

UNICORN™ System Control Software

Quick installation guide



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1 Installation overview

About UNICORN

UNICORN $^{\text{TM}}$ system control software can be installed on a computer to control an ÄKTA $^{\text{TM}}$ chromatography system connected to that computer. The software has the following components. These components are installed one after another.

- UNICORN Database
- UNICORN Software
- Software Licensing Server

Installation types

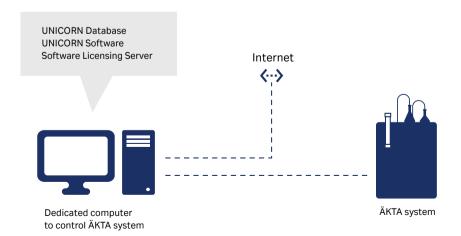
Depending on whether your computer is only connected to one ÄKTA system or connected to other computers controlling ÄKTA systems in a network, UNICORN software can be installed in the following ways:

- Full installation
- · Custom installation



IMPORTANT

If you need to connect your dedicated computer to the internet while connected to the ÄKTA system (see the illustration below), **you need two Network Interface Cards (NICs) installed in your dedicated computer**.



General computer specifications

For information on computer specifications,

see http://www.cytiva.com/UNICORNPCspecifications.

For information about compatibility between UNICORN software versions, the supported operating systems, database versions, and instrument configuration, see the UNICORN software compatibility matrix at:

http://www.cytiva.com/UNICORNcompatibility.

The following applies:

- A screen resolution of 1280x1024 or higher is recommended. Parts of the UNICORN software user interface can not be displayed properly using a lower resolution.
- Changing the default font and changing the font size from 100% in Microsoft® Windows® can cause problems in the UNICORN software user interface.
- Windows 7 basic color scheme is recommended¹.
- Using the Windows 7 Aero color scheme is not recommended.
- Windows power save features must be turned off to avoid conflicts with system operations.
- UNICORN software is not compatible with the Windows feature High DPI
 Awareness, which allows the graphic user interface to be scaled. The interface scale
 must remain at 100% to avoid issues with clipping and misaligning of parts of the
 UNICORN software user interface. Normally, the scale is set at 100% by default.

Full installation overview

When you have only one ÄKTA system, select the **Full installation** option. All the UNICORN software components are installed in the dedicated computer, see the following illustration.

UNICORN Database
UNICORN Software
Software Licensing Server

Dedicated computer

ÄKTA system

to control ÄKTA system

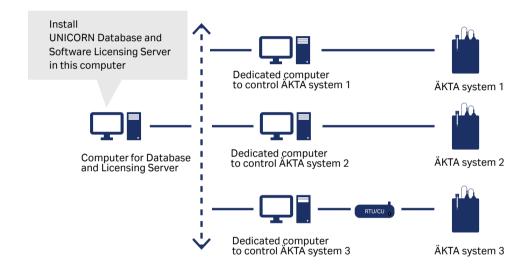
UNICORN software must be closed when the color scheme is changed.

Custom installation overview

Select the **Custom installation** option when you have:

- · several ÄKTA systems,
- all the dedicated computers connected to your company internet, and
- an additional computer connected to the company internet. This computer is where
 the UNICORN software Database and Software Licensing Server will be
 installed.

Note: You may choose to install the **UNICORN Database** on one computer and the **License Server** on another.



2 Full installation



IMPORTANT

You need an **Activation ID** to download the UNICORN software installation package and to retrieve an e-License from the Cytiva software e-Licensing web site. The activation ID together with the information on the software is sent via e-mail. Contact the Cytiva representative if the activation ID is not received.

Internet connection is needed to download the UNICORN software installation package and to retrieve the e-License.

UNICORN Database UNICORN Software Software Licensing Server



Dedicated computer to control ÄKTA system



ÄKTA system

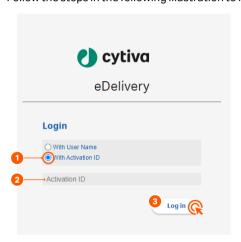
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2.1 Step 1: Download UNICORN software package

Step Action 1 Enter the following address: http://www.cytiva.com/eDelivery

2 Follow the steps in the following illustration to log in:



3 Follow the direction in the following illustration:



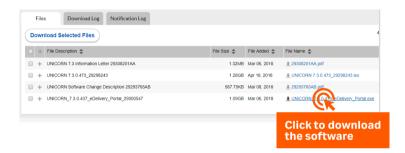
4 Enter the UNICORN page.



5 Select a software version.



6 Download the software.



The software package will be downloaded in **Downloads** folder.

7 Do Step 2: Install UNICORN software component

2.2 Step 2: Install UNICORN software component

It is assumed that you have downloaded the UNICORN software installation package in the computer where UNICORN software will be installed.

Step Action

1 In the computer where the UNICORN software installation package is downloaded, locate the downloaded installation package.



IMPORTANT

Generally, the installation package is downloaded in the **Downloads** folder. Move the installation package to **C**: drive.

