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From time to time we receive emails from companies asking if they are (really) allowed to use ARIS Express surprised to receive such comprehensive software free of charge. Let's take a closer look at the answer to this

If you install ARIS Express, you are asked to confirm the license agreement. This agreement doesn't disting ARIS Express, so it applies to both cases. Of course this license agreement contains a lot of legal verbiage, bu

1. Each user must register his copy of ARIS Express at ARIS Community. Registration is free of charge.
2. You are not allowed to sell ARIS Express.

The first point is a bit more complicated. Consider you are a university and want to provide ARIS Express to install ARIS Express for them and use a single ARIS Community account to register the installations. Instea startup each student must register his version using his own ARIS Community account. So it is totally fine to u or your BPM project as long as every member using the software registers his copy using his own ARIS Comm Express is free of charge for commercial projects, too.

The second point is straight-forward. ARIS Express is free of charge, so don't take money for it. For exampl Express to someone else, but don't charge for it. If you want to put the installation file of ARIS Express on a c collection, please contact us first to get our permission.

So, yes you can use ARIS Express in commercial projects, too! If you have additional questions about usage t by posting your questions in the comments below.

Important note: In this post I try to explain the most important rules of the license agreement of ARIS Expre instead you must comply with the license agreement shown during ARIS Express installation.

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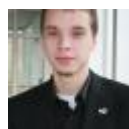


by [Mr. Bob M](/users/bobm/) on Mon, 2010/10/04 - 11:19am

Am I correct in assuming that should IDS make the licensing terms for ARIS Express more res business or stop releasing it for any reason, the software would effectively become useless to ARIS Express fail (due to the license restriction on transferring the software to other machines).

This would make long term reliance on the software (albeit free, but not open source), a risk.

Any organisation needs to understand the value of their software, once the supplier is no longer around. And prior to it happening.



by [Dr. Sebastian Stein](/users/ssstein/) on Mon, 2010/10/04 - 11:43am

Hi Bob,

thanks for bringing up those important points. It is true that we have the right to discontinue AF happen that we start charging for ARIS Express. In those cases, please consider that IDS Scheer/Software A just a minor player in the BPM market. If we discontinue ARIS Express, we will provide a meaningful upgrade users is not lost.



by [Mr. Celso Bielski](/users/celsob/) on Thu, 2010/10/14 - 8:38pm

Hello Sebastian
Interesting post this.

Following the example you cited the university, where a private organization can install the Express Aris with the software on an intranet page?

There are limits users to access the software with the same account?

Thank's

Celso



by [Dr. Sebastian Stein](/users/ssstein/) on Thu, 2010/10/14 - 9:25pm

Hi Celso,

no, it is never permitted to use a single account for multiple installations or an installation, which terms make no difference between private and commercial use, so all rules apply to both entities.

So yes, there is a limit of how many users may access the software with a single account. The limit is exactly ‘



by [Mr. Celso Bielski\(/users/celsob\)](#) on Thu, 2010/10/14 - 10:28pm

Thanks Sebastian!



by [Mr. Shankar Ganesh\(/users/sganesh\)](#) on Fri, 2010/10/15 - 2:10pm

Hi Sebastian -- Incase I want to use ARIS Express on my Business Laptop / Desktop and also on r

- Can that be done using a single ARIS Community account

OR

- would that require 2 separate ARIS Community accounts (which is very very inconvenient)?



by [Dr. Sebastian Stein\(/users/sstein\)](#) on Fri, 2010/10/15 - 2:18pm

Hi Shankar,

in that case you only need one ARIS Community account, because we say one account per individ



by [Mr. Shankar Ganesh\(/users/sganesh\)](#) on Fri, 2010/10/15 - 2:42pm

Thanks Sebastian -- that clarification is much appreciated :-)



by [Mr. Vladimir Abreu\(/users/vladimirabreu\)](#) on Tue, 2011/01/04 - 3:56pm

Hi Sebastian,

I have two questions:

- 1) Is there any limit of how many models / objects can be created inside ARIS Express ?
- 2) Can I export a model created in ARIS Express to another person who uses a full (or more complete) ARIS V6

Thanks in advance,

Vladimir



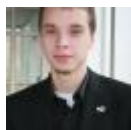
by [Ms. Anja Dähne\(/users/d-hne\)](#) on Thu, 2011/01/13 - 9:53am

Hello,

i have the same question: it's possible to export models created in ARIS Express to a full ARIS Version ?

Thanks and regards,

Anja



by [Dr. Sebastian Stein\(/users/sstein\)](#) on Thu, 2011/01/13 - 10:03am

Hi Vladimir and Anja,

ARIS Express has no built-in limitation in terms of number of models or objects. But I expect that because the canvas size is limited. But from a technical point of view it should be no problem to add 10,000 objects.

ARIS Express stores its content in so called ADF files. You can either send those files to someone else also use them into our professional products like ARIS Business Architect. In fact, this is already done by some organisations before they consolidate their business processes before they consolidate it in a central repository.



by [Mr. Celso Bielski\(/users/celsob\)](#) on Wed, 2011/02/02 - 7:04pm

Hello,

I can not import models constructed in Aris Express for the Aris Architect on a machine that does not have ARIS Express installed.

Thanks!



by [Dr. Sebastian Stein\(/users/sstein\)](#) on Thu, 2011/02/03 - 7:58am

Hi Celso,

the import should work without ARIS Express installed. It is probably related to a different problem.