.



Please input your serial number and then press login

Serial Number

(2) Click the **Activate** button to continue.



**Activate** Manage Licenses

My Serial Number: 3401-DF07-0000-0100-C9D9-9801-0000-0400

Product	Language	Nodes	Licence Status	Response XML
PDF2CAD 2013 N/A Stand-alone	English	5	Initialized	

Click "Activate" to activate your product.

(3) Click the **Choose File** button to select the **Request file** you have saved and click **Submit** to continue.



**Activation**

3401-DF07-0000-0100-C9D9-9801-0000-0400

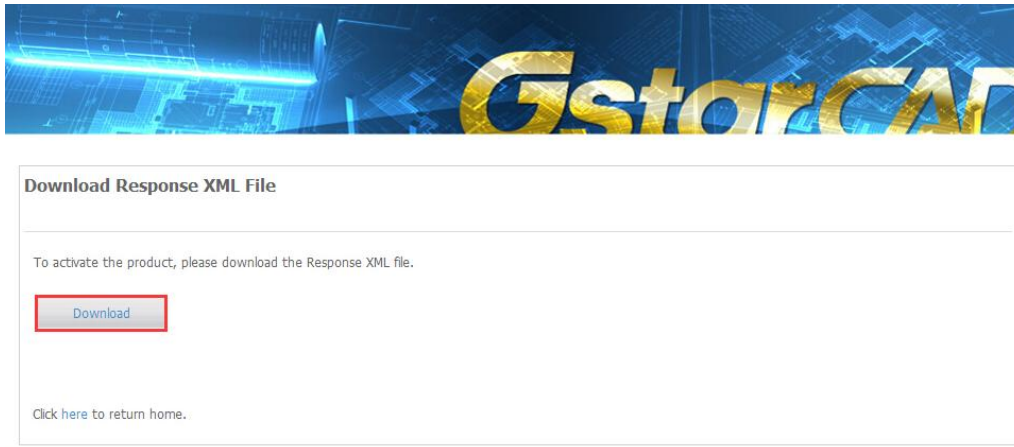
Request XML file

Generate the trusted storage activation request as a XML file on the client machine. Load that file here.

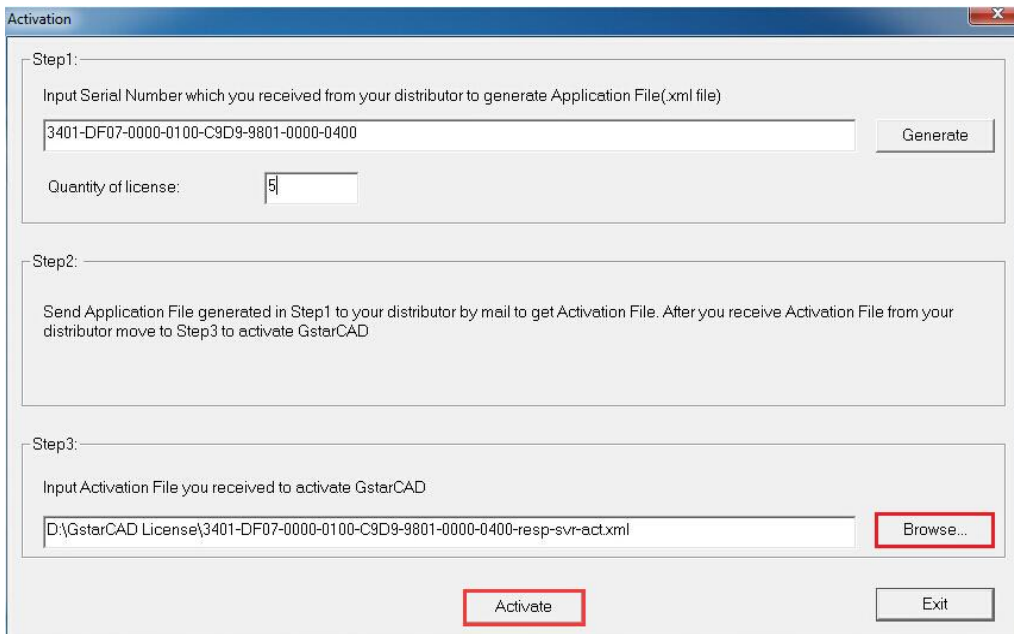
Locate file and click Submit.



(4) Click the **Download** button and save **License file** to the location which you have chosen.



7. After you receive the **License file**, restart Activate window and click **Browse** to apply the **License file** and click the **Activate** button.



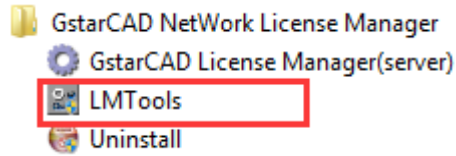
8. Then you can see the product information in Activation successful window. Click the **OK** button to finish the activation.

9. You can check your product information from **GstarCAD License Manager** after activation.

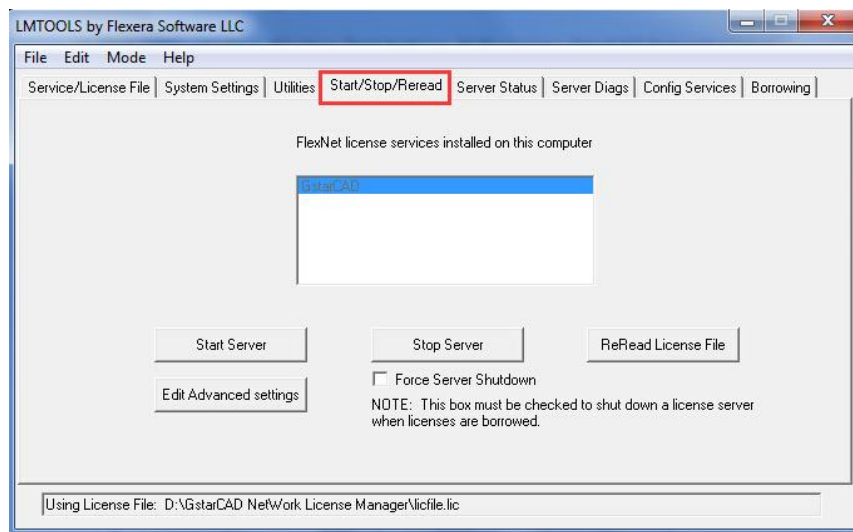
## 2.3.4. Setting

### 2.3.4.1. Server Setting

1. Proceed to set [LMTools](#)(This utility can only be set by Administrator)

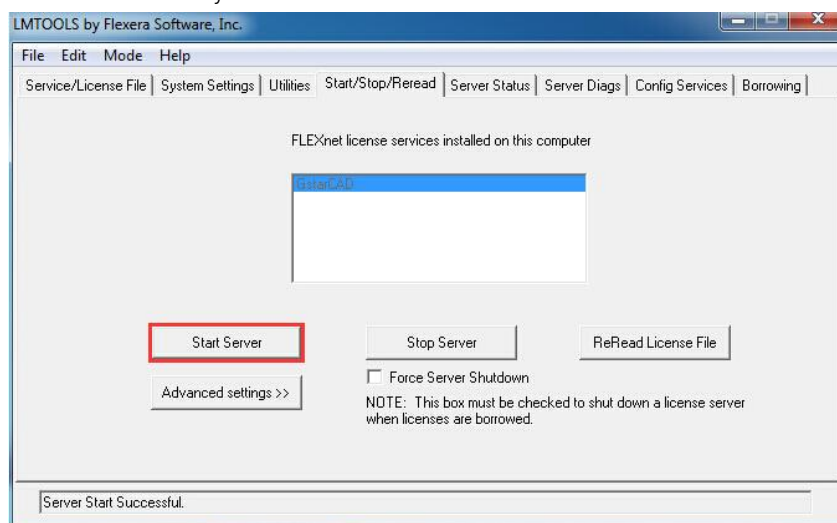


2. Click the “[Start/Stop/Reread](#)” button to manage the server.



All the information of the tabs you can keep by default, you only need to operate in [Start/Stop/Reread](#) tab to manage the server.

