



Toad[®] for Oracle 2026 R1

Installation Guide



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Overview of Toad for Oracle

Toad for Oracle provides an intuitive and efficient way for database professionals of all skill and experience levels to perform their jobs with an overall improvement in workflow effectiveness and productivity. With Toad for Oracle you can:

- Understand your database environment through visual representations
- Meet deadlines easily through automation and smooth workflows
- Perform essential development and administration tasks from a single tool
- Deploy high-quality applications that meet user requirements and perform predictably and reliably in production
- Validate database code to ensure the best-possible performance and adherence to best-practice standards
- Manage and share projects, templates, scripts, and more with ease

The Toad for Oracle solutions are built for you, by you. Nearly two decades of development and feedback from various communities like Toad World have made it the most powerful and functional tool available. With an installed base of over two million, Toad for Oracle continues to be the "de facto" standard tool for database development and administration.

System Requirements

About these requirements

These are the system requirements for Toad for Oracle. Additional system requirements for the products that are bundled in the Toad Editions are in the Toad for Oracle Editions Release Notes on <http://support.quest.com/technical-documentation>.

Hardware requirements

Requirement	Details
Processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 GHz processor - Toad for Oracle 32/64 bitApple Silicon (M-series processors) - Toad for Oracle on Mac
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 GB RAM - Toad for Oracle 32 bit2 GB RAM - Toad for Oracle 64 bit2 GB RAM - Toad for Oracle on Mac <p>NOTE: The memory required may vary based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Applications that are running on your systemSize and complexity of the databaseAmount of database activityNumber of concurrent users accessing the database
Hard disk space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">600 MB - Toad for Oracle 32/64 bit2 GB - Toad for Oracle on Mac
Operating system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Windows 10Windows 11

Requirement	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows Server 2016 • Windows Server 2019 • Windows Server 2022 • Windows Server 2025 • macOS 11 • macOS 12 • macOS 13 • macOS 14 • macOS 15 • macOS 26

Database requirements

Requirement	Details
Database client	<p>An Oracle client is optional.</p> <p>Connecting to a database without an Oracle client has the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features requiring Oracle utilities will be unavailable including, but not limited to: SQL*Plus, Data Pumps, Import/Export Utilities, SQL Loader, TKProf, TNSPing, Wrap. • Oracle Net Services configuration files are required for some connection methods, e.g. TNS requires tnsnames.ora and LDAP requires both ldap.ora and sqlnet.ora. These files may be placed in the folder specified by your TNS_ADMIN environment variable or in the same folder as Toad.exe. <p>The following Oracle clients are supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oracle Client or Instant Client 10.2.0.5 • Oracle Client or Instant Client 11.2.0.1/11.2.0.3 • Oracle Client or Instant Client 12c Release 1 and 2 • Oracle Client or Instant Client 18c • Oracle Client or Instant Client 19c • Oracle Client or Instant Client 21c • Oracle Client or Instant Client 23c/23ai <p>NOTE: The client's architecture (32-bit or 64-bit) must match that of Toad.</p>
Database server	<p>Oracle versions:</p>

Requirement	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10g Release 2 • 11g Release 1 and 2 • 12c Release 1 and 2 • 18c • 19c • 21c • 23c/23ai • 26ai <p>IMPORTANT: It is recommended that your client version be of the same release (or later) as your database server. This is an Oracle recommendation to prevent performance issues.</p>
Cloud database service	Oracle Database as a Service on Amazon EC2 and Oracle Cloud

Network

- Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) is being adopted by the US Federal Government and industries around the world. In its most basic format, the new protocol uses 128-bit addresses instead of 32-bit addresses, which are used by the current IPv4 to route packets over the Internet. Toad for Oracle features, such as FTP, access the Internet through third-party vendors that are IPv6 compliant, such as /nSoftware's IP*Works. For access to Web sites by way of the Toad Online window, Toad simply invokes the user-defined or default Web browser.
- Toad for Oracle Subscription licenses require the user to sign in when using the product. This enables the product to verify the user's identity and to check that they are entitled to use the subscription. To complete this entitlement check internet access is required to connect to Quest Software's Licensing Servers.
- Toad for Oracle on Windows 64-bit includes Quest Auto Update, a service that periodically checks for and delivers product updates. Quest Auto Update requires internet access and must be able to reach the cloud service at <https://autoupdate.toadworld.com>.

