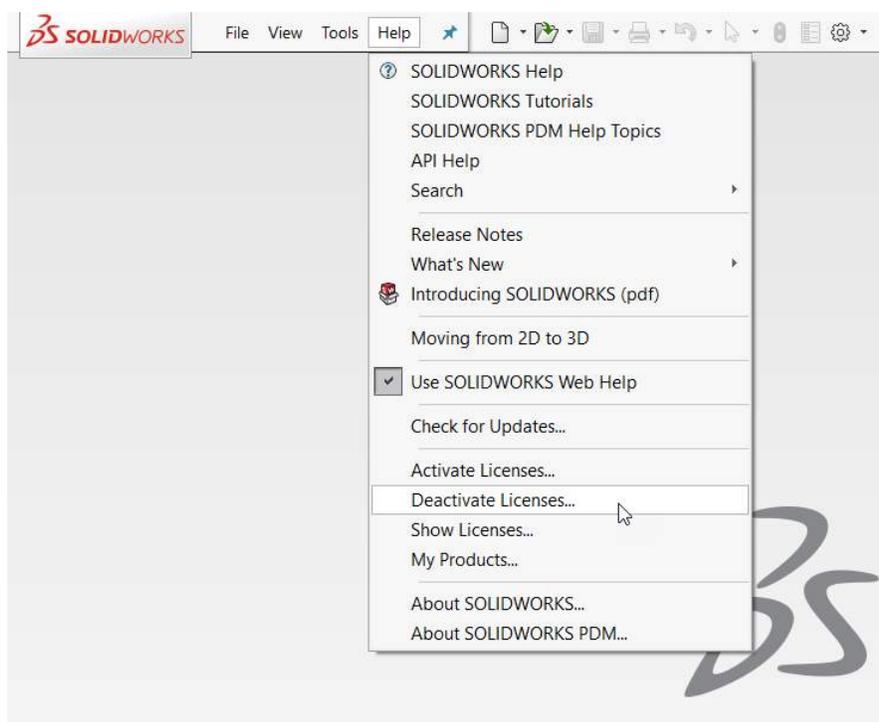# Guide to Change a Stand-Alone Serial Number