2 Double-click the UNICORN_7.x.x.xxx_eDelivery_Portal.exe file.

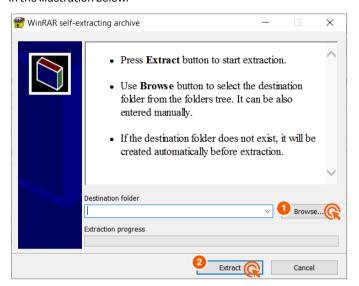


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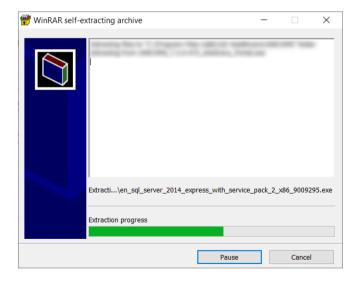
It can take **several minutes** for the extraction. If you are installing UNICORN software 7.3 or earlier release, follow **step 3 and 4**. For later releases, go to **step 4**.

If the **Open File - Security Warning** window appears, click **Run**.

3 If you are installing UNICORN software 7.3 or earlier release, follow the steps in the illustration below.



Please wait for the extraction to finish.

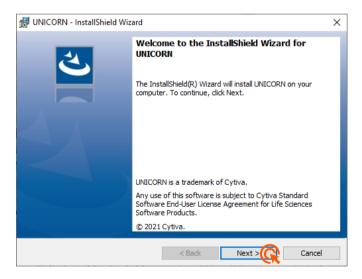


4 If you are installing UNICORN software 7.4 or later releases, the selfextracting function creates a folder with same name as the downloaded file at the same location.

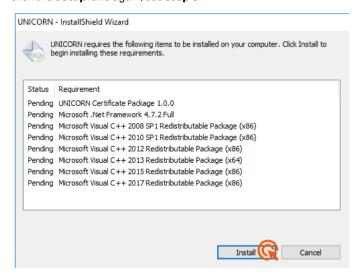


Double-click the UNICORN_7.x.x.xxx_eDelivery_Portal folder.

- 5 Double-click **Setup.exe**.
 If the **Open File Security Warning** window appears, click **Run**.
- 6 Click **Next**.



7 If your computer is **missing any software requirements**, the installer will install them. The computer can **restart** several times. After restart, double-click the **Setup.exe** again, see **step 5**.



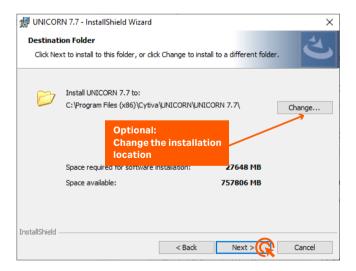
8 Accept the license agreement.



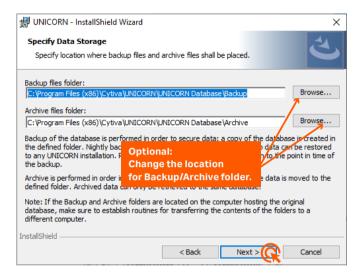
9 Select the installation type.



10 Click Next.



11 Click Next.



12 Select Require password (optional).



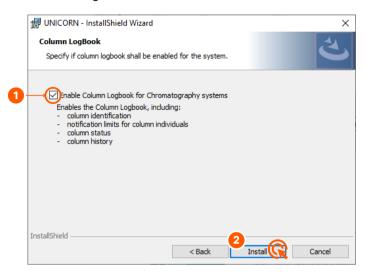
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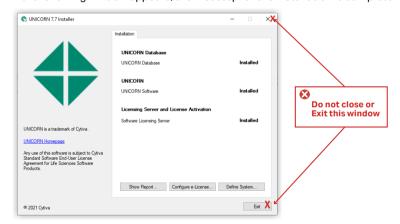
Enable Column Logbook only if you have license for it.

Select Column Logbook and then click Install.



Please wait this can take several minutes.

If the following window appears, the first step for the installation is complete



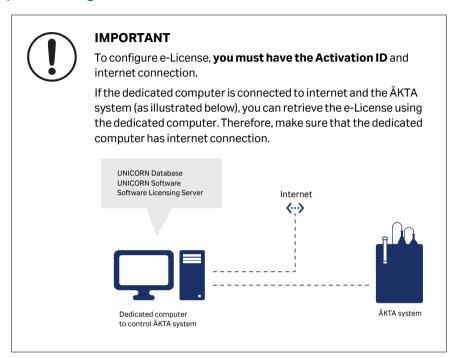


IMPORTANT

Do not close the UNICORN Installer window (see the illustration above). If you accidentally close it, perform step 4 of this procedure again.

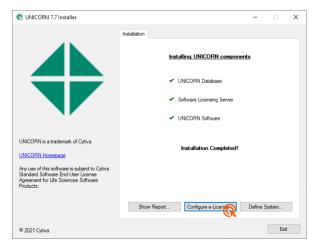
14 Do Step 3: Configure e-Licenses.

