Notes on Imaging Autodesk Products

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This document should be reviewed prior to beginning installation of elements of the Autodesk package.

Autodesk products are protected by a program called Safecast. This program looks for a unique identifier created on the computer. It is essential that if you are imaging or ghosting the lab you not activate/register the product before making your image. This will assure that each computer has a unique Machine ID which will be dynamically generated and stored in the license file. The request code for a license is generated from this ID. More info can be found on the Autodesk Product Licensing & Activation website (www.autodesk.com/licensing)

If you want to image standalone computers without issues, start with a new Windows installation. Install the Autodesk products you want the image to have. **DO NOT** try to license or activate the computer before creating the image.

Rather, launch the product one time logged in as local administrator. Allow the software to run in trial mode to ensure all proper registry keys are initialized. This will not affect the software’s ability to be licensed and activated at a later date. It will ask each time it is launched to be activated until the 30 day trial is over. Once this time frame is over it will go automatically into the license activation screen. Once the image is pushed to the client computers you can rename the computers. Open the software and obtain the stand alone license and then register and activate the product one-by-one.

**Note: If you are using a network license you do not have to worry about the unique Machine ID as it is not used with the Flexlm system. Network licensed products can be imaged with no special preparation or precautions. **