## (From Stand-Alone)

This document contains steps on how to change a SOLIDWORKS stand-alone serial number. This process is necessary when upgrading to a newer license or if you want to move a stand-alone license to a different computer. These steps are done directly on the user's computer that the serial number is changing on.
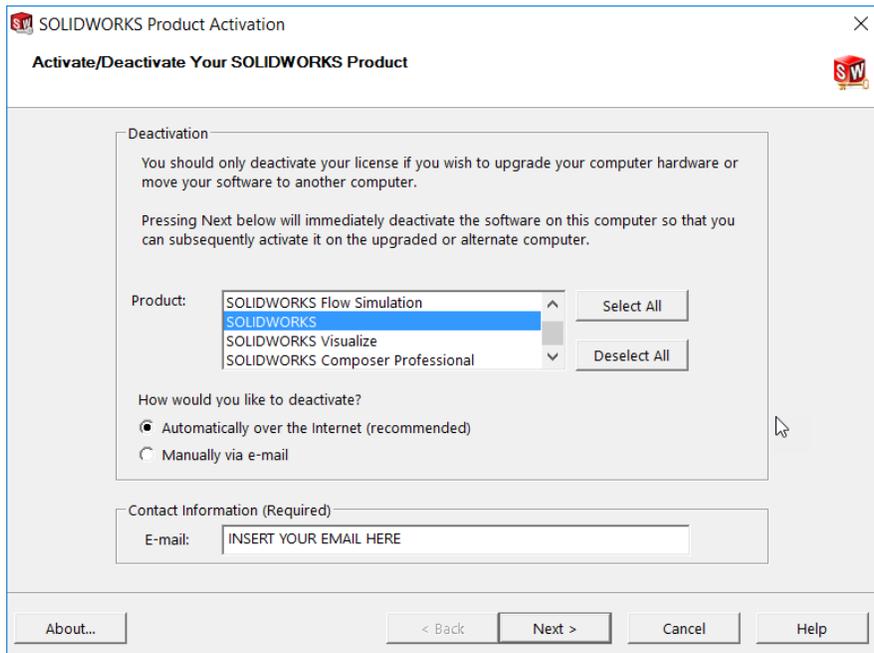
**STEP 1:** While SOLIDWORKS is running, navigate to the *'Help'* drop down menu and select *'Deactivate Licenses'*.
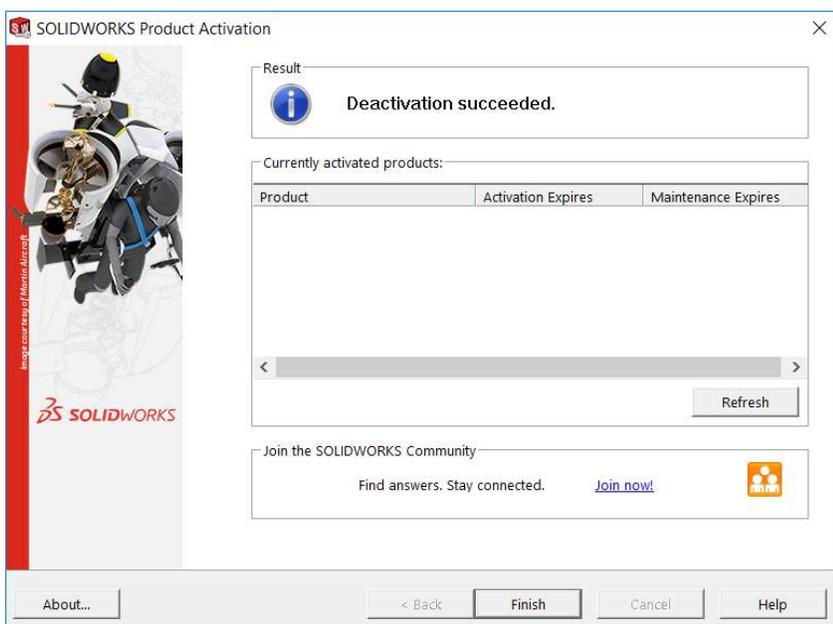NOTE: Versions prior to 2016 will say Transfer Licenses.

**STEP 2:** Select the product licenses that are being changed on this computer and insert your email.

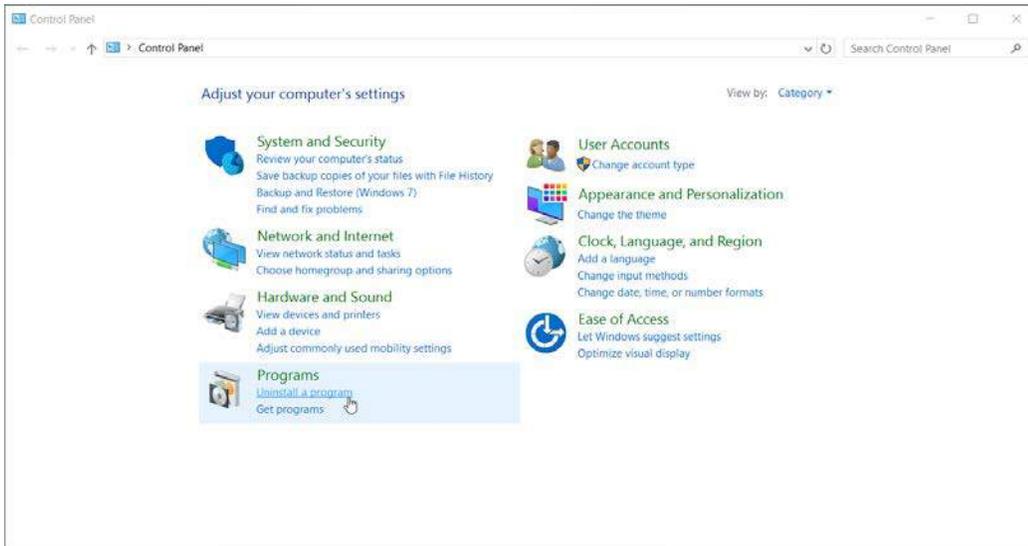NOTE: Product list based on entered serial numbers in Installation Manager.