3. Click [Start Server](#) button. Now you can turn to activate the client.

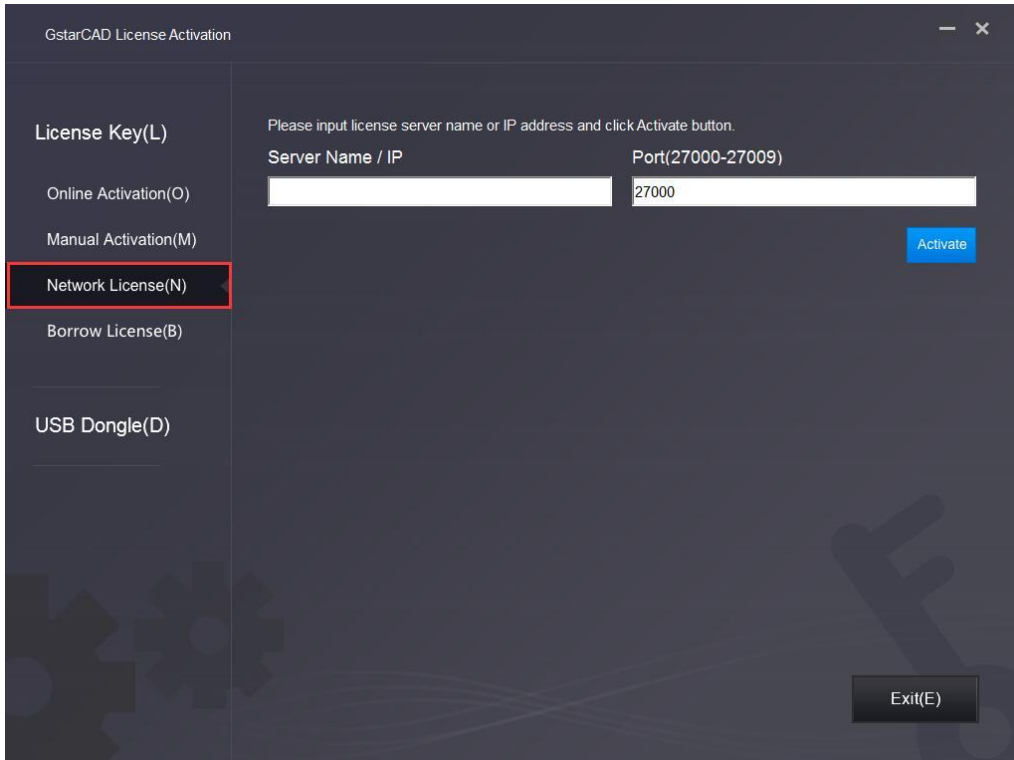


**Note:** You can start server either manually or automatically, it is to select [Start/Stop/Reread](#) option to control the server in [Start/Stop/Reread](#) tab or control sever automatically in [Config Services](#) tab by checking User Services and Start Server at Power Up when start the computer.

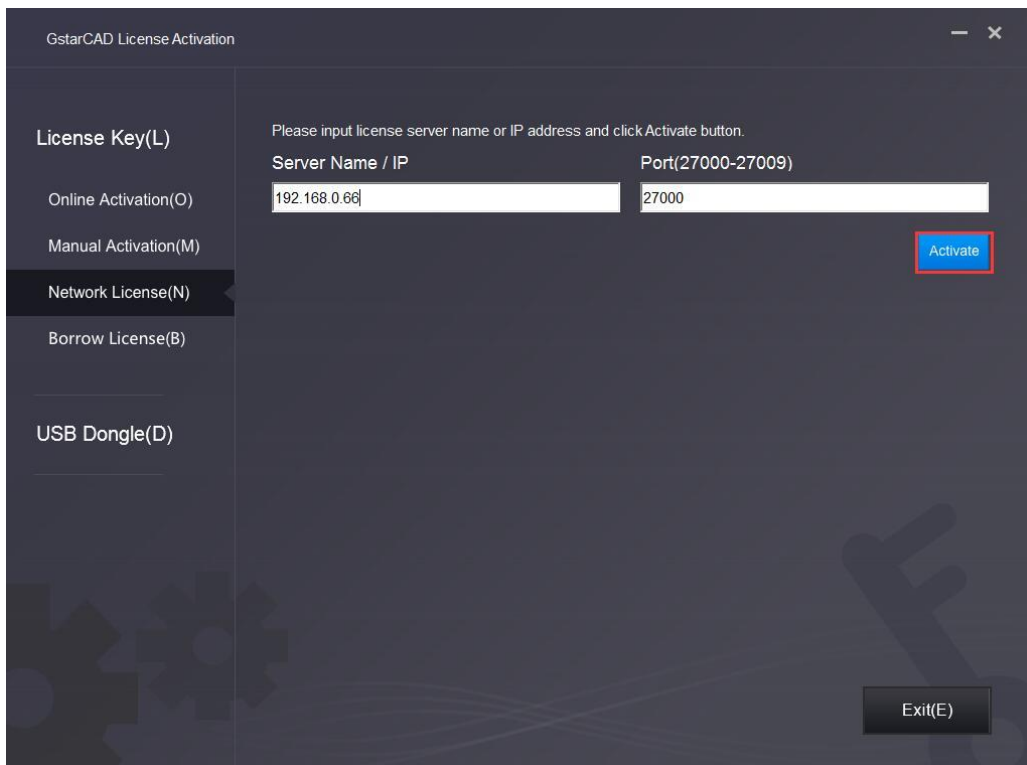
### 2.3.4.2. Client Setting

After server setting, you have connected server to user client. Then you can activate the PDF to DXF from user client machine.

1. Click **Network License (N)** under License Key(L).



2. Specify server IP address at Server IP Address window and click **Activate** button to activate your software.



### 3. USB Dongle Activation

You need to connect USB dongle to your computer to activate your PDF to DXF, or you can get a network license from an existing USB network license server. There are 3 types for you to activate:


**Network Dongle:** Get license from a USB network license server.

**Standalone Dongle:** Activate PDF to DXF via USB dongle connected to the computer.

**Dongle Upgrade:** Upgrade USB dongle connected the computer.

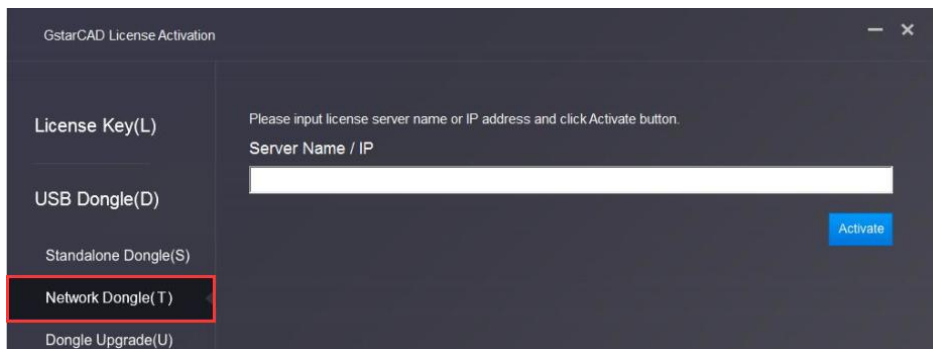
#### 3.1. Network Dongle Activation

##### Sever Setting

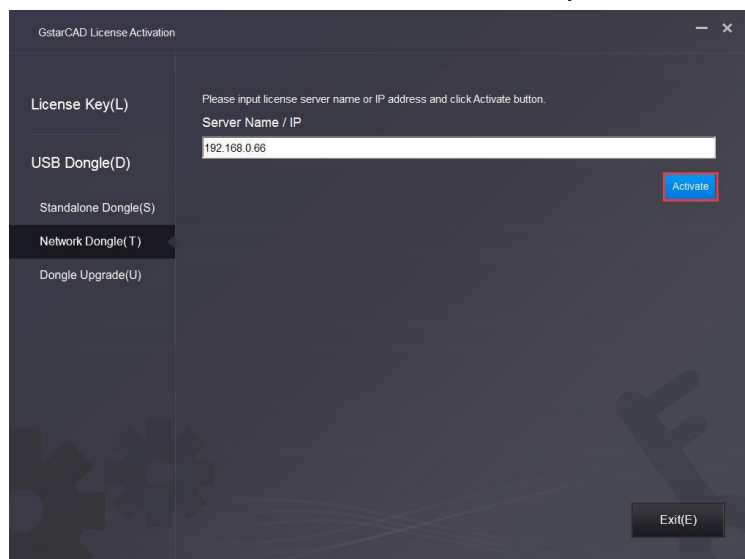
You need to specify server computer and install network driver of the [USB dongle](#) . Insert the network dongle to the USB port of your computer after the installation of PDF to DXF. The dongle will be recognized automatically.

##### Client Setting

1. Click **Network Dongle (T)** under USB Dongle (D).



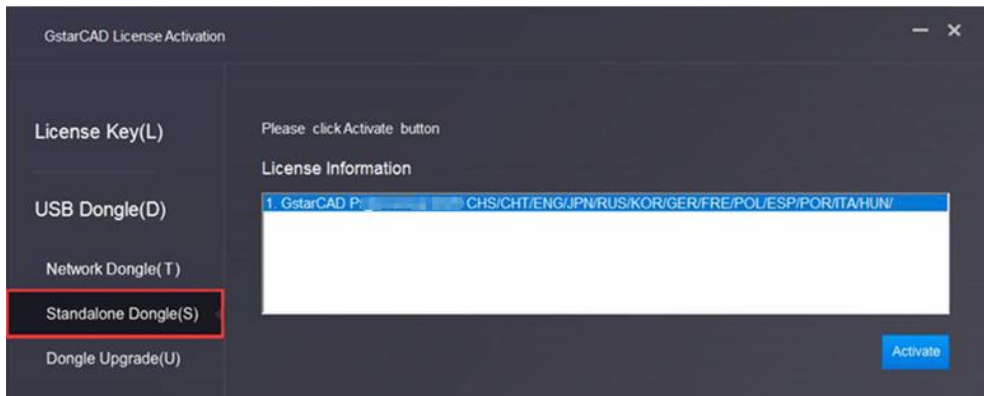
2. Specify the IP address of server and click the **Activate** button to activate your software.



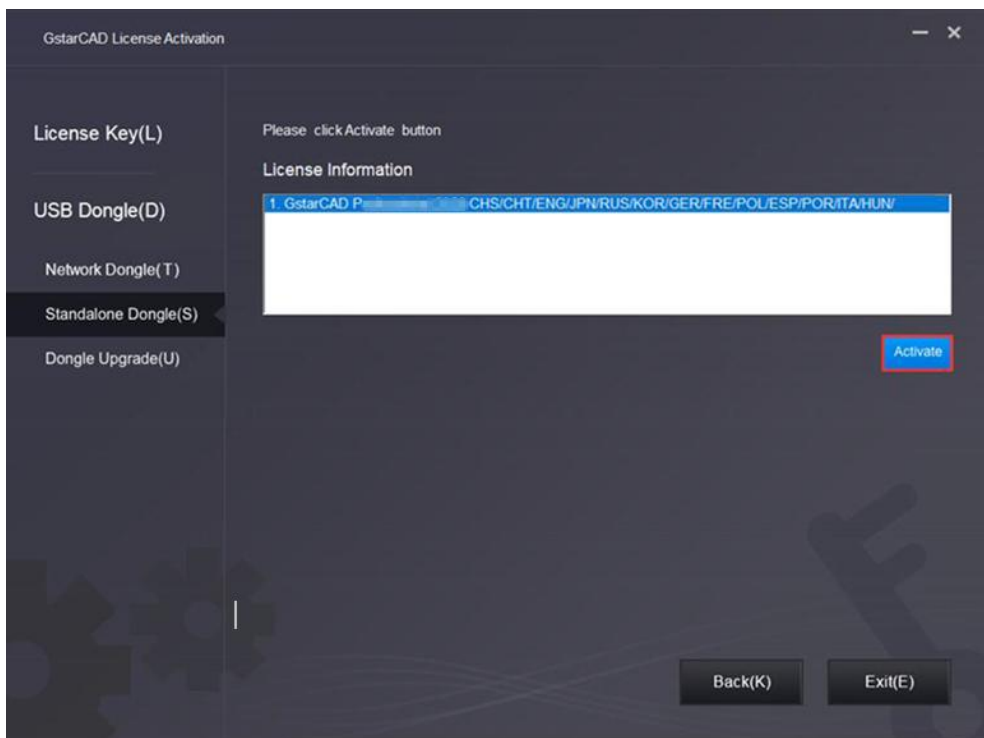
**Note:** The quantity of nodes is reduced in server until the one using in client is to be returned.

### 3.2. Standalone Dongle Activation

1. Insert dongle to USB port of your computer.
2. Click **Standalone Dongle(S)** under USB Dongle (D).



3. Then click **Activate** button.



## 4. License Key Return

### 4.1. Stand-alone License Key Return

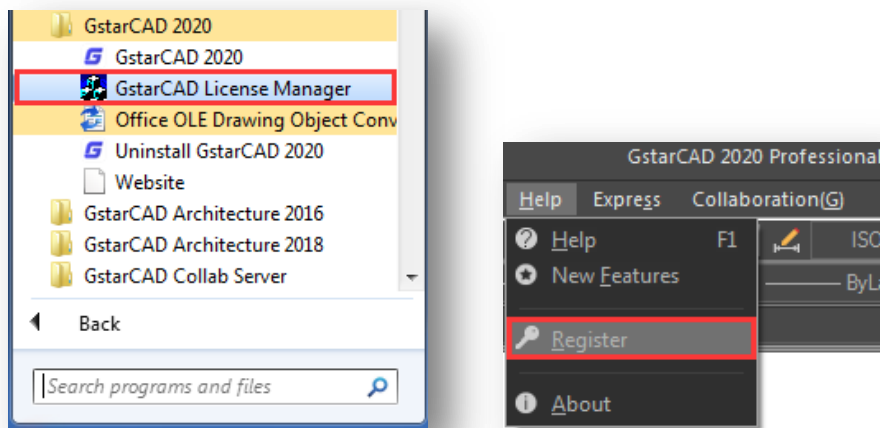
When you are going to change another computer to use PDF to DXF, In order to ensure you can use this function again, you can return license before you change your computer. There are 2 types to return your license:

**Online Return:** Make sure your computer connect to the internet.

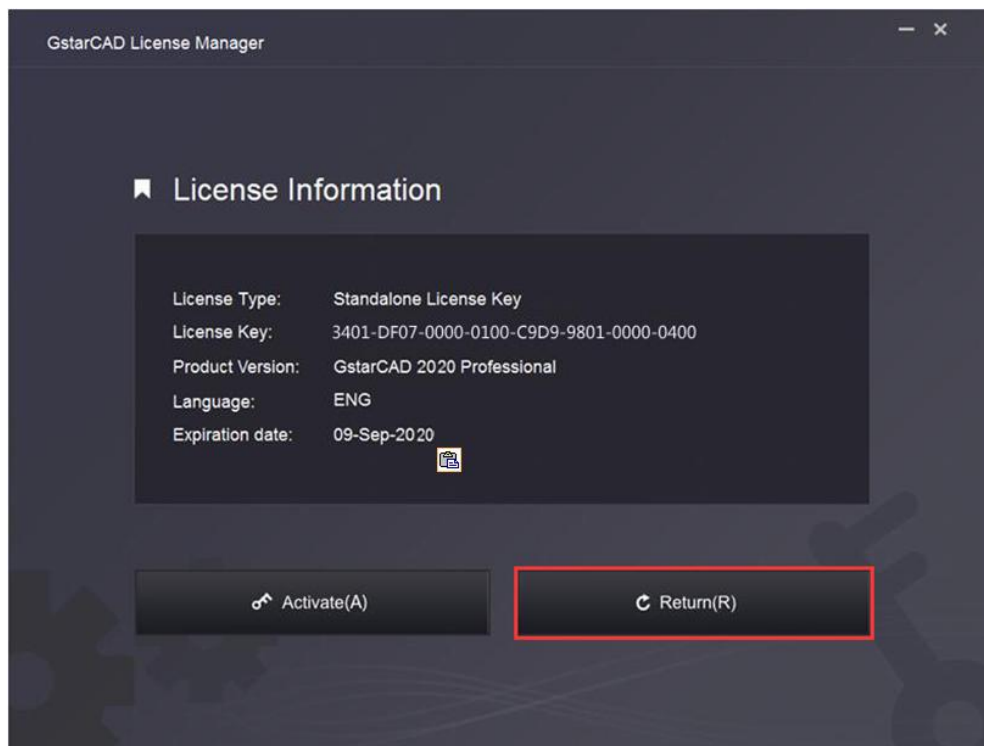
**Manual Return:** There is no need of internet connection.

Click [GstarCAD License Manager](#) from [Windows Start button](#)>[All Programs](#)>[Gstarsoft](#)>[GstarCAD License Manager](#).

Or you can click [Help](#) menu>[Register](#)



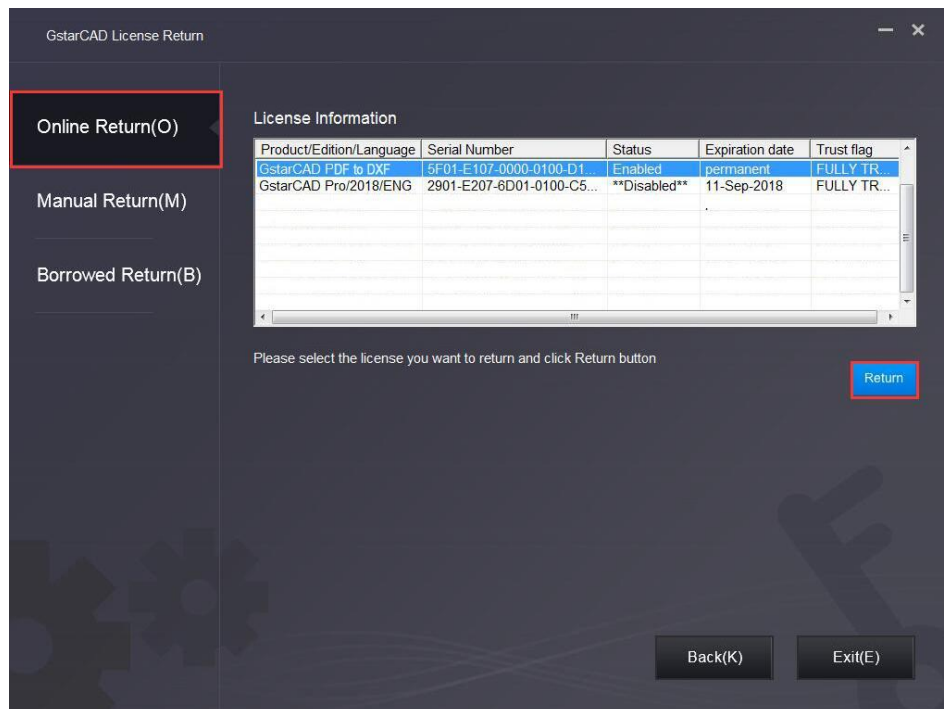
Then the following window open and click [Return](#) button.



#### 4.1.1. Stand-alone License Key Online Return

**Instruction:** make sure your computer connect to the internet.

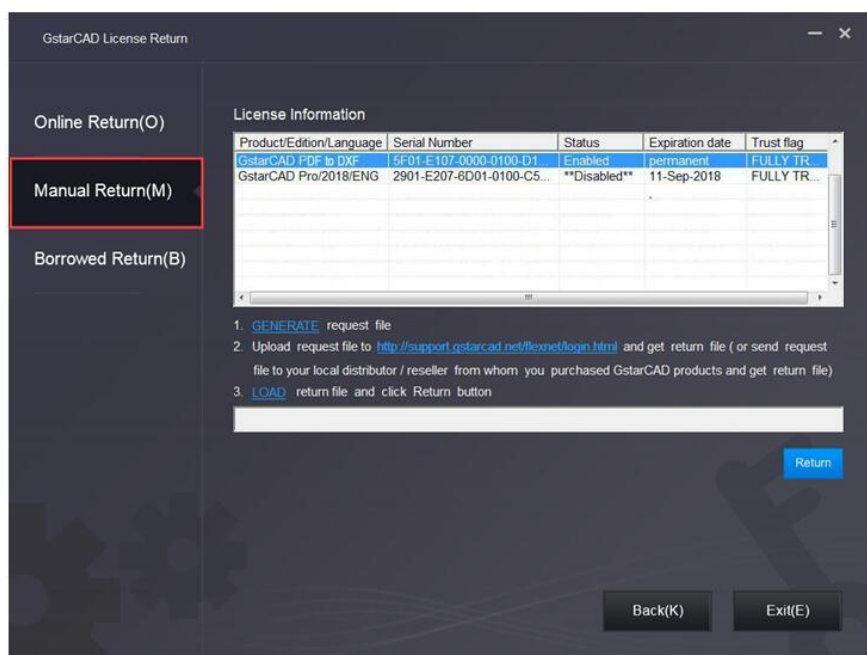
1. Click **Online Return (O)** and select PDF to DXF license which you want to return and click the **Return** button.



