



PluginMaster™ Unlock Instructions

Instructions for removing the expiry date limitation in the 15-day trial version.





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No time to loose?

- If you never have unlocked PluginMaster before go straight to Chapter 3.
- If you have done it before, Chapter 2 might be your thing.

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Introduction

How to use this software unlock guide

In this guide you will be explained in two different ways how to remove the expiry date limitation from the PluginMaster 15-day trial version. Depending on your preference please choose one of the two instruction sets described:

Chapter 2: Instructions summary list of the required steps.

Chapter 3: Tutorial-like instructions including visuals.

Chapter 4: Trouble shooting.

Note: both Chapter 2 and 3 use the same instruction step numbering sequence allowing you easily to switch between Chapter 2 and 3 while you are in the middle of the process unlocking PluginMaster.

Why do I need to unlock PluginMaster (myself)?

To avoid illegal use an unlock key was -and still is- required for PluginMaster to run. Since the currently available free version of PluginMaster is exactly the same as the once available commercial version unfortunately the unlock key requirement is still there.

PluginMaster may require a *new* unlock key when you have installed it for the very first time, when you have installed it on a new computer or when your computer hardware setup has been changed. Unlocking PluginMaster turns it from a 15 days trial version into a version with no expiry date.

The development, support and registration of PluginMaster has been discontinued but this application got available again as freeware. The additional software for unlocking PluginMaster has been included with the free download package. The user is supposed to create his own unlock key instead of registering to obtain the unlock key.



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PluginMaster unlock instructions Summary

Below you will find a quick overview of the steps for unlocking PluginMaster after you have installed the application.

Roughly this is what you will be doing:

- Obtain your Registration Key from the installed PluginMaster trial version.
- Create a related License File with the help of *ICE License Manager*.
- Load the generated License File into PluginMaster.

If you prefer more guidance please skip this chapter and use the next chapter instead.

So let's get started...

1. Make sure you already have PluginMaster installed..
2. Write down or copy the PluginMaster *Registration* key which you can obtain from within PluginMaster (menu bar: Help - Registration).
3. Run *ICE License Manager.exe* which is in your free PluginMaster download package.
4. Ignore any message popping up about activating a license; just click on the OK button.
5. Load the *PluginMaster Trial.iap* application file.
6. In the next window enter the password "**nikola**".
7. Tick the *Create a Full License* checkbox.
8. Enter your name in the *Enter your User ID* input field.



9. In the *User's MachineID* input field you need to enter (type or paste) the *Registration* key you obtained in instruction step 2.
10. Click on the *Generate License* button.
11. Select *No Code Encryption*.
12. The PluginMaster unlock code (License Key) is generated and after a moment shown in a new window.
13. Save License File using the *Save LicenseKey Info to File* button.
14. Close the PluginMaster License Generator windows.
15. Run PluginMaster (preferably as Administrator) and open the *Registration* dialog.
16. Load the previously created License File using the *License* button. **If an error message shows up please read Issue 16 in Chapter 4 (page 12).**
17. Restarting PluginMaster it should be unlocked.

Notes:

- It is recommended to check if PluginMaster has been unlocked properly: open the Registration dialog again and verify it says: "No License Expiration". Otherwise retry starting with step 15.
- If you find PluginMaster has been unlocked properly and an "Administrator-related" error message still shows up every time PluginMaster is started, the "Administrator error message" note in Chapter 4 (page 13) might help you out.

Congratulations, you have unlocked PluginMaster!