**STEP 3:** Continue through the Product Activation Wizard to deactivate the product licenses and verify the product was successfully deactivated.
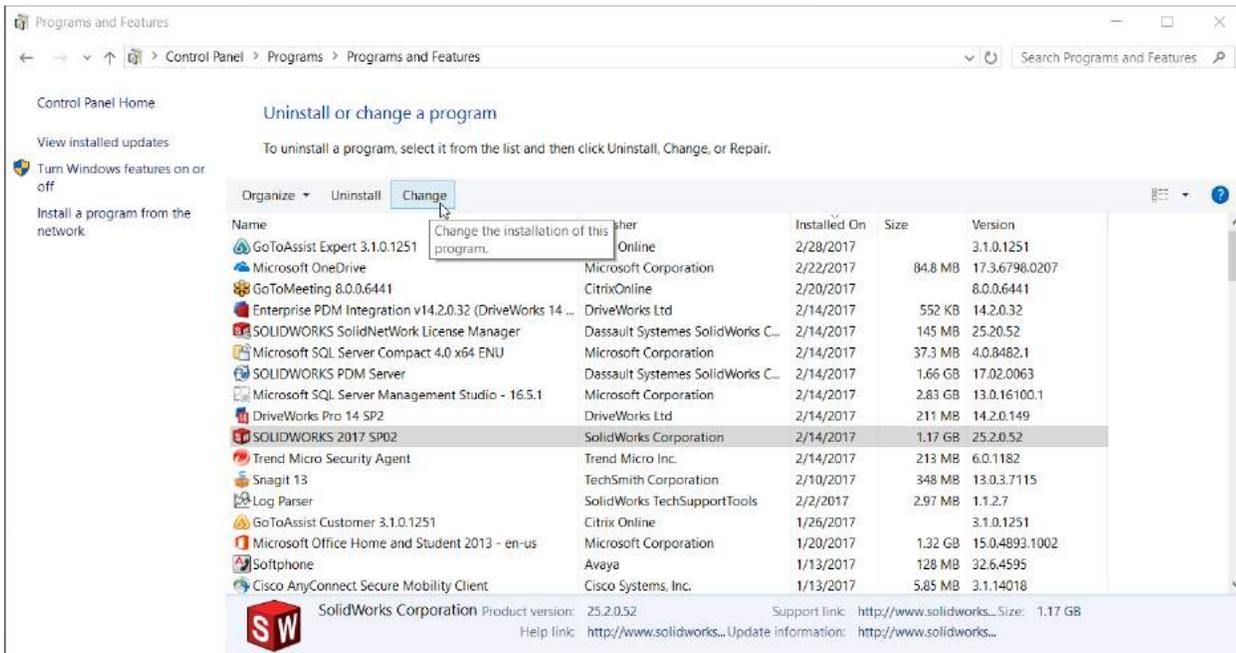
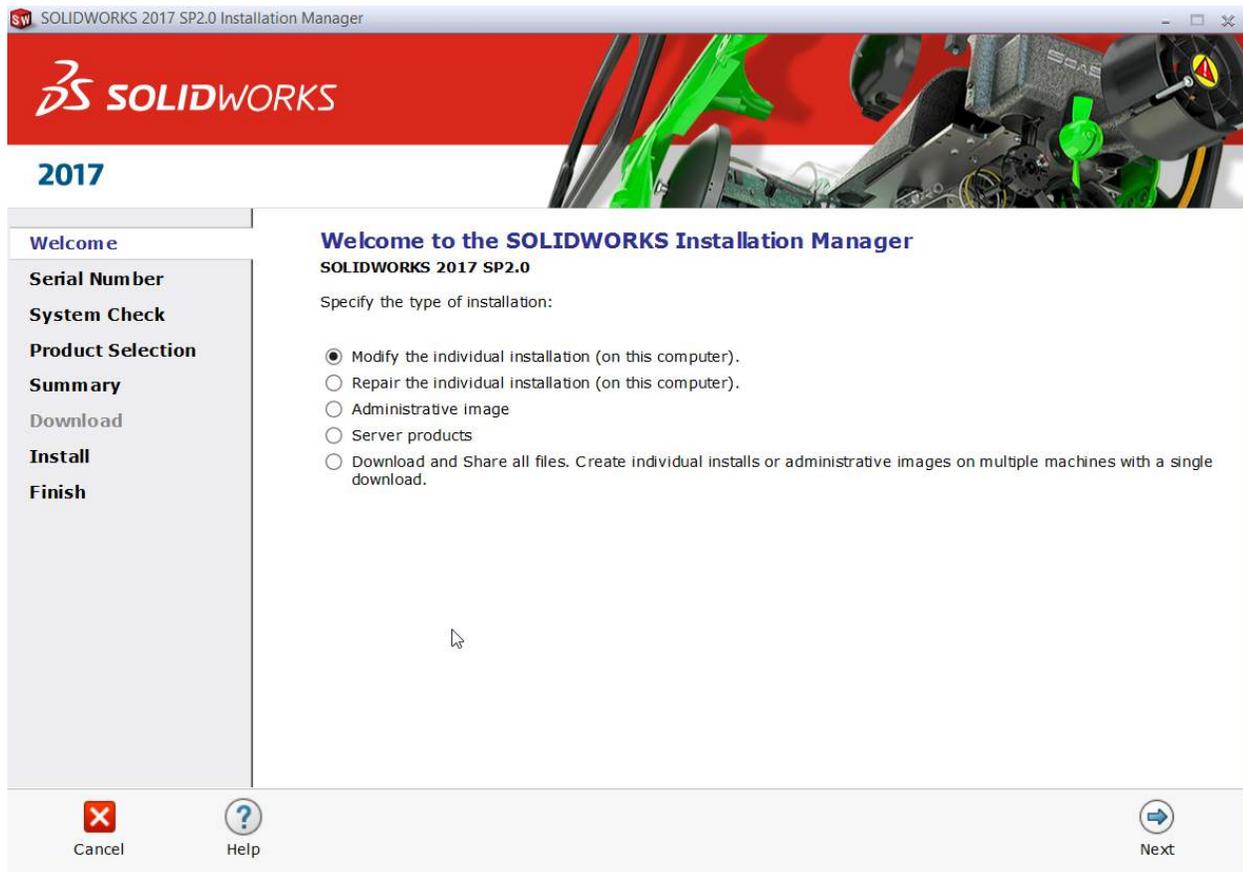**STEP 4:** Open the Control Panel and select *'Uninstall a program'*.

