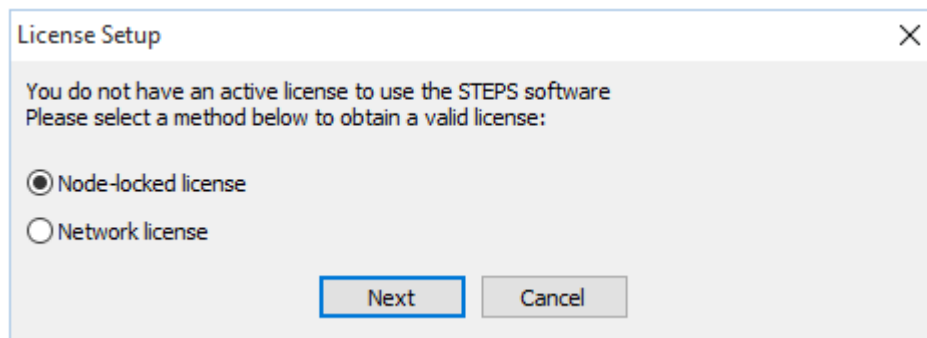
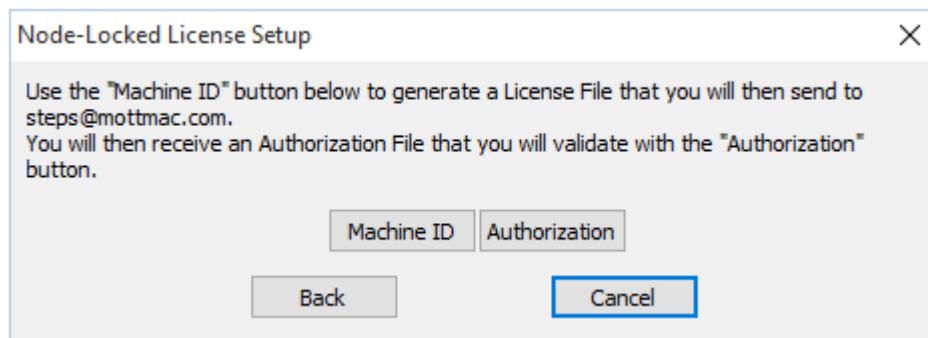


Licensing System

When you start STEPS for the first time, the License Setup dialog box appears, allowing you to select a Node-Locked or Network license. Select your preferred option and press the **Next** button.



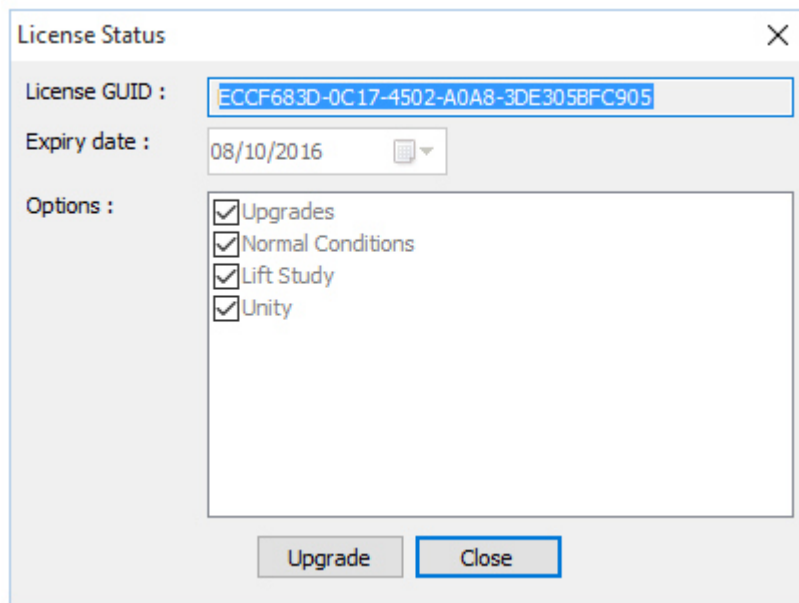
Node-Locked license



As their name implies, Node-Locked licenses are locked to one machine and cannot be transferred. Here are the steps to follow in order to obtain a Node-Locked license:

1. Press the **Machine ID** button. This will open a "Save As" dialog box which will allow you to select a location where to save your *Machine ID File*. This file has the ".mid" extension and must then be sent to steps@mottmac.com through e-mail.
2. Upon receiving this *Machine ID File*, we will produce the corresponding *License File* with extension ".lic" which will also be sent by e-mail. In order to apply it to your machine, you will need to save it on your hard drive, then press the **Authorization** button in the dialog box and select the said ".lic" file.

License status



1. The License Status dialog box can be accessed in STEPS by selecting the License option from the Help menu. It shows your current license GUID (Globally Unique Identifier), its expiry date, and the various options it includes.
2. Depending on the license type, the first button at the bottom will be labelled "Upgrade" (for Node-Locked licenses), "Release" (for Used licenses) or "Give back" (for Borrowed licenses). In any case, pressing this button will allow you to return to the License Setup dialog box seen above. For Network licenses, it will make the Used/Borrowed license available again to other users.
3. When your license expires, this dialog box appears again. You can avoid having your license expiring by purchasing license extension before the actual end of your current license. Please refer to the [License Extension dialog box](#) for more information.