

Installing Anaqsim

Anaqsim can be downloaded from the www.anaqsim.com website. The downloaded file is a Windows Installer package (.msi) file. To start the installer, run or double-click on the downloaded file. The installer guides you through a typical installation process. The installer also checks to see if the right version of the Microsoft .net runtime libraries are installed on your computer (these are used by .net programs like Anaqsim). If they are not there, they will be downloaded (free) from a Microsoft web site and installed before Anaqsim is installed.

Once installed, the program will be included in the Programs part of your Start Menu. Anaqsim is typically installed in the following directory on your hard drive:

Program Files/Practical Groundwater/Anaqsim.

Anaqsim control files (with extension .anaq) are not automatically associated with the Anaqsim.exe executable. In order to assign an association which enables Anaqsim to open automatically when double clicking on a .anaq file, the following process needs to be undertaken:

1. Right-click on an existing .anaq file (for example one of the tutorial files, found under the 'Documentation' folder)
2. Select 'Open with', and then 'Choose another App'
3. Scroll down to 'Choose an App on your PC'
4. Navigate to where you installed Anaqsim (typically Program Files/Practical Groundwater/Anaqsim) and select the anaqsim.exe file
5. Select 'Always' to ensure that the file extension association is saved, and applied to all .anaq files.

When you first start Anaqsim it is unlicensed; It will not solve any models but can be used to view and analyse models that have been solved using a licensed version of Anaqsim. Activating a license will allow models to be solved. If you have purchased a license, see [Licensing Anaqsim](#) for instructions on how to activate your license.

The student version of Anaqsim allows for a limited number of equations and timesteps to be solved. The plot view also contains a watermark.

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