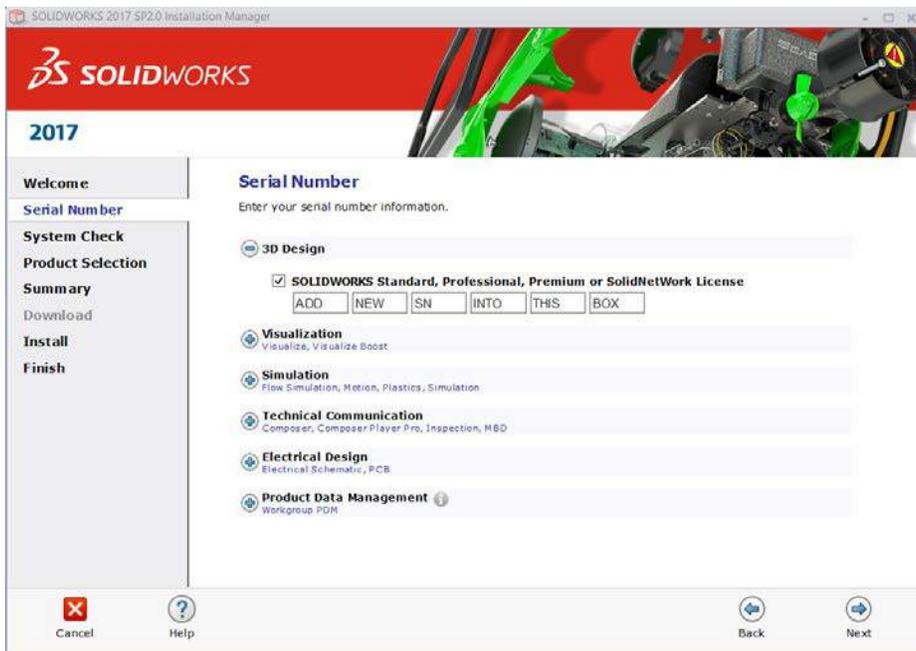NOTE: Windows 7 users may see Programs and Features alternatively