2.3 Step 3: Configure e-Licenses

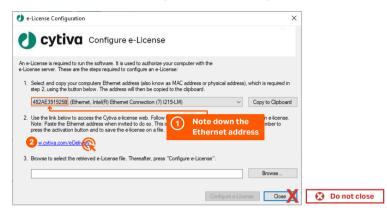


Step Action

1 Open the **Configuration e-License** window as shown below.



2 Follow the steps in the following illustration to configure an e-License:

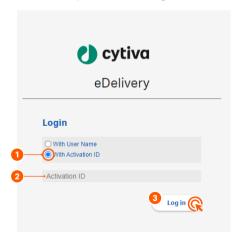




IMPORTANT

The Ethernet address stated in the illustration above is **an example**. Note down the Ethernet address that appears **on your computer screen**.

3 Follow the steps in the following illustration to log in:



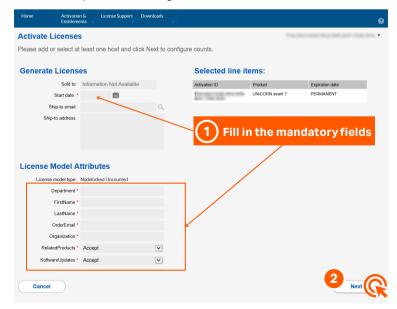
4 Follow the direction in the following illustration:



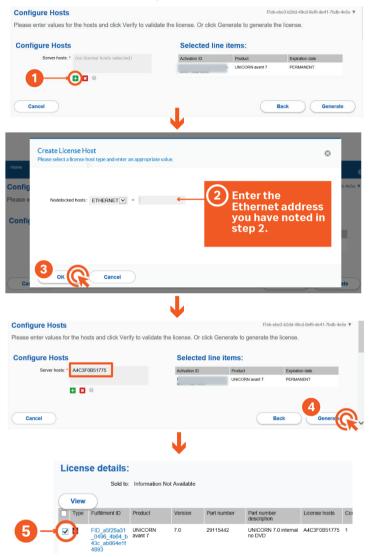
5 Follow the steps in the following illustration:



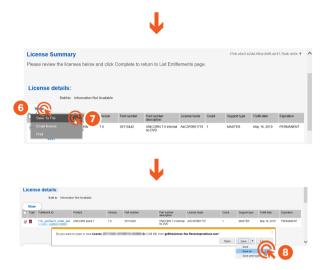
6 Follow the steps in the following illustration:



7 Follow the steps in the following illustration:



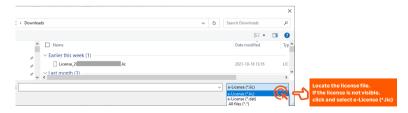
8 Continue following the steps:



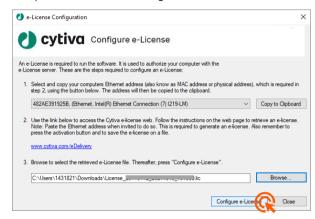
9 Go back to the **e-License Configuration** window and click **Browse**.



10 Browse to the e-License location.



- 11 Click Open.
- 12 Complete the e-License configuration.



When the following dialog box appears, the configuration is successful, click OK to continue.



14 Close the e-License Configuration window.



15 Perform **Step 4: Configure IP**.

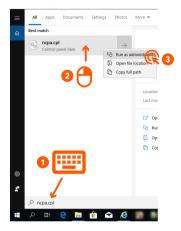
2.4 Step 4: Configure IP

Step Action

- 1 Make sure that your dedicated computer is connected to internet and to the ÄKTA system.
- 2 Click the Windows search icon.



3 Enter *ncpa.cpl* in the **search box**, and then press **Enter**.



Note:

For **Windows 7** user, Click **Start**, enter **ncpa.cpl** in the **search box**, and then press **Enter**.

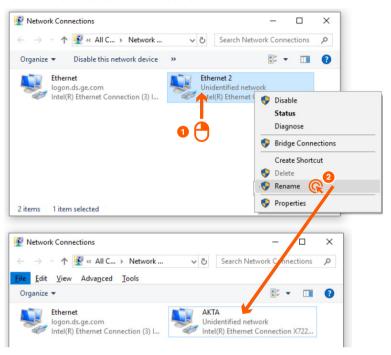


IMPORTANT

If you have two Ethernet cards, one Ethernet card is connected to internet (**Ethernet in the illustration below**) and the other (**Ethernet 2 in the illustration below**) is connected to the ÄKTA system. Generally, the Ethernet card connected to the internet has the company domain name. For example, in the illustration below, it is **logon.ds...com**. Ethernet card connected to the ÄKTA system generally states **Unidentified network** as seen in the illustration below.



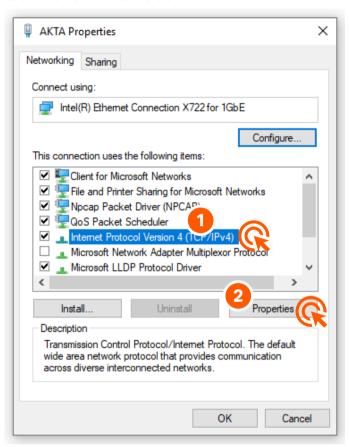
4 Rename the **Ethernet 2** connection to **AKTA**.



