

# Minitab® Deployment Guide

This guide provides instructions for installing and licensing Minitab Statistical Software® on Windows. It also provides instructions for installing and licensing Minitab desktop app version 19 on macOS.

**By installing Minitab, you agree to the terms of the [License Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). If you do not agree to these terms, uninstall the software package. If you are deploying software to end users, you are accepting these terms on their behalf.**

## Deploying Minitab on a PC

You can use the command line to install Minitab on the client computer. To do so, you must specify the license information for each installation using the appropriate command line syntax. The following tables outline properties and switches that can be used to deploy Minitab to your end-users. For more information on installation, deployment and licensing, see the *Minitab Installation Guide*.

### EXE Switch Table

Command Line Switches	Accepted Values	Description
/exelang	1031 1033 1034 1036 1041 1042 1046 2052	Specify the default language of the installation and application. If language is not specified, the installer will use your system regional settings for the default language, or default to English if a match is not found. 1031=German 1033=English 1034=Spanish 1036=French 1041=Japanese 1042=Korean 1046=Portuguese 2052=Simplified Chinese
/exenoui		Required parameter for a silent install. Use with appropriate MSI switch for modified end-user experience (e.g., /qn, /qb, /passive).

### MSI Switch Table (Common)

Switch	Description
/passive	Basic user interface, progress bar only
/qn	Quiet, no user interface
/qb	Basic user interface, the <b>Cancel</b> button will be active during installation
/qr	Reduced user interface, the <b>Cancel</b> button will be active during installation

## Property Table

Property	Accepted Values	Description
APPDIR		Specify a custom installation directory.
ACCEPT_EULA	1	Required property. By specifying a value for this property, you accept the terms of the <a href="#">end-user license agreement and privacy policy</a> .
LICENSE_SERVER	server name or IP address	For use with a multi-user desktop license to specify the server that hosts Minitab License Manager. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not compatible with PRODUCT_KEY, LICENSE_PORTAL, or FILE_LOC</li> </ul>
LICENSE_SERVER_PORT	27000 to 27009	For use with a multi-user desktop license to <i>optionally</i> specify the listening port for the Minitab License Manager server.
PRODUCT_KEY	18-digit Product Key	Single-user desktop licenses can be activated by specifying a Product Key. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not compatible with LICENSE_SERVER, LICENSE_SERVER_PORT, LICENSE_PORTAL, or FILE_LOC</li> </ul>
FILE_LOC	Fully qualified path to license file, including filename	An alternative license mechanism using a file. Not intended for use with a standalone license configuration utilizing Minitab License Manager. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not compatible with LICENSE_SERVER, LICENSE_SERVER_PORT, LICENSE_PORTAL, or PRODUCT_KEY</li> <li>Corresponds to the location of your minitab.lic file</li> </ul>
LICENSE_PORTAL (Minitab desktop app version 20 only)	1	For use only with Minitab desktop app version 20 with online accounts that require sign-in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not compatible with LICENSE_SERVER, LICENSE_SERVER_PORT, PRODUCT_KEY, or FILE_LOC</li> </ul>

Property	Accepted Values	Description
DISABLE_ANALYTICS	0 or 1	<p>With consent, Minitab collects application analytics to help us better understand our customers' needs. Examples of application analytics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product information, including the types of files that are imported, the types and frequency of tools and commands, project characteristics, such as the amount of data and number of worksheets, and the frequency and duration of use.</li> <li>• Performance information about Minitab products and/or services and any issues you may experience while using them.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Minitab does not collect any user-entered data or statistical results.</p> <p><b>Settings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable application analytics, enter 0</li> <li>• To disable application analytics, enter 1</li> </ul> <p>If you do not enter a value for this property now, you can do it later when you launch the application. If you are deploying software on behalf of your end users, these settings will apply to their installations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 allows the end user to enable or disable application analytics on their computer</li> <li>• 1 automatically disables application analytics for all end users</li> </ul> <p>Note: These settings do not prevent Minitab from collecting other types of data from its websites and products, such as data necessary for managing licenses or accessing online Help. For more information, view our <a href="#">Privacy Policy</a>.</p>

Property	Accepted Values	Description
ProductLanguage	1031 1033 1034 1036 1041 1042 1046 2052	Specify the default language of the installation and application. This property can only be set within the Minitab group policy file. Refer to EXE Switch Table for additional language options. 1031=German 1033=English 1034=Spanish 1036=French 1041=Japanese 1042=Korean 1046=Portuguese 2052=Simplified Chinese
DISABLE_UPDATES	1	When you specify a value for this property, you turn off the ability to check for software updates. Disabling this option prevents automatic and manual checks from occurring. We recommend that you enable this option on at least one computer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set LICENSE_PORTAL=1 to manage updates through the License Portal.</li> </ul>

## Command Line Details

1. You must use the /exenoui switch when you use /qn, /qb, or /passive.
2. Verify that command line switches are in correct order.
  - EXE switches must precede MSI switches.
  - MSI switches must precede MSI properties.
3. If you do not specify licensing properties (LICENSE\_PORTAL, PRODUCT\_KEY, LICENSE\_SERVER, or FILE\_LOC), a 30-day trial will be installed.
4. If you have a previous version of Minitab installed, the existing values will be used for APPDIR, LICENSE\_PORTAL, LICENSE\_SERVER, LICENSE\_SERVER\_PORT, and PRODUCT\_KEY. Specifying these values during an upgrade will result in an error.