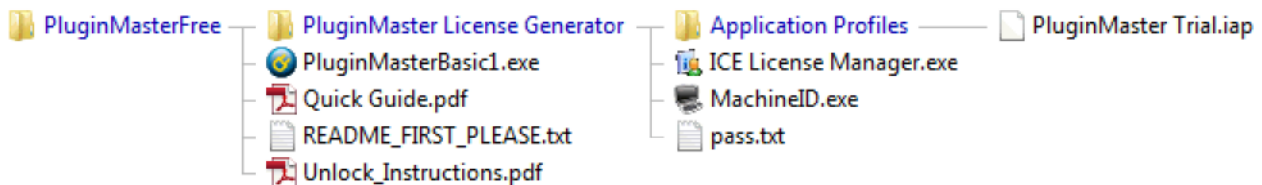
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PluginMaster unlock Tutorial

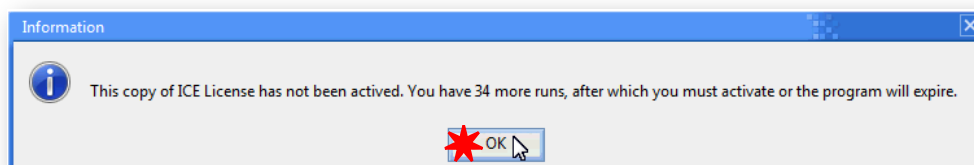
After you have installed PluginMaster and it is the first time you are about to unlock it, the step-by-step instructions below will guide you through the process. If you already have unlocked PluginMaster before you might prefer a simple reminder list of the instructions set, which is given in Chapter 2.

So let's get started...

1. In the free PluginMaster download package you should find the following files and folders:

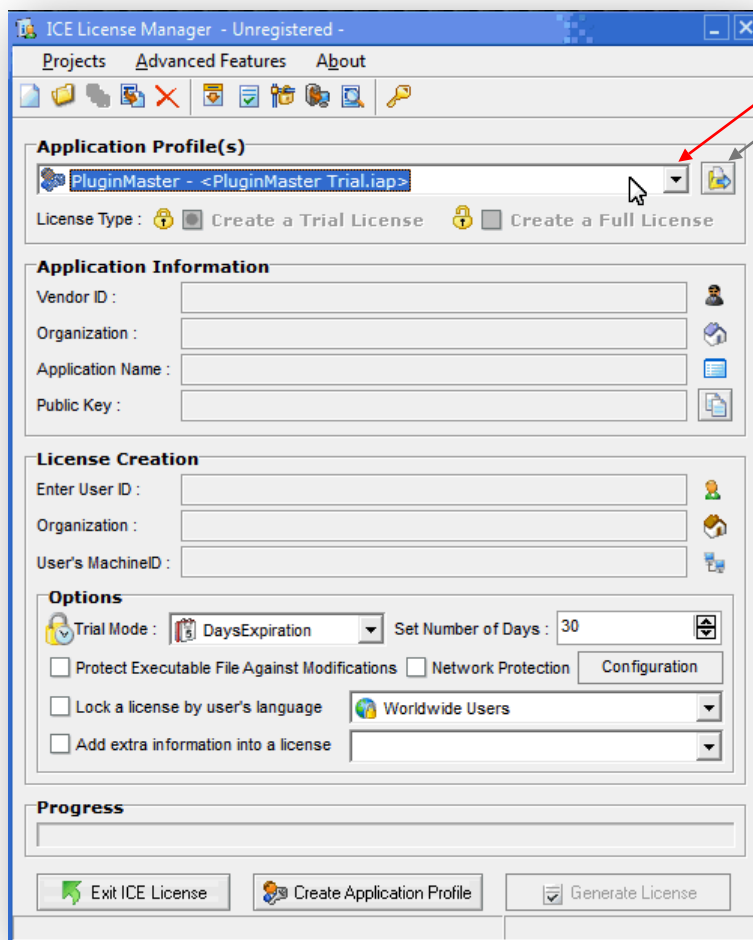


2. To start the unlock process first you have to write down or copy the PluginMaster *Registration key*. Run PluginMaster and in the menu bar click on Help - *Registration*. The appearing dialog will show you the Registration key (looks like e.g.: ED-3A-5A-1A-6D-BB-A3-71) which you need later in the unlocking process. **If you don't see a Registration key issue 1 in Chapter 4 might be of any help.**
3. From your PluginMaster download package execute the file PluginMasterFree\PluginMaster License Generator\ICE License Manager.exe.
4. Ignore the following message popping up about activating a license; just click on the OK button.