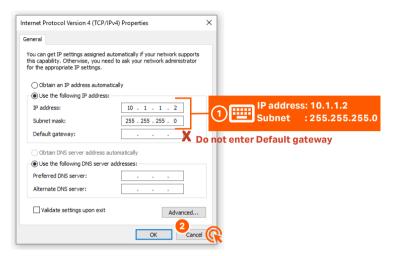
5 Access the **Properties** window of the ÄKTA network connection.



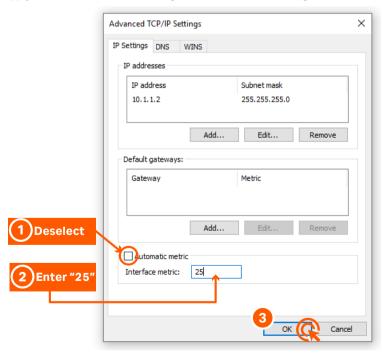
6 Select Internet Protocol Version 4.



7 Enter the **IP address** and the **Subnet mask** as shown in the following illustration:



8 Apply the advanced TCP/IP settings as shown in the following illustration:

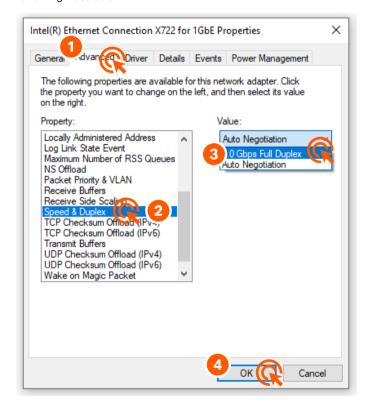


9 Click **OK** or **Close** in all the open dialog boxes.

10 Access the **Properties** window of the ÄKTA network connection.



11 Select the **Speed & Duplex** property and its intended value as shown in the following illustration:



Note:

For ÄKTA avant, ÄKTA pure™, ÄKTA go™, ÄKTA pilot 600 etc., set **Speed & Duplex** to **Auto Negotiation** or at least **100Mb Full Duplex**.

For a CU based system (ÄKTA, Espresso etc), set to 10mbps Half Duplex.

12 Perform **Step 5: Define a system**.

2.5 Step 5: Define a system



IMPORTANT

You need an **Instrument Configuration** (IC) to define your system.

The latest IC can be downloaded from the product page of your system. Go to http://www.cytiva.com/akta, search for your ÄKTA system on the page. The IC can be found under **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

SOFTWARE on your ÄKTA system web page.

Step Action

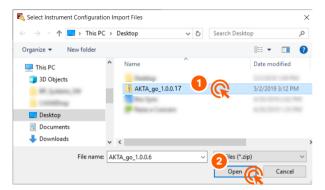
Open the **Define System** window.



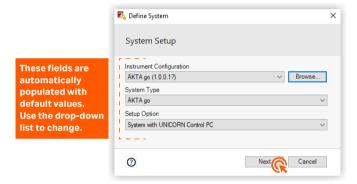
2 Browse to the Instrument Configuration location.



3 Open the Instrument Configuration file.



4 Select the system setup options.



5 Do the steps to configure the system:



- a. Enter your preferred system name. This name cannot be changed later.
- b. Enter your ÄKTA serial number. The number can be found on sticker at the back of the system.

Action		
c. Select Connect by IP Address option.		
d. Enter the IP address.		
e. Click Test Connection , and if the connection is successful,		
f. Click Finish.		
When you successfully have defined your system, you can close the Define System dialog. Now the ÄKTA system is ready for use.		

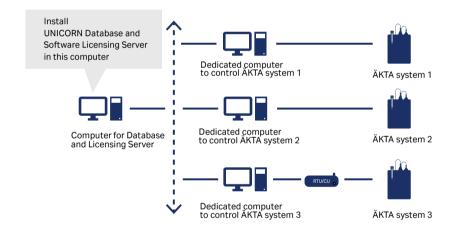
3 Custom installation



IMPORTANT

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To download the UNICORN software installation package and to retrieve the e-License, **internet connection** is needed.



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3.1 Step 1: Download UNICORN software package

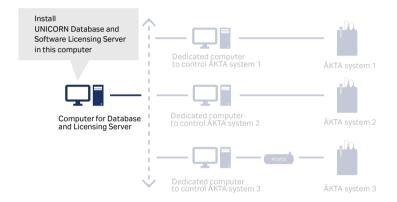


IMPORTANT

Make sure that all the Windows updates are done. Otherwise, the computer might start installing Windows updates during UNICORN software installation and significantly delay the installation process.

Step Action

In the computer where UNICORN software Database and Software Licensing server will be installed, open any web browser.



- 2 Enter the following address: http://www.cytiva.com/eDelivery
- 3 Follow the steps in the following illustration to log in:



4 Follow the direction in the following illustration:



5 Enter the UNICORN page.



6 Select a software version.



7 Download the software.



The software package will be downloaded in **Downloads** folder.

8 Do Step 2: Install UNICORN Database.

3.2 Step 2: Install UNICORN Database

It is assumed that you have downloaded the UNICORN software installation package in the computer where UNICORN software will be installed.

Step Action

1 In the computer where the UNICORN software installation package is downloaded, locate the downloaded installation package.