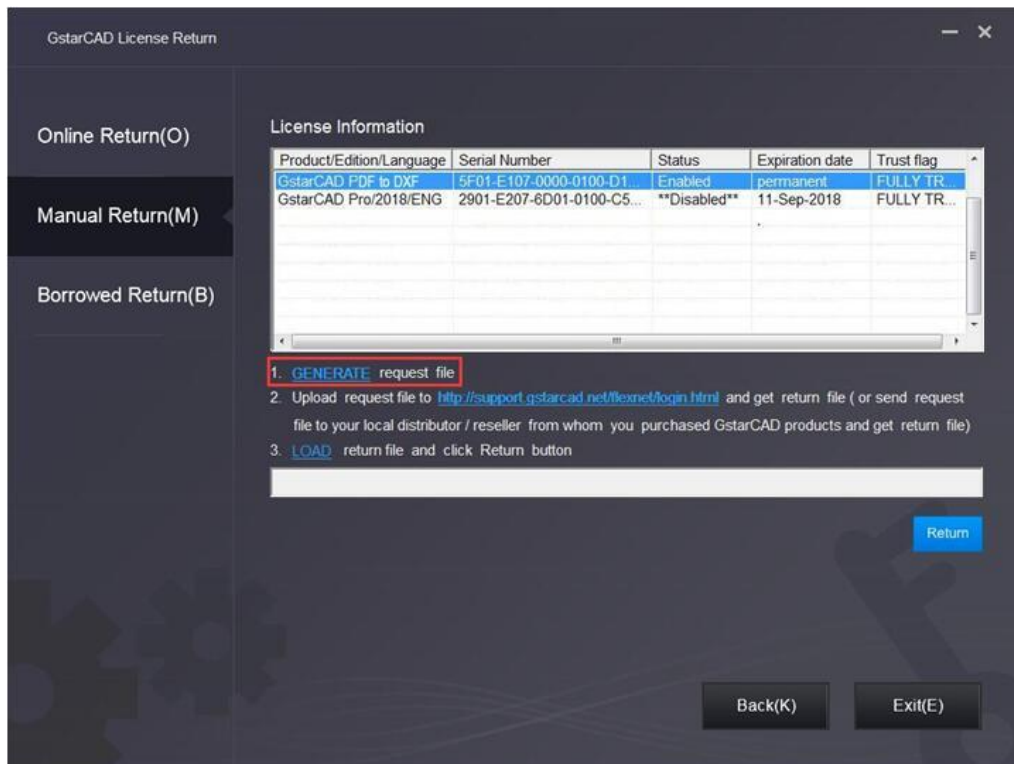
2. After a few seconds you can see the license you have selected to return has disappeared from License information, click **Exit** button to close the window.

#### 4.1.2. Stand-alone License Key Manual Return

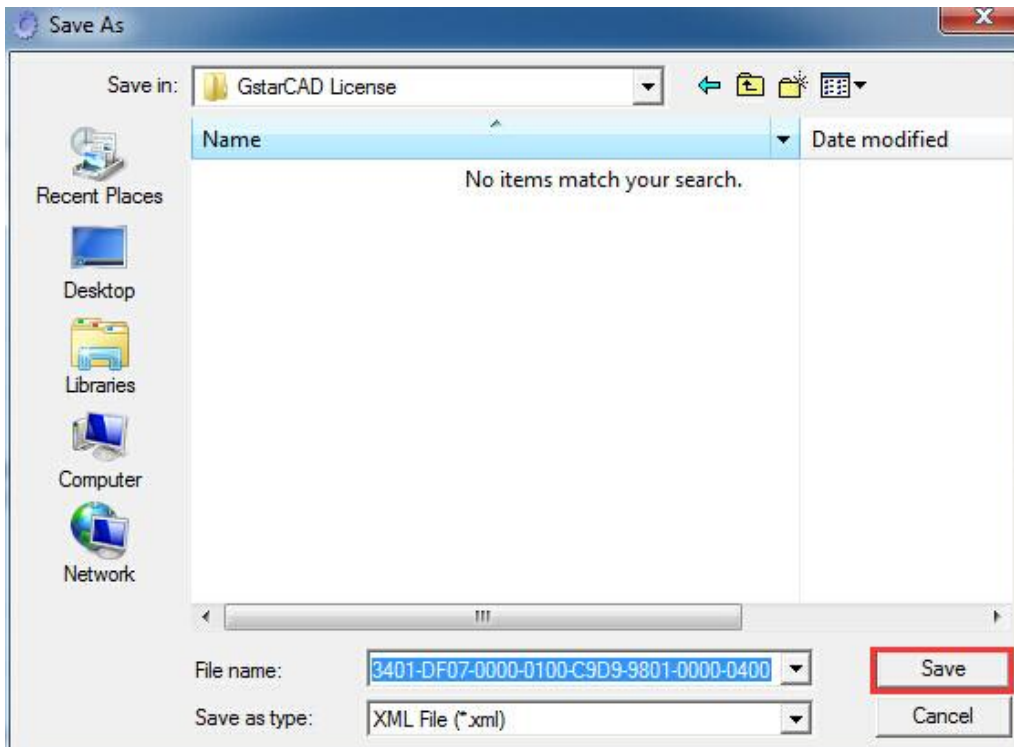
1. Click **Manual Return (M)** and select the license which you want to return.



2. Click **GENERATE** button to get the Request file.

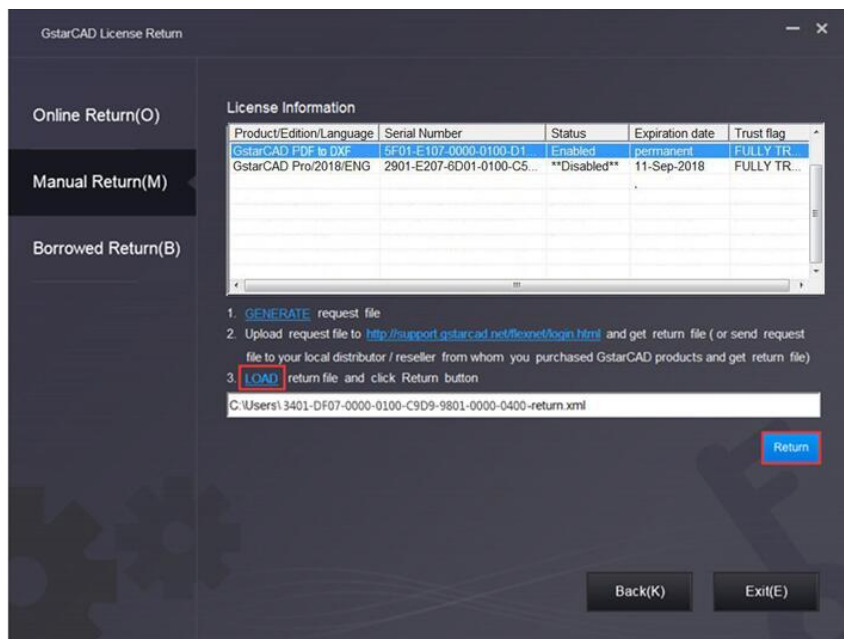


3. Upload Request file and get Return file and save Return file to the local computer.





4. Click **LOAD** to load the -return.xml file and click **Return** button to return the license.



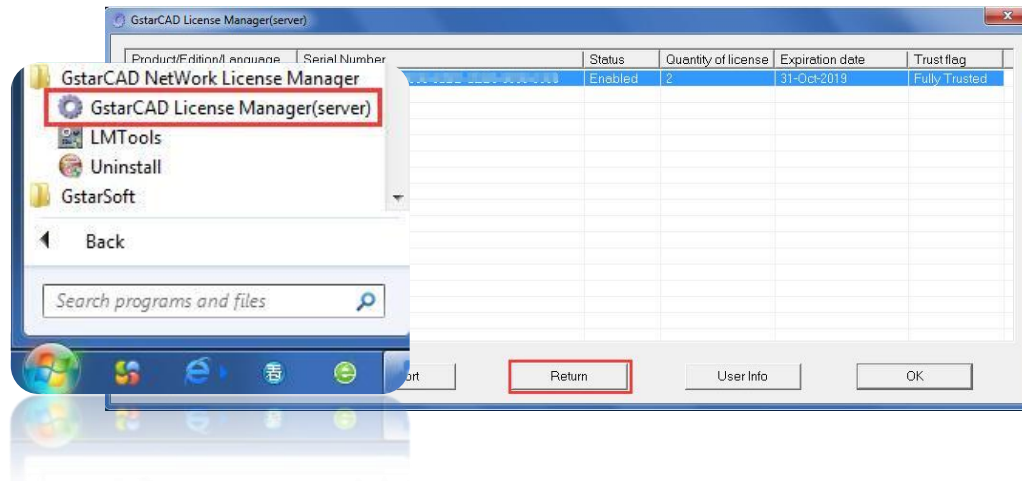
5. Then you can see the **Status** in the **License Information** is changed into **Disabled**.
6. Please note that processing file **-resp-return.xml** is for clearing the registration information in the workstation which you returned the license. If you want to transfer your license right to another workstation, please generate a new Request file **.xml** and send to us. You can see in the license manager the status is disabled.