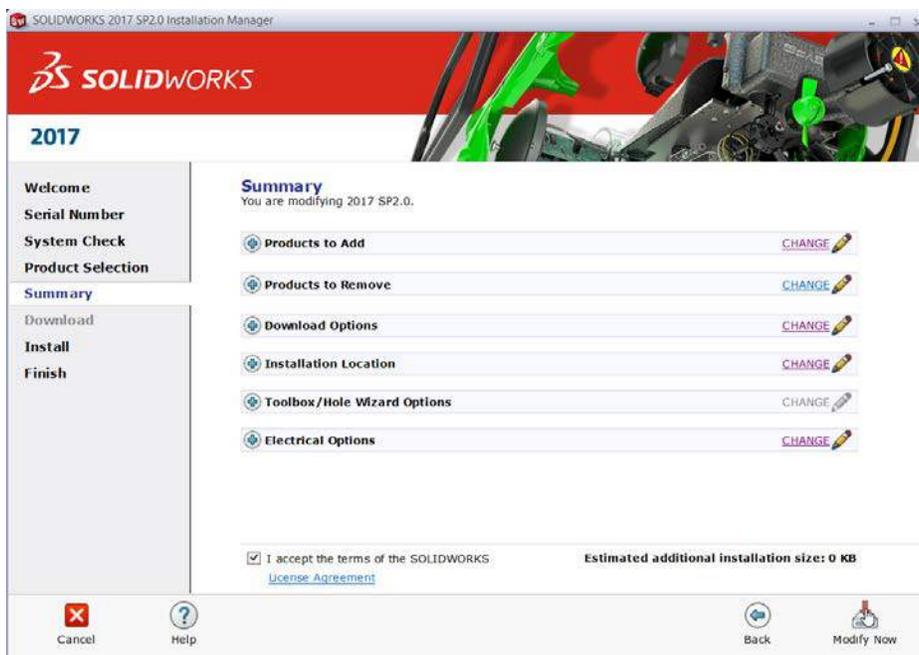**STEP 5:** Find the current SOLIDWORKS Installation in the program list and select *'Change.'*