IMPORTANT

Generally, the installation package is downloaded in the **Downloads** folder. Move the installation package to **C**: drive.

2 Double-click the UNICORN_7.x.x.xxx_eDelivery_Portal.exe file.

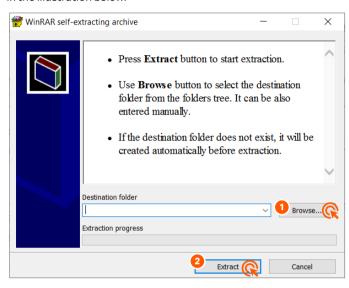


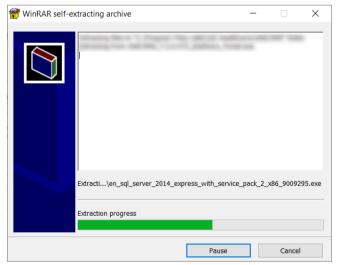
IMPORTANT

It can take **several minutes** for the extraction. If you are installing UNICORN software 7.3 or earlier release, follow **step 3 and 4**. For later releases, go to **step 4**.

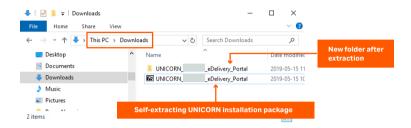
If the **Open File - Security Warning** window appears, click **Run**.

3 If you are installing UNICORN software 7.3 or earlier release, follow the steps in the illustration below.





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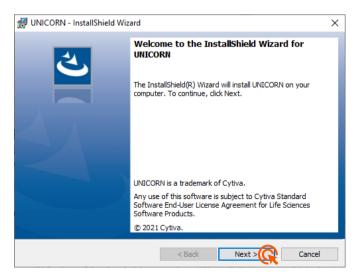
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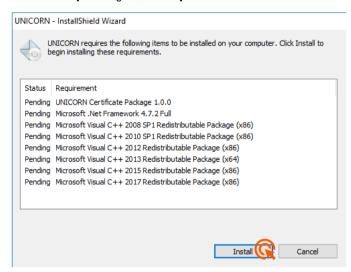
IMPORTANT

If your organization allows you to use USB memory stick, copy the extracted installation package into a USB memory stick to simplify the installation process. Otherwise, make sure that the extracted files are accessible from all the related computers for this installation.

- 5 Double-click **Setup.exe**. If the **Open File Security Warning** window appears, click **Run**.
- 6 Click Next.



7 If your computer is missing any software requirements, the installer will install them. The computer can restart several times. After restart, doubleclick the **Setup.exe** again, see step 5.



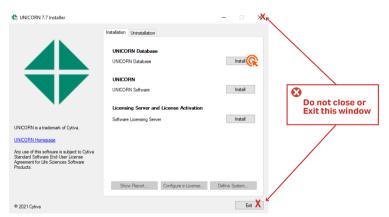
8 Accept the license agreement.



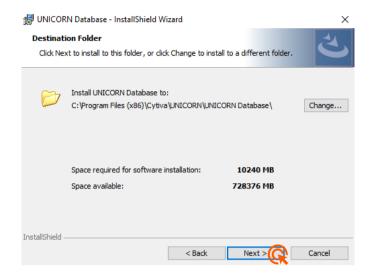
9 Select the installation type.



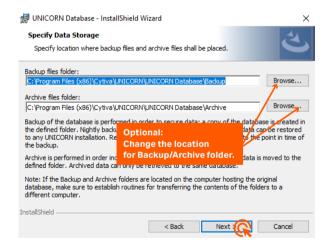
10 Click *Install* next to *UNICORN Database*.



11 Click Next.



12 Click Next.



13 Select **Require password** (optional).



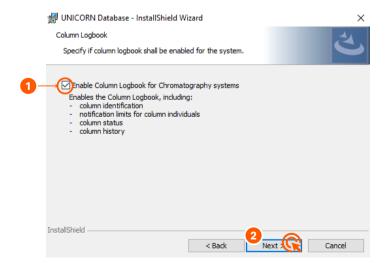
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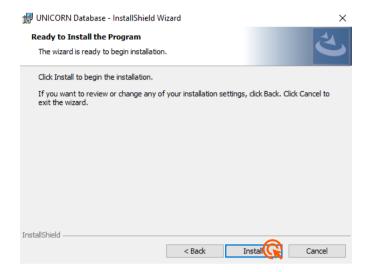
IMPORTANT

Enable **Column Logbook** only if you have **license** for it.

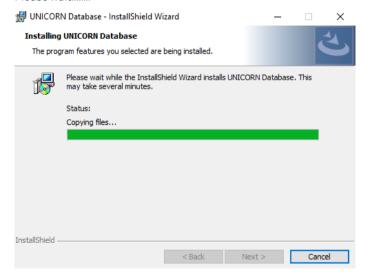
Do the steps in the illustration:



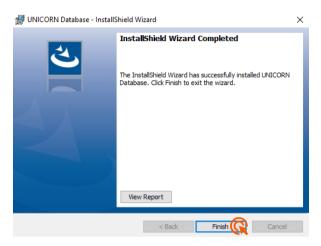
15 Click *Install*.