Additional requirements

Requirement	Details
Additional Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office 2016 and recent earlier releases are supported for Word and Excel output. • Microsoft .NET Framework 4.8 or newer to support the Toad for Oracle Edition Installer.

Virtualization support

Type	Details
Application virtualization	Citrix® XenApp
Desktop virtualization (VDI)	vWorkspace™ 7.0 has been tested.
Server virtualization	Oracle VM 3.1 has been tested. VMware ESX Server 3.5, 4.0, and 5.5 have been tested.

NOTE: Toad may work in virtualization environments other than the ones listed.

Windows Privileges

In order to install and run Toad, make a connection, and do basic operations, you must have the following privileges.

Operating System	Requirements
Windows non-Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read access to the Oracle client folder
Windows Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read/write privileges on the Oracle Home directories that you use for your connections

NOTE: Toad for Oracle on Windows 64-bit includes Quest Auto Update, a service that periodically checks for and delivers product updates. Installation requires administrator privileges.

NOTE: Other functionality in Toad may require additional privileges.

Install Toad

Obtaining the installer

Most installation tasks can be performed with the Toad for Oracle Edition Installer; however, you can optionally extract the individual product installers (.msi files) from the Edition Installer. This is useful for advanced installation scenarios, such as silently deploying Toad and other products to multiple machines within your organization.

Download the Toad for Oracle Edition Installer

1. Go to <https://support.quest.com/toad-for-oracle>.
2. Search for Toad for Oracle.
3. Download the appropriate **Toad for Oracle Edition** installer.

Extract individual product installers

See [Toad for Oracle Edition Installer options](#) for instructions on using the `/extract` parameter to extract product installers.

Installation options

You can install Toad in the following ways:

Typical installation

Use the Toad for Oracle Edition Installer to install Toad. When you start Toad, it retrieves your license entitlements and then guides you through installing any additional products included with your edition.

Silent installation

You can run the installer silently to install Edition products without displaying the user interface. This is useful for automated or scripted deployments. See [Install silently from the command line](#) in this guide.

Read-only installation

You can use a read-only installation to give users query access while preventing any data updates or modifications. See [Install as read-only](#) in this guide.

Installation and operation guidelines

- An Oracle client is optional for Toad; however, some products included in the Edition may require it. If you decide to install an Oracle client, its architecture (32-bit or 64-bit) must match that of the installed Edition.
- When you run Toad for the first time, it will automatically import settings from a previously installed version, if one is detected.
- To reset your settings, copy them from a previous installation, or import them from another machine, see [Manage user settings](#) in this guide.
- Toad for Oracle on Windows 64-bit includes Quest Auto Update, a service that periodically checks for and delivers product updates. After installation, Quest Auto Update is set to run automatically under the LocalService account. Product updates are downloaded automatically, and a notification window will appear when updates are available.

NOTE: Quest Auto Update does not provide updates for all products produced by Quest.

- In order to install and run Toad for Oracle, make a connection, and do basic operations, you must have the following privileges:

Operating System	Requirements
Windows non-Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read access to the Oracle client folder
Windows Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read/write privileges on the Oracle Home directories that you use for your connections

NOTE: Toad for Oracle on Windows 64-bit includes Quest Auto Update, a service that periodically checks for and delivers product updates. Installation requires administrator privileges.

NOTE: Other functionality in Toad may require additional privileges.

- If you experience startup failures, do the following:
 - a. Right-click on the Toad shortcut, then select **Properties**.
 - b. Select the **Compatibility** tab.
 - c. Make certain **Run this program as an administrator** is selected

NOTE: You can configure Toad to run as administrator for all users by selecting **Change settings for all users** and selecting **Run this program as an administrator** from the properties dialog that opens.

Preinstallation instructions for Citrix or Remote Desktop Services

All Toad user files are stored in a *user_name* directory. When a user opens Toad for the first time, Toad copies the contents of this folder to the user's associated Application Data folder in the Toad installation folder.

NOTE: Write access is required to the Oracle directory if any of the users want to edit the **tnsnames.ora** file by using the TNSNames Editor within Toad.