## 4.2. Network License Key Return

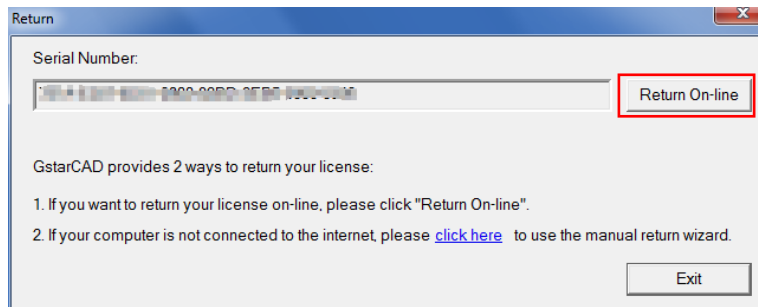
### 4.2.1. Network License Key Online Return

If you want to change the server of PDF to DXF, please return the network license first. You can return your PDF to DXF network license from GstarCAD License Manager (Server) which you can access from Start-all button. You can activate it in another server only after PDF to DXF network license returned.

1. In GstarCAD License Manager (Server), Click the PDF to DXF license and click **Return** button.

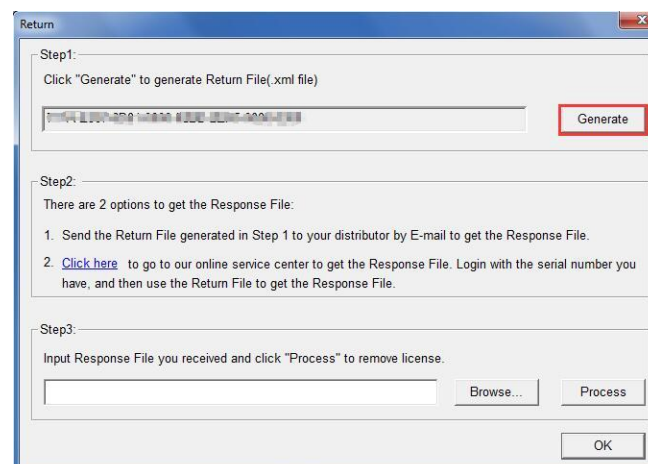


2. The Return Dialog box will pop up and the Serial Number will be read automatically, click **Return On-Line** button to generate the return file. The license will be returned at once.



### 4.2.2. Network License Key Manual Return

1. If your computer is not connected to the internet, you can click [click here](#) to return the license manually.



2. In return dialog box, the SN will automatically read, you can click Generate to generate a return file with the -return.xml extension

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

**Option 1: E-mail**

You can send the return file from any computer with internet connected 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: <http://support.gstarcad.net/flexnet/login.html> with your PDF to DXF Network Serial Number.

A login form with a yellow header and a light blue body. It contains a text input field for the serial number and a 'Login' button. The serial number entered is 662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030.

Please input your serial number and then press login

Serial Number

(5) Click the **Return** button to continue.

The GstarCAD STORE interface. At the top, it says 'GstarCAD STORE' and 'My Serial Number (662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030) | Logout'. Below this is a blue banner with the GstarCAD logo. A message box states: 'The Response XML file has been Generated. Please download the file onto the local computer.' There are two tabs: 'Activate' and 'Manage Licenses'. Under 'Activate', there are two buttons: 'Return License' (highlighted with a red box) and 'Return Validation'. Below the tabs, it shows 'My Serial Number: 662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030'. A table lists the product details:

Product	Language	Nodes	Licence Status	Response XML
PDF2CAD 2013 N/A Network	English	3	Activated	

Below the table, it says: 'To activate the product, please download the Response XML file. To return license, please click "Return License".'

(6) Click the **Choose File** button and select the request file you have saved and click the **Submit** button.

A dialog box titled 'Return' with a blue and yellow header. It contains a text input field for the serial number and a 'Choose File' button. The serial number entered is 662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030. Below the input field, it says: 'Request XML file  662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030.xml'. Below this, it says: 'Generate the trusted storage activation request as a XML file on the client machine. Load that file here.' At the bottom, there is a 'Submit' button.

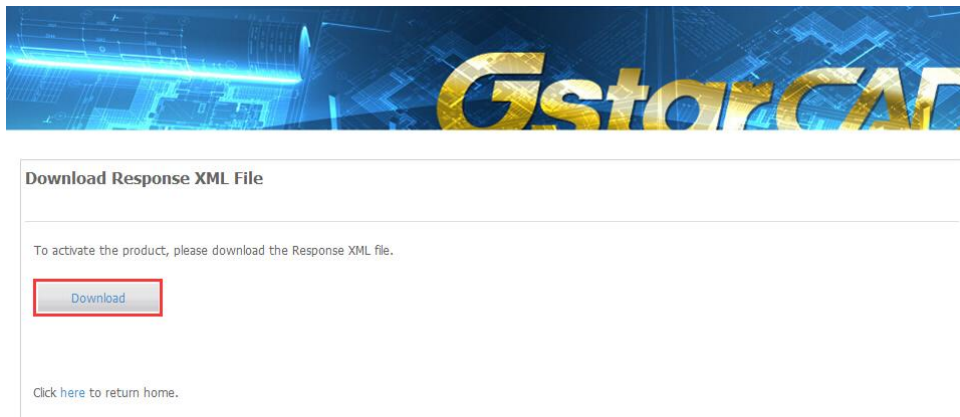
Return

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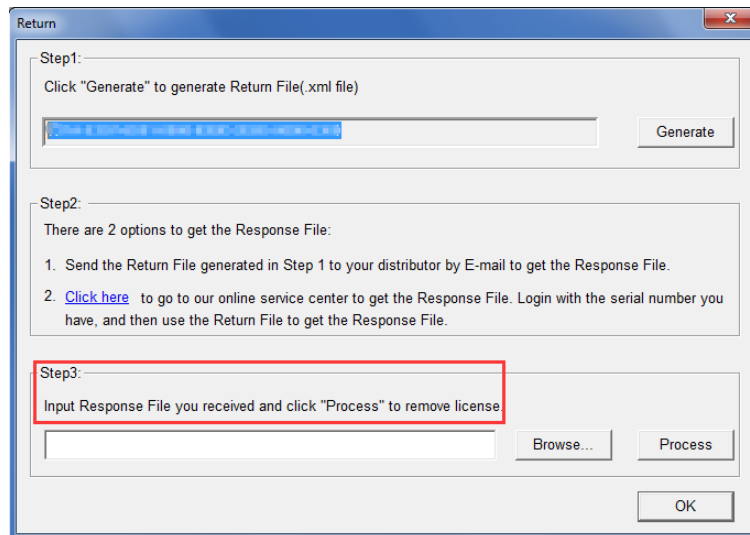
Request XML file  662E-DE07-0000-0050-8DBE-74A4-0000-0030.xml

Generate the trusted storage activation request as a XML file on the client machine. Load that file here.

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



4. Back to your computer and find out GstarCAD License return wizard, please click the **Browse** button and select the license file you have just downloaded and saved from another computer with the `-resp-return.xml` extension, and then click the **OK** button.