5. Click on the down arrow button at the right-hand side of the first combo box (containing the text: "PluginMaster - <PluginMaster Trial.iap>") and in the drop-down list select *PluginMaster - <PluginMaster Trial.iap>*.
(Or alternatively use the browse button alongside the down arrow button for browsing to the PluginMaster\PluginMaster License Generator\Application Profiles*PluginMaster Trial.iap* file (in your free PluginMaster download package)).



Step 5:
Down arrow button
(Browse button)

6. In the next window enter the required password which is **nikola** and click on the OK button. The password dialog will disappear again...



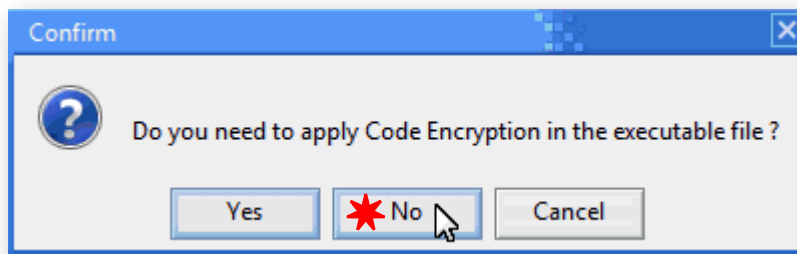
7. Now tick the *Create a Full License* checkbox (below the first combo box):
8. Further down the dialog enter your name in the *Enter your User ID* input field.

The screenshot shows the 'ICE License Manager - Unregistered' dialog box. The 'Application Profile(s)' section has 'PluginMaster - <PluginMaster Trial.iap>' selected. In the 'License Type' section, the 'Create a Full License' checkbox is checked and circled in red, labeled 'Step 7'. The 'Application Information' section contains fields for 'Vendor ID' (PluginMaster), 'Organization' (PluginMaster,LLC), 'Application Name' (PluginMaster), and 'Public Key' (NruwPUDMPdQg7rF6PhePPwFeKy~BPuy~Nmn~Ndmr). The 'License Creation' section has 'Enter User ID' (Type your name here, marked with a red star and 'Step 8'), 'Organization' (You can keep this empty), and 'User's MachineID' (Type or paste here the code shown in PluginMaster, marked with a red star and 'Step 9'). The 'Options' section includes checkboxes for 'Protect Executable File Against Modifications', 'License Validity by Expiration Date' (24-8-2012), 'Lock LicenseKey by User Language' (Worldwide Users), and 'Add Extra Information to the License'. At the bottom, the 'Generate License' button is highlighted with a red star and labeled 'Step 10'.

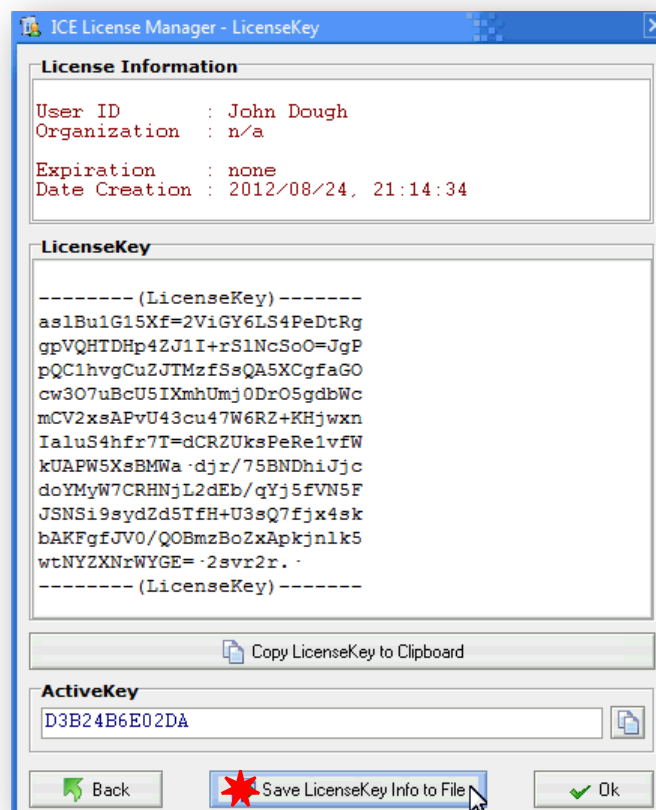
9. In the *User's MachineID* input field you need to enter (type or paste) the *Registration key* you found in instruction step 2.
10. Click on the *Generate License* button, located at the bottom-right of the dialog.



