

# Authorizing your software with iLok



Your Antares software requires authorization via an iLok USB smartkey. If you're already familiar with iLok authorization, you know how easy and convenient it is. If, however, this is your first experience with iLok, we encourage you to follow along with this guide to ensure that all goes smoothly.

**IMPORTANT: An iLok USB smartkey is an actual physical thing that you must have in your possession to complete the**

**authorization process. If you do not already own one, you will have to acquire one. (iLoks are available at many music stores that sell computer music gear, as well as at a number of online dealers, including Sweetwater.com, Digidesign.com and iLok.com.)**

To complete the authorization process you will need to complete **all three** of the following steps:

**1.** Have an account at iLok.com. If you do not already have one, you will have to create one (it's free!).

**2.** Go to <http://antarestech.com/ilok> and complete the registration process to send a pending license to your iLok.com account.

**IMPORTANT: It's been our experience that some people stop here and think they're done (which results in much future frustration). You MUST complete both parts of the following step to complete your authorization.**

**3.** Go to iLok.com and synchronize the iLok smartkey on which you plan to put your authorization. Then download the pending license into your iLok.

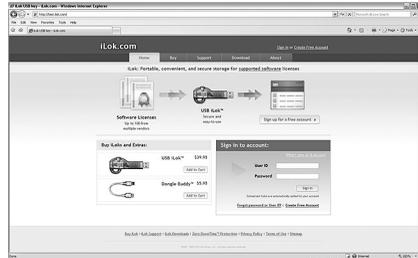
Let's go through the process one step at a time:

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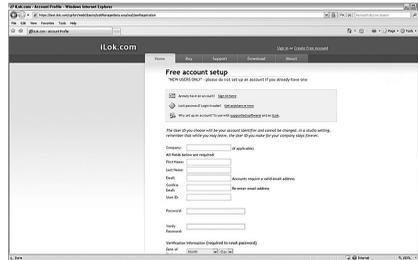
## Step 1: Creating an iLok.com account

If you already have an iLok.com account, you can skip ahead to Step 2. Otherwise:

**a)** Point your browser to [www.ilok.com](http://www.ilok.com). (If you appear to be having problems, see the FAQ under the 'Help' section of iLok.com for details on supported browsers and operating systems.)



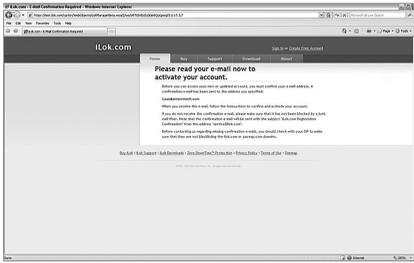
**b)** On the iLok.com home page, click "Sign up for a free account". You will be directed to the "About iLoks" page, where you will click on a link that says "Create a free account". You will be taken to a form where you will be asked to enter your personal account information and view the Terms and Conditions of using the iLok.com website.



**c)** When finished entering your account information, click the "Create account" button at the bottom. A page will appear informing you that an account confirmation message has been sent to your e-mail address.



**IMPORTANT: Please record your iLok.com User ID and password in a place where you will be sure to remember it. You will need to provide your User ID as part of the registration process and will of course need both the ID and password to access your iLok.com account.**



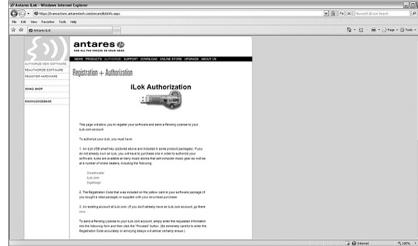
d) Log into your e-mail program and get mail. Click the confirmation link in the e-mail from iLok.com. The "Account Activated" screen will appear in your browser.



e) Click "Sign In" and you will be directed to the iLok.com homepage. To assure that all has gone well, log into your new account using the User ID and password you selected in step b) above.