5. After a few seconds, your PDF to DXF license has been cleaned.

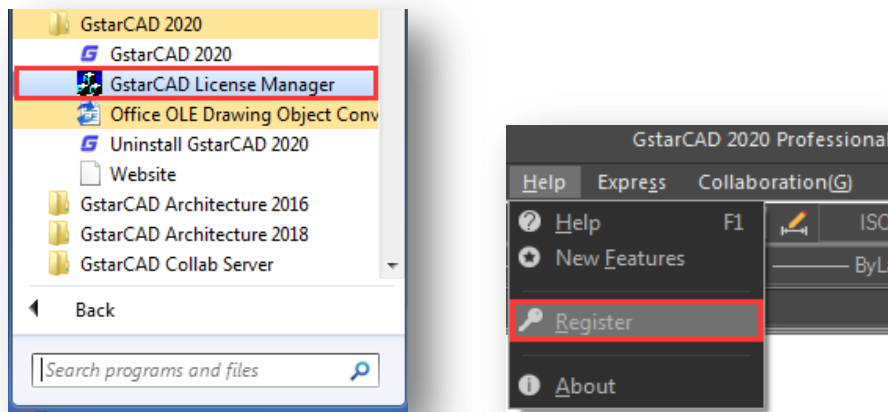
## 5. Network Licenses Borrow and Return

What is more, PDF to DXF provides the function that you can borrow and return license from user client. This section describes how to borrow license on client. In some special case, you need to transfer one or more than one nodes to individual computer. For example, you need to activate PDF to DXF on a laptop for a certain time, in order to bring it to other place. It is great way to use this function. There are 2 steps to use it: [Borrow License from a server](#) and [Return the borrowed License to Server](#).

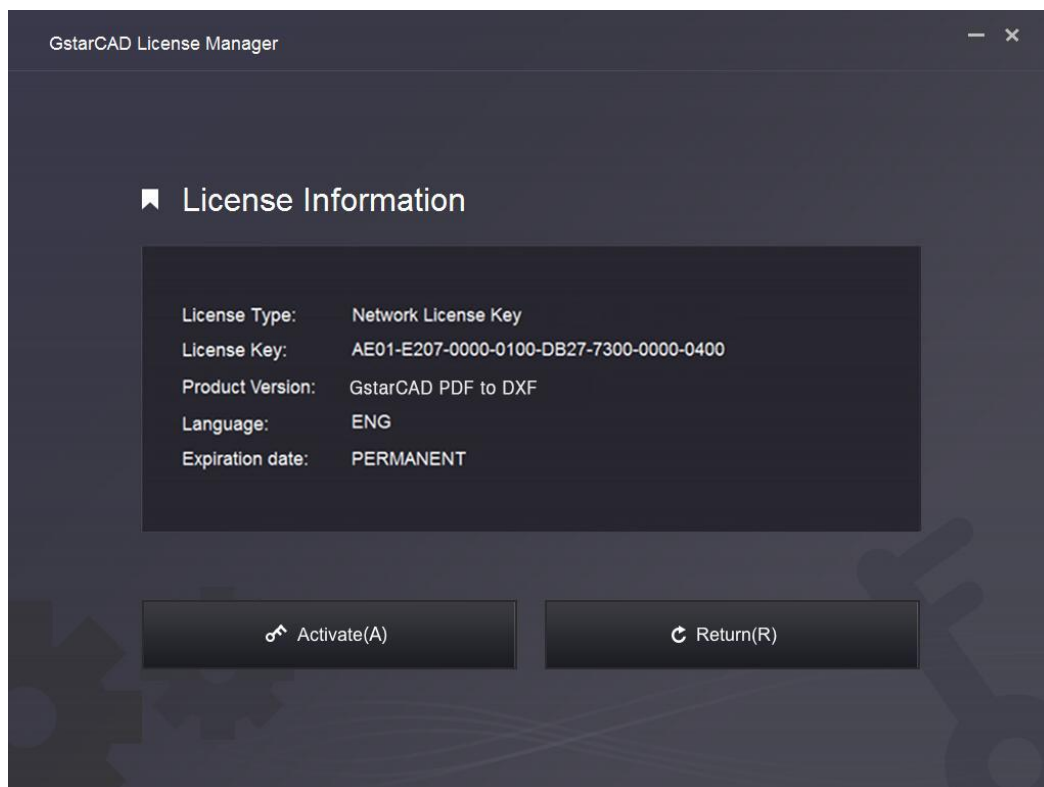
### Requirement conditions:

1. GstarCAD has be installed on the machine or computer.
2. It has to be in a same local area network, and connect to server.

Click GstarCAD License Manager from [Windows Start button](#) > [All Programs](#) > [Gstarsoft](#) > [GstarCAD License Manager](#). Or you can click [Help](#) menu > [Register](#)

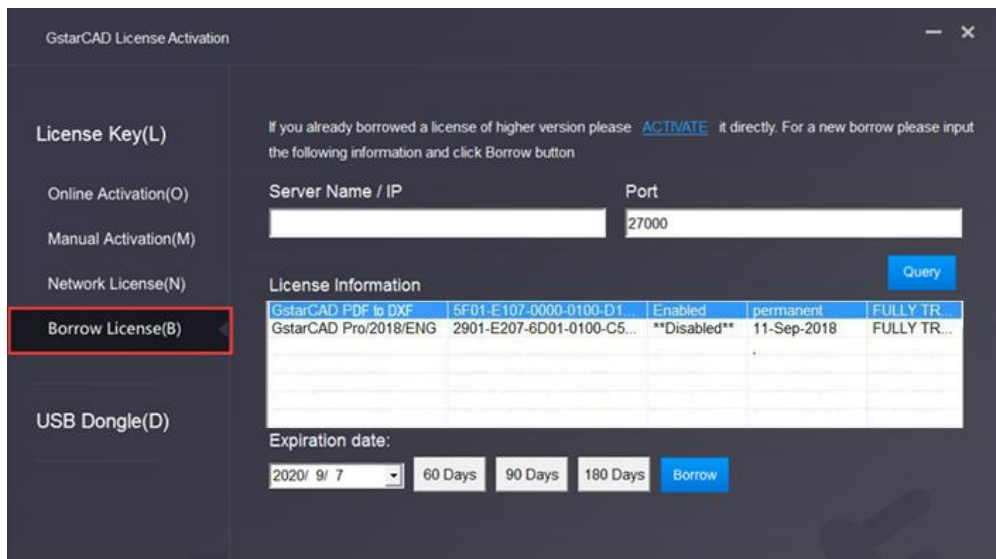


Then the following window open:

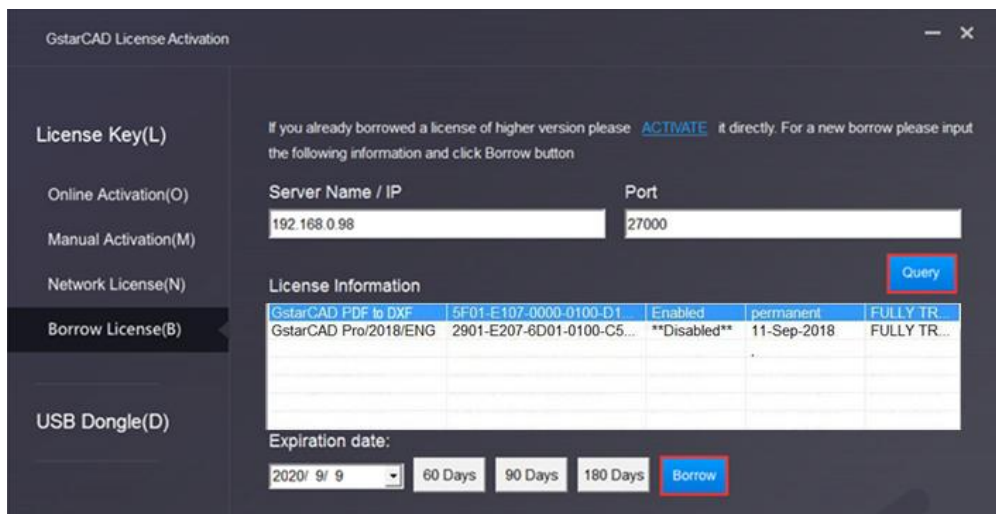


## 5.1. Borrow License from a Server

1. Click **Activate** > **Borrow License (B)** and select the PDF to DXF license.



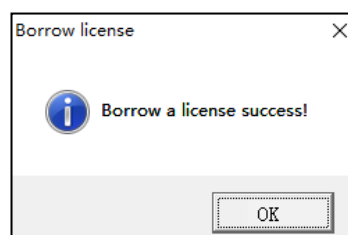
2. Follow the introduction on your screen. Input the **Sever Number/IP** and **Port**, click **Query**. And then you can attain the License Information. Input your **Expiration date** and select the license and click **Borrow** button.



