Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, 8th edition: Installation and Activation

Download and installation

1. Download OALD8_installer.exe from the URL you have been given.

   **Note:** It is advisable to ensure that you are logged in to the machine with Administrator rights.

2. Double-click on OALD8_installer.exe

A window will pop up showing a list of files that are being extracted. These temporary files will be deleted when installation has finished. This process will take a few minutes.

Once this is done, the setup program will start.

   **Note:** Depending on your version of Windows, you may be asked to confirm that you want software from an unknown company to proceed. Click “Yes” to proceed. In addition you may be asked ‘Do you want the following program to make changes to this computer?’. Click “Yes” to proceed.
3. A new window will pop up. Click “Next” to begin the installation.

4. Click “I Agree” to the licence agreement.
5. Click “Install” to begin installation. If you prefer, you could change the location where OALD8 will be installed on your computer.

Note: the installation will take a few minutes.

6. If you don’t have QUICKfind already installed on the computer, you will be prompted to install it. QUICKfind is the software that allows the Genie feature of the OALD to work. Select “yes” from the dialog box.
7. You will be prompted for a location to install QUICKfind. Choose a different location if you prefer, and click “Install”.

8. Click “Finish”.

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9. Click “Yes” to launch application.

![Activation Window]

**Activation**

1. When you launch the software for the first time, either immediately after installation or at a later time, the activation window will pop up (see below). You need Internet access to complete the activation. An Administrator user should activate the software, so that it is activated for all users on the PC. Click “Next”
2. Copy the serial number supplied by OUP you want to use for this machine, and paste it into the SERIAL area, and click “Activate”.

3. The activation confirmation window will tell you how many further activations the code you used has available to use. Click on “License Details” for more information. Click “Start” when activation is completed. The OALD 8 download edition should then launch itself automatically. The installation process is now complete.

De-activation
At some point you may find it useful to de-activate the licence on a particular computer, for example so you can wipe and re-image the machine, and re-install OALD 8 without needing to use another activation. This process is called revoking.

Revoking is done from the command line, and requires Internet access.

To revoke the licence:
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1. Ensure that OALD8 is not running.
2. Run the Command Prompt:
The quickest way to launch Command Prompt is to press the “Windows” key and R simultaneously, type “cmd” (without the quotes) in the window that pops up, and press enter.
3. Run the following command – edit the path first if you installed somewhere else. Please note the quotation marks are part of the command:
   “C:\Program Files\Oxford\OALD8\oald8.exe” /revoke
4. This will open the licence revocation dialog box. Before you revoke the licence, select the text with the serial number (in the example below, this is highlighted in red). Copy with [ctrl + c] and paste it somewhere safe, such as an email or a text document on a network drive, so you can access it when you want to re-activate this licence.

5. Click “Revoke”.

6. The licence servers will be contacted, and you should see the following dialog box if you are successful. Click “OK”.

7. Click “Exit” to close the Revocation dialog box.
To re-activate after revocation, carry out activation as normal.

**Re-activation without revocation**

If de-activating as described above is not possible, for example because the computer has completely crashed and required to be re-installed, the software may still be successfully activated when the machine is set up again, without using up an extra licence.

This should work if there have been no significant changes to the computer’s hardware and it is restored with the same version of Windows as before – up to 60% of the components of the computer can be changed. Carry out the activation as normal. You will see in the licence information if the licence has been successfully re-activated, or if an additional activation has been used up.