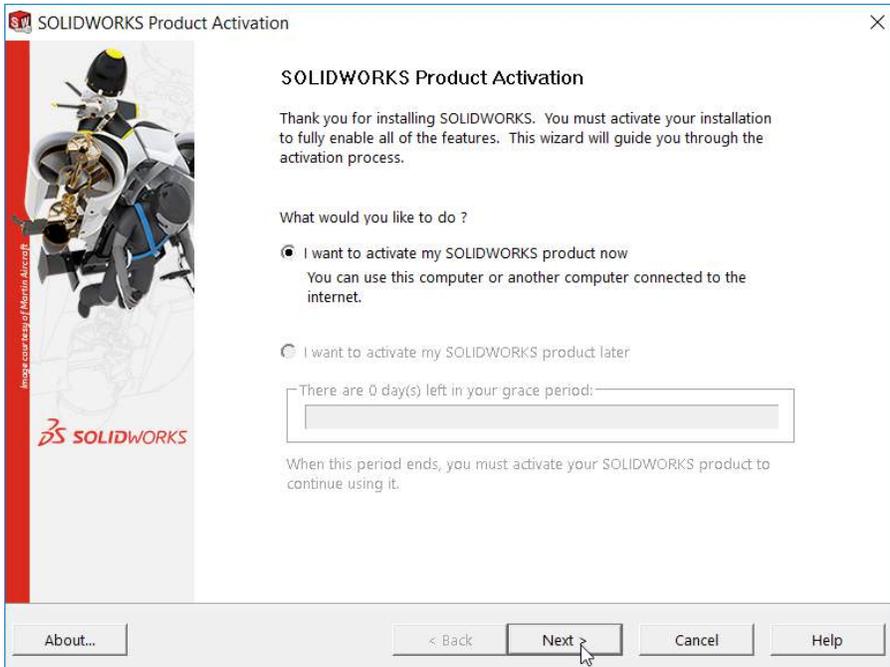**STEP 6:** Select *'Modify the individual installation'* and click *'Next'*.

**STEP 7:** Change the current serial number to the new stand-alone serial number and select '*Next'*.



**STEP 8:** Continue through the rest of the Installation Manager past the Product Selection and click *'Modify'* now in the Summary page. This will update the SOLIDWORKS Installation to use the new serial number.
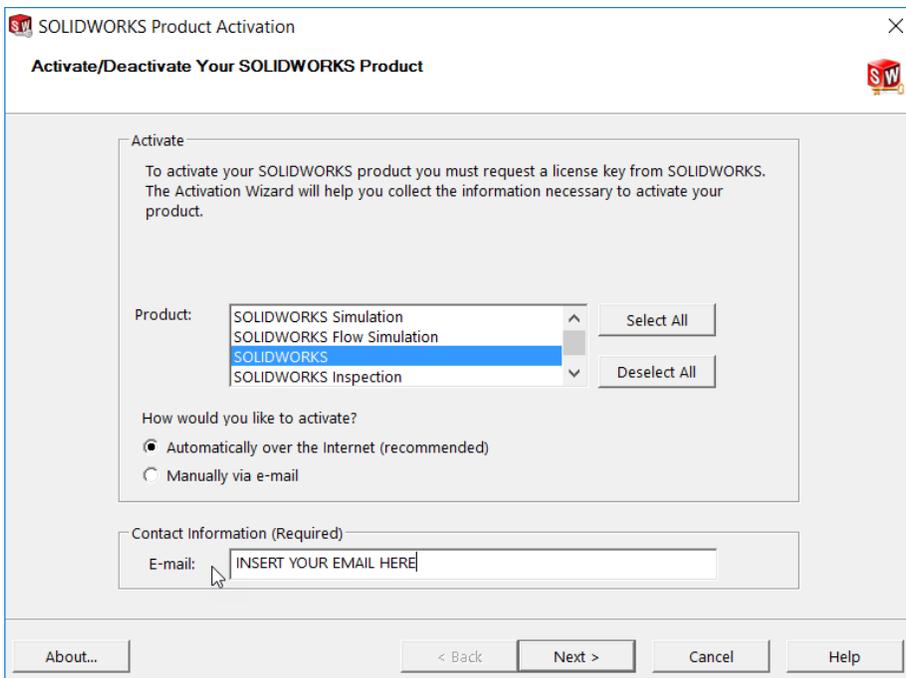
**STEP 9:** Relaunch SOLIDWORKS and wait for the activation prompt and hit *'Next'*.