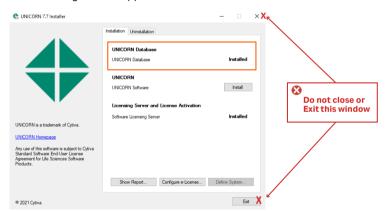
Please wait......



16 Click Finish.



If the following window appears, the database installation is finished.





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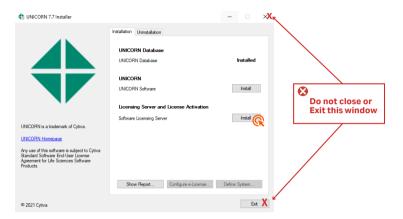
Do not close the UNICORN Installer window (see the illustration above). If you accidentally close it, perform step 4 - 10 of this procedure again.

17 Do STEP 3: Install Software Licensing Server.

3.3 Step 3: Install Software Licensing Server

Step Action

1 Click Install next to Software Licensing Server.



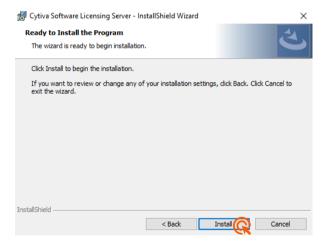
2 Click Next.



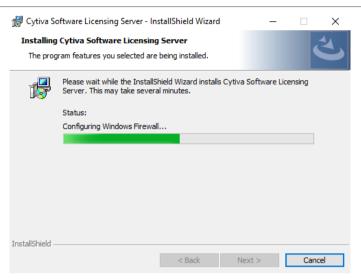
3 Accept the license agreement.



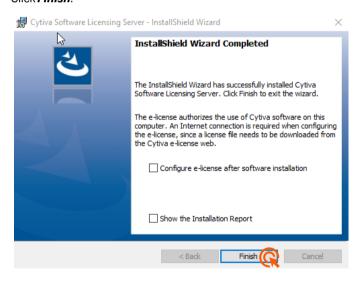
4 Click Install.



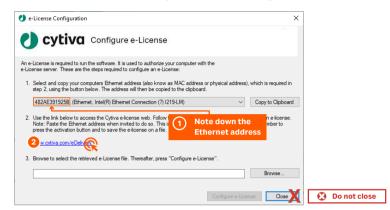
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5 Click Finish.



6 Follow the steps in the following illustration to configure an e-License:

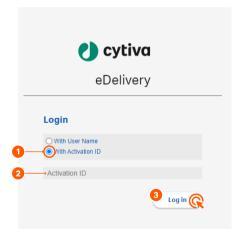




IMPORTANT

The Ethernet address stated in the illustration above is **an example**. Note down the Ethernet address that appears **on your computer screen**.

7 Follow the steps in the following illustration to log in:



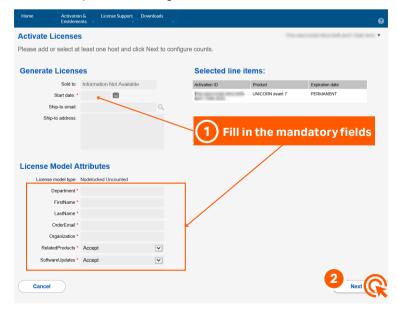
8 Follow the direction in the following illustration:



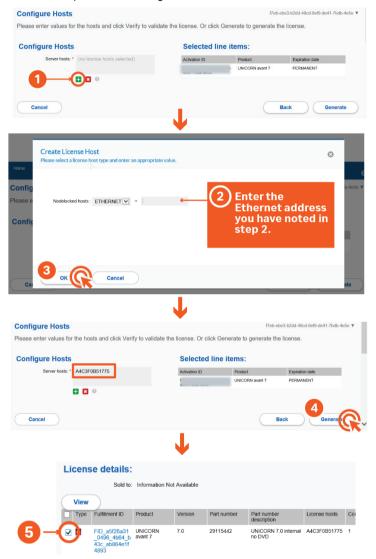
9 Follow the steps in the following illustration:



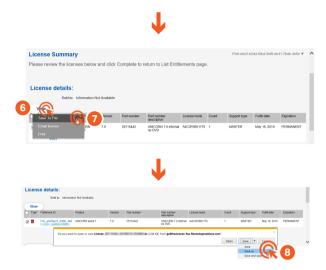
10 Follow the steps in the following illustration:



11 Follow the steps in the following illustration:



12 Continue following the steps:



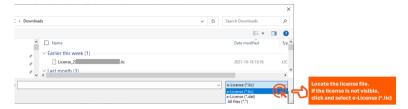
Tip:

It is recommended to rename the license so that the license can be easily identified later.

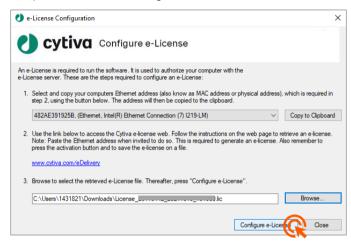
13 Go back to the **e-License Configuration** window and click **Browse**.