To install Toad on a Citrix/Remote Desktop Services system

1. Connect to the system as an administrator.
2. Copy the Toad installer to the Citrix/Remote Desktop Services server, if required.
3. Install Toad according to the instructions provided in this guide.
4. Right-click the **Toad.exe** file in the root installation folder, and then select **Properties**. Make sure the **Allow non-administrators to run this program** option is selected under **Compatibility | User Account Privileges**.
5. Repeat these steps for each server in the Citrix/Remote Desktop Services farm.

Note: Although you must install Toad on every server in the farm, you only need to publish Toad once.

Install silently from the command line

A silent installation enables you to install Toad and other Edition products without user interaction, making it ideal for automated deployments across your organization. You can specify command-line parameters to configure the installation, such as choosing a custom installation directory.

NOTE: Legacy offline licenses, such as those that use a license key and site message, can also be applied silently. See [Install licenses](#).

NOTE: Toad is installed per machine and will be available to all users on that machine.

Toad for Oracle Edition Installer

Installation supports silent mode by using the `/install` and `/qn` command-line parameters. See [Toad for Oracle Edition Installer options](#) for the complete command-line reference.

See [Obtaining the installer](#) for instructions on acquiring the Toad for Oracle Edition Installer.

Toad for Oracle Product Installer

Installation supports silent mode by using the `/i` and `/qn msiexec` command-line parameters when launching the Toad product installer. See [Toad for Oracle Product Installer options](#) for the complete command-line reference.

See [Install licenses](#) for instructions to silently deploy legacy offline licenses.

See [Obtaining the installer](#) for instructions on acquiring the product installer.

Install licenses

Offline Subscription licenses and legacy offline licenses can be installed silently. Use the installation method below that applies to your license type.

NOTE: Online Subscription licenses are automatically retrieved when you sign in to Toad for Oracle.

Install offline Subscription licenses

To install offline Subscription licenses on the target computers

- Obtain the **license.xml** file for your license from <https://licensing.toadworld.com>.
- Rename **license.xml** to **ProductLicenses.xml**.
- Save **ProductLicenses.xml** to the target computers in the **%ProgramData%\Quest** directory.

NOTE: If you need to apply multiple licenses you will need to merge each **license.xml** into a single **ProductLicenses.xml** file. The structure of the merged file is as follows. Add a **License** element for each license you need to install. You can copy the **License** element from each individual **license.xml** file.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<LicenseFile>
  <Licenses>
    <License .../>
    <License .../>
  </Licenses>
</LicenseFile>
```

Install legacy offline licenses

To install legacy offline licenses on the target computers

- Create a **Questkey.reg** text file to specify each license key.
- Send the file to the target PC and import it to the Registry there.

To create the Questkey.reg file

Create the **Questkey.reg** file in a text editor. The following is a template:

```
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\{08439167-4CA5-48E9-A810-A3A7C0B80B06}]
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\{08439167-4CA5-48E9-A810-A3A7C0B80B06}\Local]
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\{08439167-4CA5-48E9-A810-A3A7C0B80B06}\Local\REPLACE_
WITH_KEY]
"SiteMessage"="REPLACE_WITH_SITEMESSAGE"
"ProductName"="Toad for Oracle"
"ProductVersion"="2026 R1"
```

Follow these steps to configure the file:

1. Do not change the first two `HKEY_CURRENT_USER` lines. They are the key entries.
2. Replace the "**REPLACE_WITH_(KEY | SITEMESSAGE)**" text with the relevant information supplied with your license.
3. Add any additional licenses as required in the same file by replicating the last four lines and then applying the correct information.
4. Save the file.

To apply the file on the target computer

1. Transfer the **Questkey.reg** file to the target PC.
2. Import the file to the Registry on the target PC with the following command in the Windows command prompt:

```
C:\> reg import Questkey.reg
```

When Toad or any other Edition product is launched, the software validates the license and removes the corresponding entries from the Windows Registry.

Install as read-only

A read-only installation of Toad prevents users from making any changes to the database, regardless of their Oracle privileges. A read-only installation applies to all users on that machine for this version of Toad.

See [Obtaining the installer](#) for instructions on acquiring the product installer.

NOTE: Toad is installed per machine and will be available to all users on that machine.

Configuring Toad for Oracle as read-only

Choose one of the following methods:

- Supplying the `READONLY=1` command-line parameter during installation, for example: `msiexec.exe /i "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi" READONLY=1`

See [Toad for Oracle Product Installer options](#) for the complete command-line reference.

- Install Toad as usual and add a "Read-Only" `DWORD` entry with a value of 1 to the following Registry location: `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Quest Software\Toad for Oracle\2026 R1`.

NOTE: This can be added either before or after installation.

Command-line options

Command-line options can be supplied to customize the installation, for example choosing a custom installation directory, restricting the users ability to save database passwords, or disabling Toad's check for updates feature.

You can install the software using either the Toad for Oracle Edition Installer or the Toad for Oracle product installer. Refer to the following tables for the command-line options available for each installer.

Toad for Oracle Edition Installer options

You can use the following command-line parameters during installation:

Option	Parameter	Description
/?		Displays the command-line reference including detailed examples.
/qn		Quiet mode, no user interface.
/L	<i>Logfile</i>	Writes logging information into a logfile at the specified path. Example: /L "C:\path_to_log_file"
/install		Installs one or more products.
/extract		Extracts one or more product installers (.msi files).
/uninstall		Uninstalls one or more products.
/p	<i>Products</i>	Specifies a comma-separated list of product codes to which the action should be applied. Optionally used with the /install, /extract, and /uninstall options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101 - Toad for Oracle • 520 - SQL Optimizer for Oracle • 525 - Benchmark Factory • 530 - Code Tester for Oracle • 535 - Spotlight on Oracle • 540 - Toad Data Modeler Example: /p:101,520
/installdir	<i>Directory</i>	Specifies the installation directory. Example: /installdir:"C:\target_directory"
/autoupdatedisabled		Installs Quest Auto Update as disabled.

Examples:

- Display command-line reference:
ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.exe /?
- Install Toad silently to the default directory:
ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.exe /install /p:101 /qn
- Install Toad and SQL Optimizer silently to a custom directory:
ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.exe /install /p:101,520 /installdir:"C:\target_directory" /qn
- Install Toad silently to the default directory with Quest Auto Update disabled:
ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.exe /install /p:101 /autoupdatedisabled /qn

Toad for Oracle Product Installer options

The Toad installer is executed using msiexec, for example: `msiexec.exe /i "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi"`.

All standard msiexec command-line parameters are supported when installing Toad. Additional Toad-specific options can be provided as `PROPERTY=value` pairs where the property name is in upper case.

For a comprehensive list of Windows Installer command-line options, including parameters not covered in this document, see the official Windows documentation: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/msi/command-line-options>.

You can use the following command-line properties during installation:

Property	Value	Description
TARGETDIR	<i>Installation directory</i>	Installs Toad to a custom installation directory. Example: TARGETDIR="C:\target_directory"
READONLY	1	Installs Toad as read-only, preventing users from making any changes to the database, regardless of their Oracle privileges. Example: READONLY=1
RESTRICTIONS	p i ai es	Installs Toad with restrictions. Multiple restrictions can be supplied as a comma-separated list. Example: RESTRICTIONS=ai Example: RESTRICTIONS=p, i <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p - Restricts saving of database passwords • i - Restricts internet access NOTE: This restriction does not prevent requests that are essential for core functionality or those initiated by the user, such as FTP connections. • ai - Restricts access to artificial intelligence features • es - Restricts access to additional software installation NOTE: Toad prompts to install additional software included with your license, such as SQL Optimizer for Oracle or Code Tester for Oracle. This restriction prevents the prompt and removes the Help Install Additional Software menu item.
AUTOUPDATE_DISABLED	1	Quest Auto Update is installed in a disabled state, so product updates will not be downloaded or communicated to the user. Example: AUTOUPDATE_DISABLED=1 To enable Quest Auto Update: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Configure the Quest Update Service Windows Service so that its startup type is set to Automatic (Delayed Start) 2. Start the Quest Update Service Windows Service.

Property	Value	Description
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Add the C:\Program Files\Quest Software\DBT\Autoupdate\QuestUpdate.NotificationUI.exe executable to the list of Windows Startup Apps. 4. Run QuestUpdate.NotificationUI.exe. It runs as a background process.

Examples:

- Install Toad silently to the default directory:

```
msiexec.exe /i "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi" /qn
```

- Install Toad silently to a custom directory:

```
msiexec.exe /i "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi" TARGETDIR="C:\target_directory" /qn
```

- Install Toad silently to the default directory with logging:

```
msiexec.exe /i "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi" /qn /l*v "C:\path_to_log_file"
```

- Install Toad silently to the default directory with Quest Auto Update disabled:

```
msiexec.exe /i "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi" /qn AUTOUPDATE_DISABLED=1
```

NOTE: To perform a silent installation of other products that are provided with your Edition, see the installation guide for that product at <https://support.quest.com/technical-documentation>.

Post-installation tasks

Product licensing

Trial licensing

A free 30-day trial license is automatically provided to new users after you sign in to Toad for Oracle with your Quest account.

To activate a trial

1. Download and install Toad for Oracle from <https://www.quest.com/products/toad-for-oracle/>
2. Open Toad and click **Sign In or Start Free Trial** to sign in
NOTE: You will need to sign up for a Quest account if you do not have one.

To purchase a commercial license

1. Click **Buy Now** on the trial banner displayed at the top of Toad
2. Select the edition that is right for you and complete your purchase using the same email address used for your Quest account
3. After receiving your purchased license, open **Help | Licensing** and click **Refresh**

Subscription licensing

Open Toad and select **Sign In or Start Free Trial** to sign in with your Quest account. Any Toad for Oracle subscription licenses associated with your account will be retrieved automatically.

For detailed instructions on license management, including how to activate an online managed license for offline use, see the Licensing Tutorial at <https://www.quest.com/video/licensing-tutorial-in-toad-for-oracle>.

Offline licensing

You can apply offline license files (.xml) and legacy offline licenses (with a license key and site message) in Toad using the **Help | Licensing** window or from the sign in dialog.

For detailed instructions on license management, see the Licensing Tutorial at <https://www.quest.com/video/licensing-tutorial-in-toad-for-oracle>.

Manage user settings

Any user settings from a previous version of Toad on the computer will be automatically imported, with the most recent version's settings being used. You can also export settings from another computer and import them into this installation of Toad, select a different installation on this computer to import settings from, or reset your user settings to their original default state.

To import settings from another computer

To complete these steps, Toad must be licensed on the old computer.

1. On your old computer...
 - a. Open Toad from which you want to copy settings
 - b. Open the **Utilities | Manage User Settings...** window
NOTE: In older installations, this feature is available under **Utilities | Copy User Settings...**
 - c. Export your settings
 - d. Copy the exported settings file (.zip) to your new computer
2. On your new computer...
 - a. Open Toad for Oracle 2026 R1
 - b. Open the **Utilities | Manage User Settings...** window
 - c. Import settings using the export file you created on your previous computer

To reset settings to their original default state

1. Open the **Utilities | Manage User Settings...** window
2. Select **Reset to a clean set of user files from the base installation**
NOTE: You can optionally retain certain settings during the reset process, such as your saved connections
3. Click **OK**
4. Confirm the reset and Toad will restart

Uninstall Toad

Uninstall manually

Uninstall on Windows

1. Open the **Programs and Features** control panel in Windows
2. Select the **Toad for Oracle 2026 R1** entry
NOTE: If you installed using the Edition installer, select the **Toad for Oracle 2026 R1 Edition Installer** and continue.
3. Select **Uninstall**
4. Click **Yes** and continue through the uninstallation process

Uninstall on Mac

1. Open the **Finder** app
2. Locate the **Toad for Oracle 2026 R1** icon
3. Drag it to **Trash**

Uninstall silently from the command line

Uninstall on Windows

- Using the Toad Edition Installer (.exe):
 - Uninstall Toad, only:
`ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.exe /uninstall /p:101 /qn`
 - Uninstall all Toad Edition products:
`ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.exe /uninstall /qn`
- Using the Toad product installer (.msi):
`msiexec.exe /x "ToadforOracle_2026R1_x64_En.msi" /qn`

See [Obtaining the installer](#) for instructions on acquiring installers.

See [Command-line options](#) for additional command options.

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