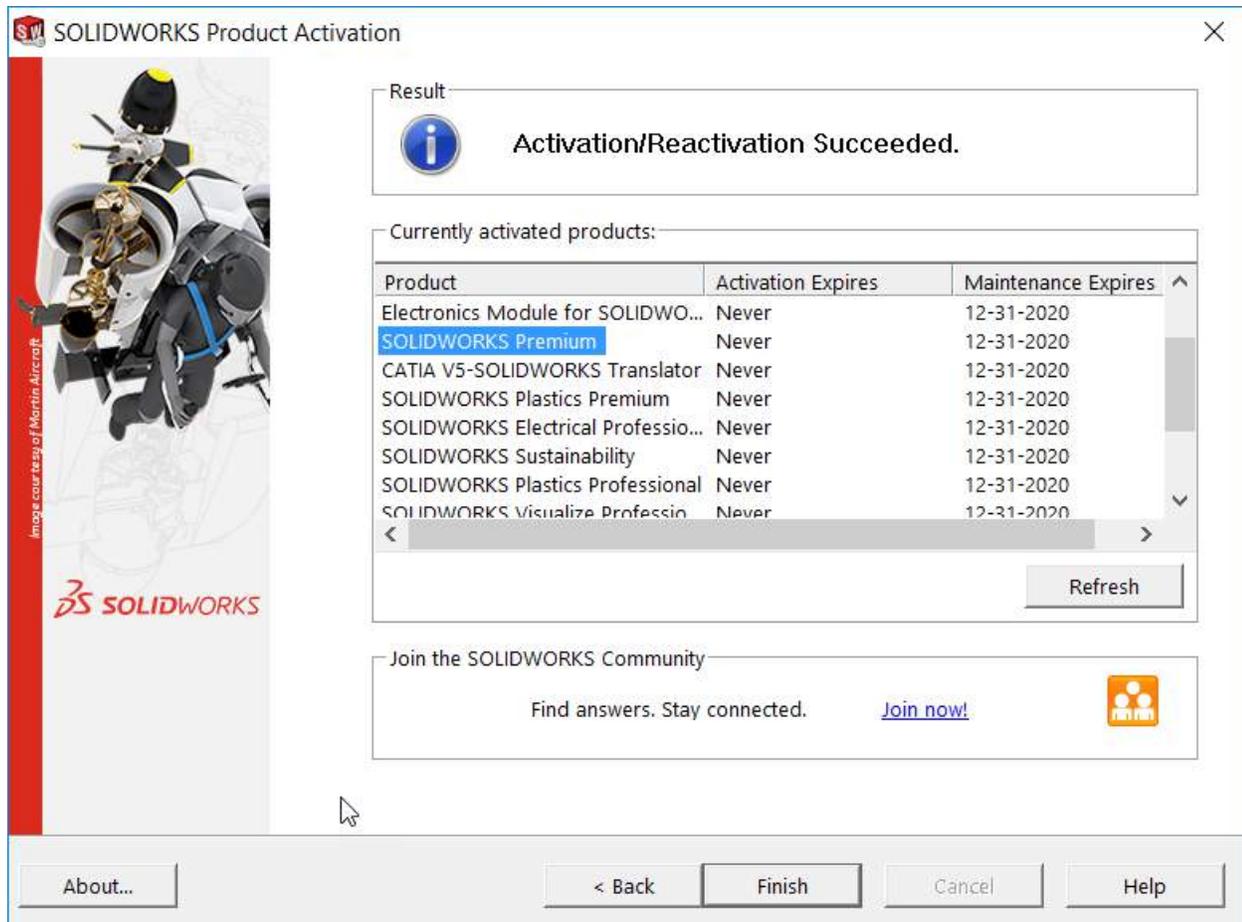**STEP 10:** Select the products to be activated and enter your email and click *'Next'*.
NOTE: Product list based on entered serial numbers in Installation Manager

**STEP 11:** Wait for the new activation to be successful.

NOTE: Product list based on entered serial numbers in Installation Manager

SOLIDWORKS will now be using the new serial number that has been entered in the Installation Manager.



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http://blog.alignex.com/how-to-change-a-solidworks-stand-alone-serial-number