14 Browse to the e-License location.



- 15 Click Open.
- 16 Complete the e-License configuration.



When the following dialog box appears, the configuration is successful, click OK to continue.



18 Close the e-License Configuration window.



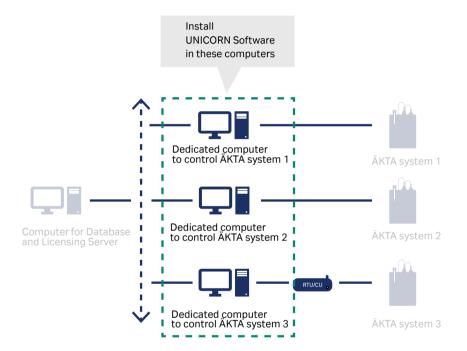
19 Do Step 4: Install UNICORN software.

3.4 Step 4: Install UNICORN software



IMPORTANT

Perform the following steps in all the dedicated computers controlling your ÄKTA systems (see the illustration below).



Step Action

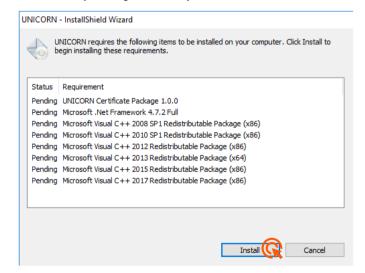
- 1 Locate and double-click the **UNICORN_7.x.x.xxx_eDelivery_Portal** folder.
- 2 Double-click **Setup.exe**.

If the **Open File - Security Warning** window appears, click **Run**.

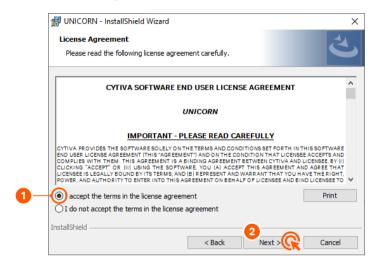
3 Click Next.



If your computer is **missing any software requirements**, the installer will install them. The computer can **restart** several times. After restart, double-click the **Setup.exe** again, see **step 5**.



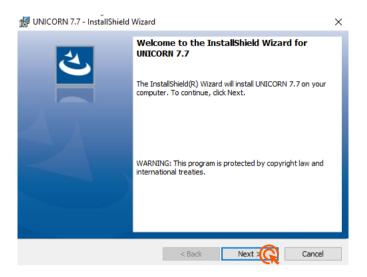
5 Accept the license agreement.



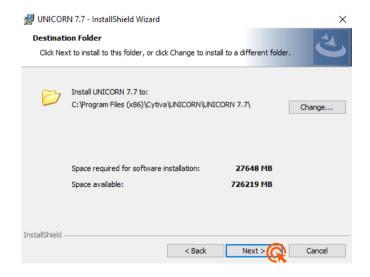
6 Select the installation type.



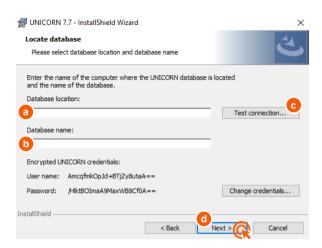
7 Click Next.



8 Click Next.



9 Do the steps:



- a. Enter the name of the computer where the database is installed.
- b. Enter the name of the database.
- c. Click **Test connection** to check if the database is reachable.
 Result: A pop-up appears to confirm if the connection is successful Click OK on the pop-up.
- d. Click Next to continue.

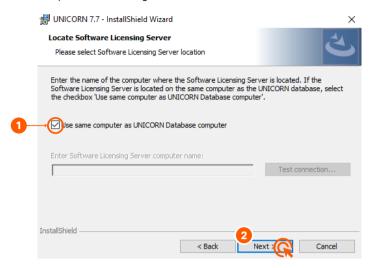
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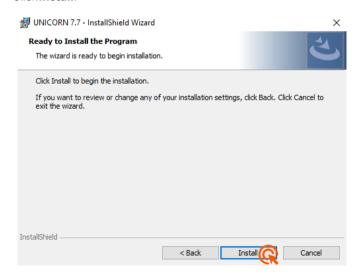
IMPORTANT

If you have chosen to install the **Software Licensing Server** on a different computer, enter the licensing server name instead of selecting **Use same computer** as **UNICORN Database computer**.

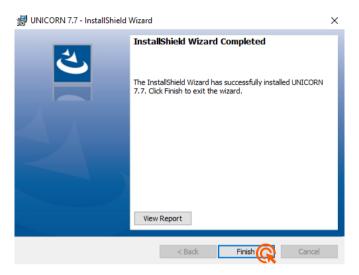
Do the steps in the following illustration:



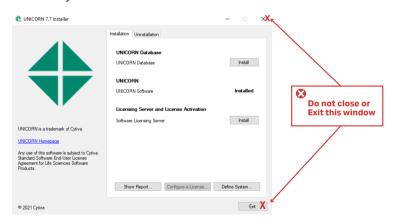
11 Click Install.



12 Click Finish.



The following window confirms that **UNICORN Software** is installed successfully.



