

What are the basic differences[..]

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What are the basic differences between hardlock and softlock licensing method?

Solution (public)

In case of hardlock licensing, the user receives the so-called hardlock, together with the software-product on CD. This hardlock activates the product license as soon as it is attached to the parallel/serial port.

In case of softlock licensing, the user does not get a piece of hardware, but a license letter with a license code (5-digit) as well as a softlock number (10-digit). The user may obtain a softlock license file with the data of the license letter and the number code generated by the computer. This softlock license file activates the product installed on the computer.

Those facts already illustrate the basic difference between the 2 systems: The software product is not tied to one computer when using a hardlock. But with softlocks, one license allows using the software on just one computer.