“WHAT IF?”

“What if?” It's the question that fuels innovation—and with SolidWorks Simulation software, you can take the risk out of asking “what if” and replace it with an infinite workspace to virtually test your new ideas, develop new designs, and bring your products to market faster.
SolidWorks® Simulation makes it easy for every designer to ask—and answer—complex and important “what if” questions. With SolidWorks Simulation you reduce the risk of exploring new and innovative design solutions, and get products to market faster—and with less prototyping. By understanding the product performance early in the design process, costly over-design is avoided and the risk of warranty claims reduced.

This powerful set of simulation tools is fully integrated within SolidWorks software, allowing seamless operation for designers and simulation experts alike at every stage of development.

SolidWorks Simulation provides a complete range of tools for analyzing the structure, motion, and multi-physics of your parts and assemblies, or exploring fluid dynamics and heat flow around and through your design. As part of the SolidWorks suite of product development solutions—covering design, simulation, sustainable design, technical communication, and data management—SolidWorks Simulation is easy to use, yet powerful enough to tackle the most complex design issues. You can predict the performance of your design under real-world operating conditions to detect problems and correct them before prototyping, tooling, and production.
Take your design from good to great

- Evaluate forces and stresses between contacting parts, including friction
- Apply bearing loads, forces, pressures, and torques
- Optimize designs based on structure, motion, or geometry
- Use connectors or virtual fasteners to model bolts, pins, springs, and bearings
- Activate the Trend Tracker and Design Insight plots to highlight optimal design changes while you work
- Evaluate complex problems early in the design cycle with plane stress, plane strain, and axisymmetric linear static analysis

Understand the effects of temperature changes on parts and assemblies

- Study conduction, convection, and radiation heat transfer
- Utilize isotropic, orthotropic, and temperature-dependent material properties
- Determine thermal stresses due to temperature distributions and varying materials

Analyze assembly motion for process and task workflow with event–based simulation

- Define motion studies based on model event and assembly actions
- Trigger actions through new motion sensors, time, or the completion of a previous task
- Evaluate characteristics like actuator force and joint loads for motion optimization
- Gain greater control of model actuators with servo motors

Study the effects of cyclic loading on product life

- Check a system’s expected life or accumulated damage after a specified number of cycles
- Import load history data from real physical tests to define loading events

Simulate vibration or buckling in your designs

- Examine how vibrating or unstable modes can shorten equipment life and cause unexpected failures
- Assess the effects of load stiffening on frequency and buckling response
If your design world is truly complex, SolidWorks Simulation Premium is right for you. It includes all of the capabilities of SolidWorks Professional, plus additional features like composite materials and powerful tools for simulating nonlinear and dynamic response.

**Analyze your design in the nonlinear world**
- Easily transition between linear and nonlinear simulations
- Examine the large deformations caused by overloads, contact, and flexible materials
- Determine residual stresses and permanent deformations in metals after material yield
- Study nonlinear buckling and snap-through events
- Investigate designs with hyperelastic materials, such as rubbers, silicones, and other elastomers
- Conduct an elasto-plastic analysis to study plastic deformation and the onset of yield
- Examine creep effects and material changes with temperature

**Perform dynamic analyses of parts and assemblies**
- Simulate time history loading, steady-state harmonic input, response spectrum, and random vibration excitations
- Input excitation curves of forces in random vibration analysis
- Study stress, displacement, velocity, and acceleration with time, as well as RMS and PSD values for stress, displacement, velocity, and acceleration
- Carry out impact analysis using the nonlinear dynamic capabilities

**Simulate composite materials**
- Study multilayer shell bodies to examine the effect of each layer with its own material properties, thickness, and orientation
- Use the revolutionary user interface to dynamically control and display ply orientation directly on your SolidWorks model
- Determine the correct composite lay up and orientation for the operational loads
- Utilize sandwich and graphite or carbon-fiber composites, including honeycomb and cellular foam

**Easily tackle complex problems with the 2D planar simplification tool**
- Create plane stress, plane strain, and axisymmetric nonlinear analysis
- Solve complex contact problems in a fraction of the time with no loss of accuracy
- Use 3D CAD models without modification to generate 2D sections for analysis
SolidWorks Flow Simulation software is a powerful CFD (computational fluid dynamics) tool that enables you to quickly and easily simulate fluid flow, heat transfer, and fluid forces that are critical to your design’s success.

**Inspect and optimize complex flows**
- Examine complex flows through and/or over your components via a combination of internal and external flows
- Find the best dimensions or flow conditions, such as pressure drop, that satisfy design goals
- Detect turbulences and recirculation issues with animated bands, 3D arrows, pipes, or spheres using flow trajectories visualization
- Understand the flow of non-Newtonian fluids, such as blood and liquid plastic
- Compare and assess the impact of impeller and fan motion, using rotating coordinate frames
- Include sophisticated effects like porosity, cavitation, and humidity

**Reduce the risk of overheating phenomena in your designs**
- Visualize and understand temperature distribution in and around your products
- Couple flow with thermal analysis, simulating convection, conduction, and radiation effects
- Apply time-and-coordinate-dependent boundary conditions and heat sources
- Find the best dimensions that satisfy your design goals, such as heat exchange efficiency

**Optimize the thermal performance of your PCBs and electronic components**
The Electronic Cooling Module includes Joule heating simulation, a two-resistor component compact module, a heat pipe compact module, and a PCB generator to evaluate thermal properties and cooling requirements for electronic components.

**Predict and optimize airflow and comfort parameters in working and living environments**
The HVAC Design Module includes advanced radiation modeling, comfort parameters, and a large database of building materials to evaluate gas movement and temperature in working and living environments.

**Gain valuable insights with powerful and intuitive results visualization tools**
- Utilize Section or Surface plots to study the distribution of resultant values, including velocity, pressure, vorticity, temperature, and mass fraction
- Measure results at any location with the Point, Surface, and Volume Parameter tool
- Graph results variation along any SolidWorks sketch
- List results and automatically export data to Microsoft® Excel®
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