11. You will be asked if Code Encryption needs to be applied in the executable file; click on the *No* button:



12. The PluginMaster unlock code (License Key) is generated and after a moment shown in a new window. *Note: The new window might be hidden behind the dialog of the PluginMaster License Generator! Minimize or close all running currently displayed applications but the License Manager; this should make the License Key window visible.*



Step 13



13. Click on the *Save LicenseKey Info to File* button for saving the PluginMaster License (unlock) file. Browse to any desired folder where you (temporary) want to save the file, enter a file name, and click the *Save* button. To avoid any problems use a unique file name. **If you used an already existing file name and the next dialog showing up is very small issue 13 in Chapter 4 might be of any help.**
14. Close the PluginMaster License Generator windows.
15. Run PluginMaster -preferably as Administrator- and in the menu bar click on *Help - Registration*.
16. Click on the *License* button and browse to the License file you saved in step 12. **If PluginMaster produces an error after having loaded the License file issue 16 in Chapter 4 might be of any help.**
17. Next time you restart PluginMaster it should be unlocked. You can check this in the menu bar: *Help - Registration*. If everything went ok you should see: *License Type: Full, Expiration: No License Expiration*. **Note: you might need to repeat loading the License file into PluginMaster when after a restart the application turns out still to run on the trial license.**

Notes:

- It is recommended to check if PluginMaster has been unlocked properly: open the *Registration* dialog again and verify it says: "No License Expiration". Otherwise retry starting with step 15.
- If you find PluginMaster has been unlocked properly and an "Administrator-related" error message shows up every time PluginMaster is started, the "Administrator error message" note in Chapter 4 (page 13) might help you out.

Congratulations, you have unlocked PluginMaster successfully!

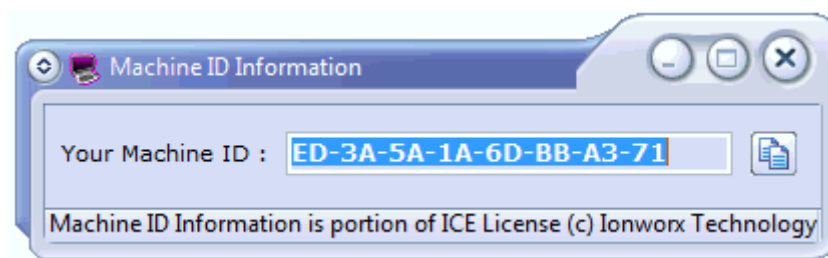


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Trouble shooting

Issue with instruction 2

If PluginMaster doesn't show you a Registration Key in the Help - Registration dialog there is an alternative way to obtain the Registration Key: From your free PluginMaster download package execute the file PluginMasterFree\PluginMaster License Generator\MachineID.exe. Your PluginMaster Registration Key will be shown which you can write down or copy.



Issue with instruction 3

The ICE License Manager has a limitation of generating 35 licenses at max. If you have used them all up simply delete the *ICE License Manager.ini* file and you should be good to go again for an other 35 licence generations. The ini file is located in the folder where you run the Licence Manager from.