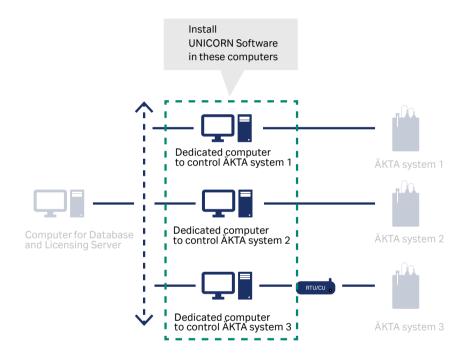
13 Do Step 5: Configure IP.

3.5 Step 5: Configure IP



IMPORTANT

Perform the following steps in all the dedicated computers controlling your ÄKTA systems (see the illustration below).

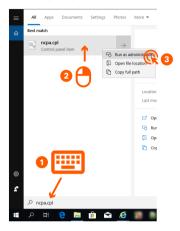


Step Action

- 1 Make sure that your dedicated computer is connected to internet and to the ÄKTA system.
- 2 Click the Windows search icon.



3 Enter *ncpa.cpl* in the **search box**, and then press **Enter**.



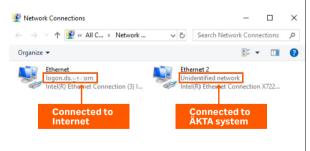
Note:

For **Windows 7** user, Click **Start**, enter **ncpa.cpl** in the **search box**, and then press **Enter**.

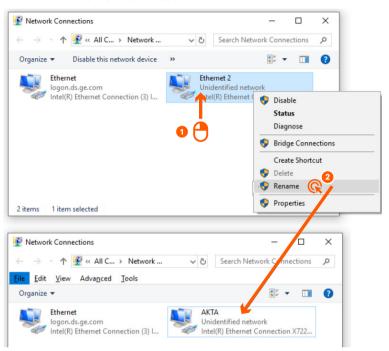


IMPORTANT

If you have two Ethernet cards, one Ethernet card is connected to internet (**Ethernet in the illustration below**) and the other (**Ethernet 2 in the illustration below**) is connected to the ÄKTA system. Generally, the Ethernet card connected to the internet has the company domain name. For example, in the illustration below, it is **logon.ds....com**. Ethernet card connected to the ÄKTA system generally states **Unidentified network** as seen in the illustration below.



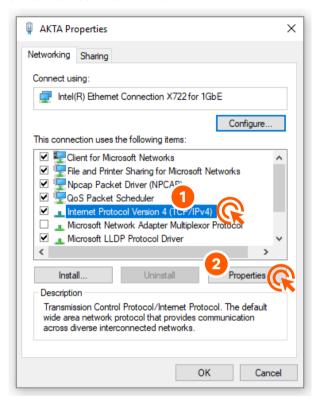
4 Rename the **Ethernet 2** connection to **AKTA**.



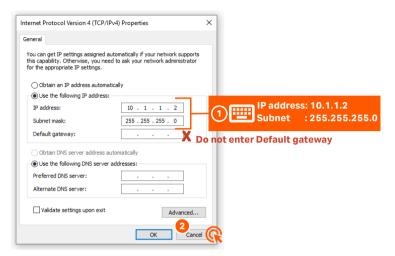
5 Access the **Properties** window of the ÄKTA network connection.



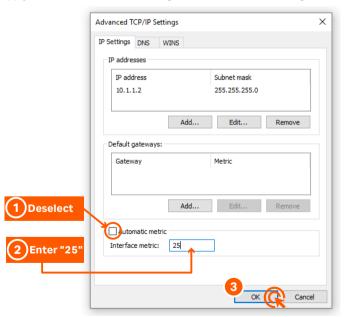
6 Select Internet Protocol Version 4.



7 Enter the **IP address** and the **Subnet mask** as shown in the following illustration:



8 Apply the advanced TCP/IP settings as shown in the following illustration:

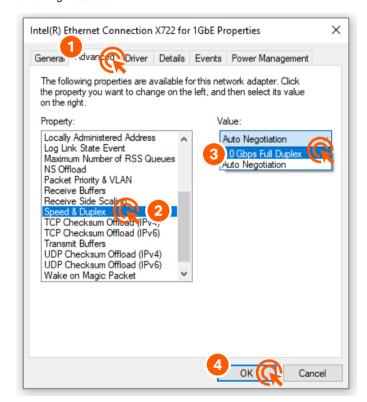


9 Click **OK** or **Close** in all the open dialog boxes.

10 Access the **Properties** window of the ÄKTA network connection.



11 Select the **Speed & Duplex** property and its intended value as shown in the following illustration:



Note:

For ÄKTA avant, ÄKTA pure, ÄKTA go, ÄKTA pilot 600 etc., set **Speed & Duplex** to **Auto Negotiation** or at least **100Mb Full Duplex**.

For a CU based system (ÄKTA, Espresso etc), set to 10mbps Half Duplex.

12 Do Step 6: Define a system.

3.6 Step 6: Define a system

See Section 2.5 Step 5: Define a system, on page 29.

4 Troubleshooting

For information on troubleshooting, see *UNICORN 7.x Administration and Technical Manual*. This document is available on the Cytiva Web.





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