**Server Name or IP:** Input the server IP address (like 192.168.0.98).

**Expiration Date:** Date to borrow and return, you just only need to fill in the date you return because it is counted from the date when you borrow Click.

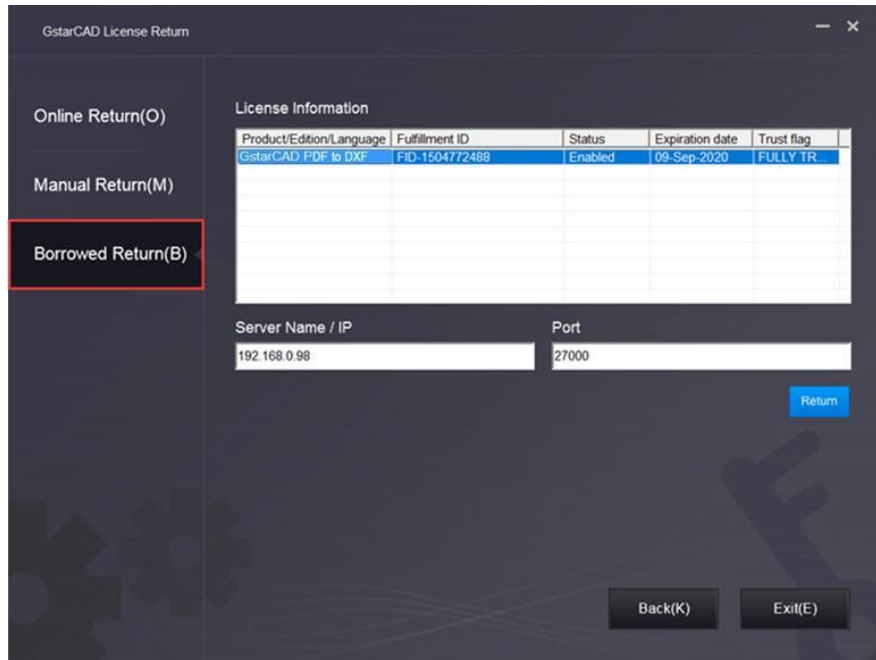
3. And then you can see the following message that means you successfully borrow the license. Click **OK** button and restart your software to finish the process.



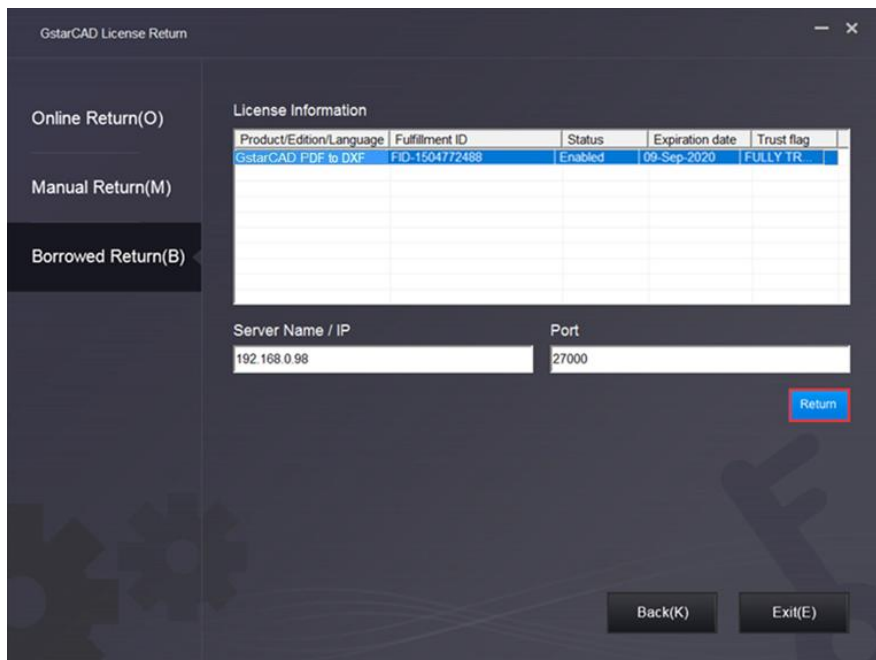
## 5.2. Return the Borrowed License to Server

It is better to return the node to server if you do not need it.

1. Click **Return** > **Borrowed Return (B)** and select the PDF to DXF license you want to return.



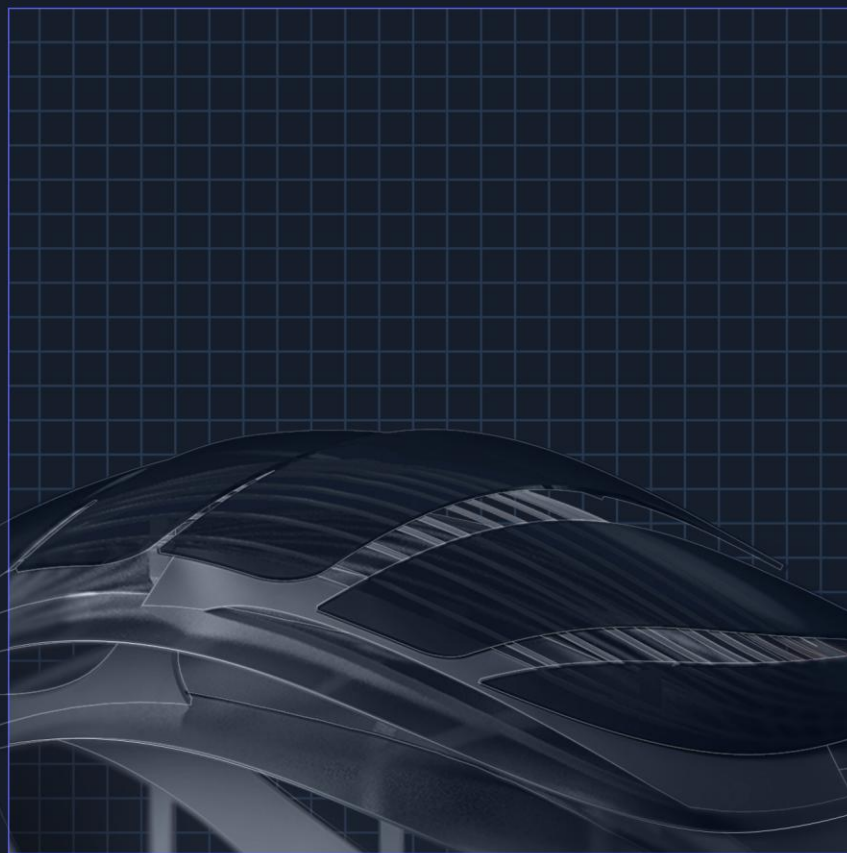
2. Click **Return**, the license you borrowed has been returned.



3. Click **OK** button to finish returning and you can see the license disappears.



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