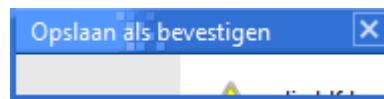
Issue with instruction 12

If the generated unlock code is not shown in a new window very likely the window is hidden behind other windows currently open. Minimize or close all currently running displayed applications except for the License Manager window; this should make the License Key window visible.



Issue with instruction 13

When creating a new license key file under an already existing file name a warning window will show up asking you if you are sure to overwrite the file. This warning window possibly is too small to see the message and the buttons of which one you have to click on.



The first button is the "Cancel" button which is selected by default. The second button is the "OK" button. Without a mouse you can still perform actions through keyboard buttons: hit the Enter button for confirming you want to Cancel or first hit the Tab button to select the next button (which is the "OK" button) and then hit the Enter button. This will overwrite the existing license file.

Issue with instruction 16

When loading a License File into PluginMaster for unlocking it, PluginMaster might produce an error message stating it can't write to the Registry. It depends on your Windows version or settings if this error will show up. Likely if you restart PluginMaster "as Administrator" you will have no problems. To run an application "as Administrator" simply use the right mouse button (RMB) menu: instead of left-clicking a link or icon to run an application right-click on the link or icon and select "run as Administrator". Doing so with restarting PluginMaster reload the License File again in order to unlock it. See page 13 for more information about this subject.

Issue with instruction 17

After having loaded a License File into PluginMaster without problems and restarting it, you might notice the application hasn't been unlocked at all and still running in 15-day trial mode. Repeat the unlocking procedure in PluginMaster once or twice will likely solve your issue. Somehow you might even not need to run PluginMaster "as Administrator" during the additional unlocking attempts.



Administrator error message

Depending on the Windows version you use, most likely when having logged in as a User instead of an Administrator, there *might* occur a "...can't write to the Registry" *error message* in two situations:

- When you load a License File into PluginMaster
- Each time you start PluginMaster, even after it has been unlocked (PluginMaster runs fine, though, after clicking away the error message).

To bypass this issue there is a temporary solution and a permanent solution:

Temporary running an application as "Administrator":

Instead of (normal) left-clicking the link or icon for running an application (e.g. PluginMaster) click on your right mouse button. Doing so will show a right-click menu in which you click on the option: "run as Administrator". PluginMaster will start up like it normally does, but *only for this instance* with Administrator rights. Windows will allow PluginMaster to do things which are normally blocked for protecting your computer from possible abuse.

Permanently letting an application run with Administrator rights:

If for some reason an application *always* needs Administrator rights for running (like for avoiding an error message showing up every time you run PluginMaster) it might be annoying always to run it with temporary Administrator rights. Instead apply the following one time change: use the right mouse button to click on the link or icon that runs the application you want to give permanent Administrator rights. In the right mouse button menu showing up click on the option: "Properties". In the next window click on the tab: "Compatibility". In the bottom of that tab you see a checkbox: "Run this application as Administrator". Tick the checkbox and close the dialog. From now on when you click on the link or icon the program will always run with Administrator rights (and PluginMaster should not show any "...can't write to the Registry" error messages anymore).



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Some things you should be aware of

PluginMaster was released in 2005 as a commercial product. Later the software development, related website and any kind of support was discontinued. Therefore basically PluginMaster has become a “retired” (Microsoft Windows 32-bit compatible) but possibly not a complete obsolete product.

The intention of The PluginSite taking over distribution of the PluginMaster application, documentation and unlock software as freeware is just and only for continuing the availability of this possibly useful application “as is”. *No support is given, no performance guarantees, no planned updates, etc.* It is strongly encouraged to unlock and learn to use PluginMaster *on your own* or with the help of a friend. Note that PluginMaster features integrated Help and comes with a Quick Guide in pdf format so you’re not completely on your own.

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