## Required Syntax

Use the following syntax: **productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe**, where

- Lowercase **product** is the name of the software,
- Uppercase **V** indicates the major release number of the software;
- Lowercase **v** (up to 3) indicates an update to the major release of the software; and
- **OS** indicates the operating system.

For example: minitab19.3.1.2setup.x64.exe [EXE Switch Table] [MSI Switch Table] [Property Table]

## Examples

**Note** The following examples do not contain line breaks.

**Install silently, English default language, and account sign-in:**

```
productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe / exenoui / exelang 1033 / qn ACCEPT_EULA=1 LICENSE_PORTAL=1
```

**Install silently, English default language, and multi-user desktop license:**

```
productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe / exenoui / exelang 1033 / qn ACCEPT_EULA=1 LICENSE_SERVER=MyServerName
```

**Install silently, English default language, and license file:**

```
productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe / exenoui / exelang 1033 / qn ACCEPT_EULA=1 FILE_LOC="c:\minitab.lic"
```

**Install silently, Simplified Chinese default language, multi-user desktop license setting server and port, and checking for updates disabled:**

```
productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe / exenoui / exelang 2052 / qn ACCEPT_EULA=1 LICENSE_SERVER=MyServerName  
LICENSE_SERVER_PORT=27000 DISABLE_UPDATES=1
```

**Install silently, Portuguese default language, single-user desktop license with product key, and custom installation directory:**

```
productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe / exenoui / exelang 1046 / qn ACCEPT_EULA=1 PRODUCT_KEY=123456789012345678  
APPDIR="c:\New Folder"
```

**Upgrade Minitab silently:**

```
productV.v.v.setup.xOS.exe / exenoui / qn ACCEPT_EULA=1
```

**Uninstall silently using the Minitab Product Code:**

```
msiexec /x {Product Code} /qn
```

64-bit Product Code registry location:

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\Product V V.v.v.v]
```

String: UninstallPath

## Group Policy Usage

The MSIs in the GroupPolicy folder of the Mass Deployment Package should be used only for Group Policy deployment methods. Use the Group Policy MSIs in conjunction with repackaging tools to ensure that Properties are set correctly for the required configuration.

- To install Minitab with English as the default language, use productV.v.v.setupGroupPolicyxOS.English.msi.
- To install Minitab with a non-English default language, use productV.v.v.setupGroupPolicyxOS.MultiLanguage.msi.

The ProductLanguage Property must be set to a supported language value. For a list of supported language values, refer to the Property table.

## Deploying Minitab desktop app version 19 on a Mac

1. Copy the Minitab package to the location from which you are deploying the software.
2. Use the deployment method of your choice to deploy Minitab for macOS.

3. To ensure that end-users do not need to enter the license information when they launch Minitab, complete the following steps:
  - a. After installing Minitab, locate the following script: /Library/Application Support/Minitab/Minitab {version number}/Mtb\_ConfigureLicensing.command.
  - b. With Administrator or Root permissions, execute the Mtb\_ConfigureLicensing.command script depending on how you plan to license the software.

#### License Server

To license Minitab with a license server, specify 'server' and '@YourServerIPAddress':

```
bash Mtb_ConfigureLicensing.command server @-192.168.0.10
```

To specify multiple license servers, use the following server syntax:

```
port@server1:port@server2:port@server3
```

#### License File

To license Minitab with a license file, specify 'file' and 'location/of/license/file/minitab.lic':

```
bash Mtb_ConfigureLicensing.command file FullyQualifiedPath/minitab.lic
```

#### Product Key

To license Minitab with a product key, specify 'key' and 'product key':

```
bash Mtb_ConfigureLicensing.command key 1111111111111111
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**Note** When using spaces or special characters, be sure to enclose the parameters in quotes.

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After installing Minitab desktop app version 19 on a Mac, you can manage the **Check for Updates** preferences. Locate the following script: /Library/Application Support/Minitab/Minitab {version number}/Mtb\_ConfigureUpdates.command. With Administrator or Root permissions, execute the Mtb\_ConfigureUpdates.command script with one of the following parameters:

#### disable

Does not allow the software to check for updates. This is the default option. Executing the script without a parameter will disable checking for updates.

#### enable

Allows the software to check for updates.

#### display

Shows the current preference.

#### help

Provides instructions for executing the command.

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**Note** If you choose to remove or disable checking for updates, you will not be automatically informed of critical updates, bug fixes, or notifications of problems or errors.

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To uninstall Minitab desktop app version 19 on a Mac, you can use the script provided. With Administrator or Root permissions, execute the following script: /Library/Application Support/Minitab/Minitab {version number}/Mtb\_uninstall.command