## 2 Step 2: Registering your software and transferring the license to your iLok.com account

a) Go to the iLok Authorization Page at <http://antarestech.com/ilok>:



In the first field of the form you will need to enter the Registration Code which was supplied with the purchase of your Antares software. The Registration Code is a series of numbers and short words separated by a hyphen. The two parts (the numbers and the words) are entered in separate fields. Note the example showing how to enter the Registration Code:

Reg. Code Example:	5699190	-	CAB FOOT SOUP GOOF OATS NITE 405
*Registration Code:	<input type="text"/>	-	<input type="text"/>
*Your iLok.com User ID:	<input type="text"/>		

b) Next enter your iLok.com User ID. **Please be sure to double check that you have entered the correct iLok User ID.** If you enter the incorrect User ID, your license may be sent to an account that does not belong to you and that we do not have access to. We will not be able to retrieve the license and we will not be able to issue you a new one. **Seriously, be careful, or much frustration will ensue.** If you have any doubt about your User ID, you might consider returning to iLok.com and logging in to your account to confirm that you have it right.

c) Continue filling out the form, being sure to fill in all of the required fields. You will need to supply the date of purchase, where you purchased from, the primary software format you use, Name, Address, City, State/Province, Postal Code, Country. **It is especially important that you double-check the entered e-mail address in the field near the bottom of the form.** (And it wouldn't hurt to recheck your iLok ID again.)

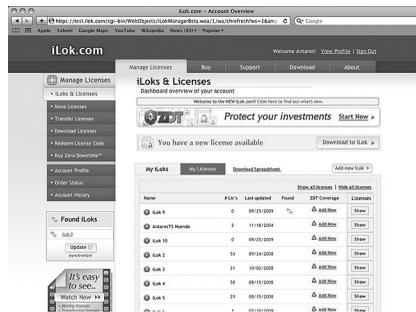
d) After you have submitted all of the required information, click the button labeled "Proceed" at the very bottom of the screen. Your license will then be transferred to your iLok.com account. The transfer may take a few moments, so please do not close your browser window until you have received a message that "A license has been successfully transferred to your iLok account."



**IMPORTANT: You're not done yet. While your license has been transferred to your iLok.com account, you must still log in to your account and download the license to your iLok in order to complete your authorization.**

# 3 Step 3: Synchronizing an iLok with your iLok.com account and downloading your license

a) Insert the iLok USB key you wish to hold the license into a USB port on your computer. Make certain that the light glows on the iLok key. (If prompted by Windows, please install any required USB protection device drivers.) Now log into your account on iLok.com. When you first log in, the site will automatically synchronize to all the iLoks you have connected to your computer, and then display a list of those under the navigation sidebar on the left under "Found iLoks". If a connected iLok does not show up in this list, iLok.com will provide a message as to why.



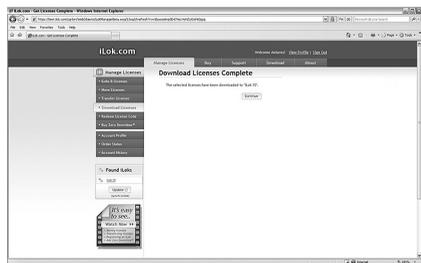
b) Since the license for your software was successfully sent to your account in Step 2 above, you will see the message "You have a new license available" displayed in large text in the main section of the page. Click the "Download to iLok" link to be taken to the Download Licenses page:



**c)** You will see information regarding the license that is about to be downloaded to your iLok, and be allowed to select specific iLoks or multiple licenses if you have more than one waiting. Once you've made your selection, press the "Download to iLok" button to begin the process. While downloading, iLok.com displays a progress bar as it deposits the license onto the connected iLok (this may take some time).



**d)** When that process is complete, you will see a message saying it was successful:



**e)** You have now completed the authorization process. When you open your host recording software with the iLok USB key plugged in, your Antares software will be fully authorized and ready to use.