

# Creo® Elements/Direct® Modeling Express FAQs

## I am familiar with Creo Elements/Direct Personal Edition. What is Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express?

This free, Express version of [Creo Elements/Direct Modeling](#) is for users new to Creo Elements/Direct software. Unlike trial versions or shareware, Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express is extremely powerful and fully functional software with no preset expiration date. This solution was previously known as the PTC Creo Elements/Direct, or CoCreate®, Personal Edition.

## What separates the express from the professional version of Creo Elements/Direct Modeling?

To make the Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express software download as small as possible and still provide a rich 3D CAD experience, some professional version features have been excluded like photo-realistic rendering, some data exchange capabilities (e.g., saving STEP, IGES, and MI formats), integrated data management, 3D documentation, and 3rd party APIs. Also, the Express only supports up to 60 unique parts within a design session, and cannot be used with additional productivity modules such as sheet Metal, FEA, Surfacing, Advanced Design, Mold Base, Part Library, and Cabling.

## Can I exchange design data with other users?

Definitely! Imported and new design data are saved in a PK2 format unique to Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express, so feel free to exchange your design data with any other Creo Elements/Direct

Modeling Express user. Please note, the PK2 format is not compatible with the professional version of Creo Elements/Direct Modeling.

## How is Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express licensed?

While there is no license cost, individual registration and an internet connection are required to run Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express. Full license capabilities and local license administration capabilities are only available with the professional version of Creo Elements/Direct Modeling.

## Can Creo Elements/Direct Modeling and Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express run on the same machine?

Users running the current release of Creo Elements/Direct Modeling can also run Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express on the same machine. This is helpful for users desiring home or personal use licensing. Note that the PK2 format is not transferable between Creo Elements/Direct Modeling Express and the professional version.

## Where can I learn more about both the express and professional version of Creo Elements/Direct Modeling?

If you'd like to learn more about Creo Elements/Direct Modeling, [PTC University Learning Exchange](#) is a great place to start. You can view dozens of free product tutorials to discover more about product capabilities. If you have specific questions, you can visit [PTC Community](#) to communicate with users from around the world about PTC Creo Elements/Direct Modeling.

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