

How-to Guide

Test the PLA 3.0 trial version

Version: PLA 3.0.4

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1 Introduction

To evaluate and test PLA 3.0 for 14 days free of charge, you have to install the trial version of PLA 3.0. The trial version of PLA 3.0 includes all the functionality required to analyze biological assays. When using the trial version, you cannot print out the generated reports.

To continue testing PLA 3.0 after the first 14 days have elapsed, you have to extend your trial period. Please consult the [Extending your trial period](#) section for help.

This guide describes the installation on a local system, using a 'Seat' license and a local SQLite database.

 **Note:** The trial version includes version 3.0.4 of PLA, and version 23 of the Biological Assay Package. To test the current version of this package, version 26, you have to upgrade the package accordingly. Please consult the [Upgrading the Biological Assay Package](#) section for help.

2 System requirements

Make sure your system meets the requirements listed below.

For viewing and printing reports, Adobe Reader is required. This free software is available at <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/pdf-reader.html>.

The system requirements depend on how you want to deploy PLA 3.0 in your environment.

Deployment on a local system

Table 1. System requirements for deployment on a local system

Item	Minimum	Recommended
Operating system	Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10	
Processor	Single-core, 2 GHz	Quad-core, 2,4 GHz, or faster
Memory	2 GB RAM	4 GB RAM
Hard disk ¹⁾	500 MB of available space	1 GB of available space, or more
Graphics display	1024 x 768 resolution	1280 x 1024 resolution, or higher
Minimum color depth	16 Bit	
Software installation	Internet connection or CD drive	
Software activation	USB 2.0 port or remote license server	
Storage space for a local database	About 25 MB	
Storage space per assay	About 1 MB including audit trail, depending on the complexity and the number of changes	

¹⁾ If you want to install additional modules, additional space is required.

3 Installing PLA 3.0

Download and run the setup file to install the PLA 3.0 trial version.

Before you begin

- Make sure there is enough free disc space on the system.
- Make sure you have permissions to install programs.
- Make sure your system meets the requirements.

Procedure

To install the PLA 3.0 trial version:

1. Open the following link in your web browser: <http://www.bioassay.de/download>.
2. Fill in the form to access the download area.
3. Download the PLA 3.0 setup file.
 **Note:** The PLA 3.0 trial version includes version 3.0.4 of PLA, and version 23 of the Biological Assay Package. To test the current version of this package, version 26, you also have to download the Biological Assay Package setup file.
4. Make the PLA 3.0 setup file available on the computer on which you intend to run PLA 3.0.
5. On the computer on which you intend to run PLA 3.0, run the PLA 3.0 setup file as an administrator.
6. Follow the setup assistant to install PLA 3.0.
7. If you want to test version 26 of the Biological Assay Package, run the Biological Assay Package setup file.

4 Starting PLA 3.0 for the first time

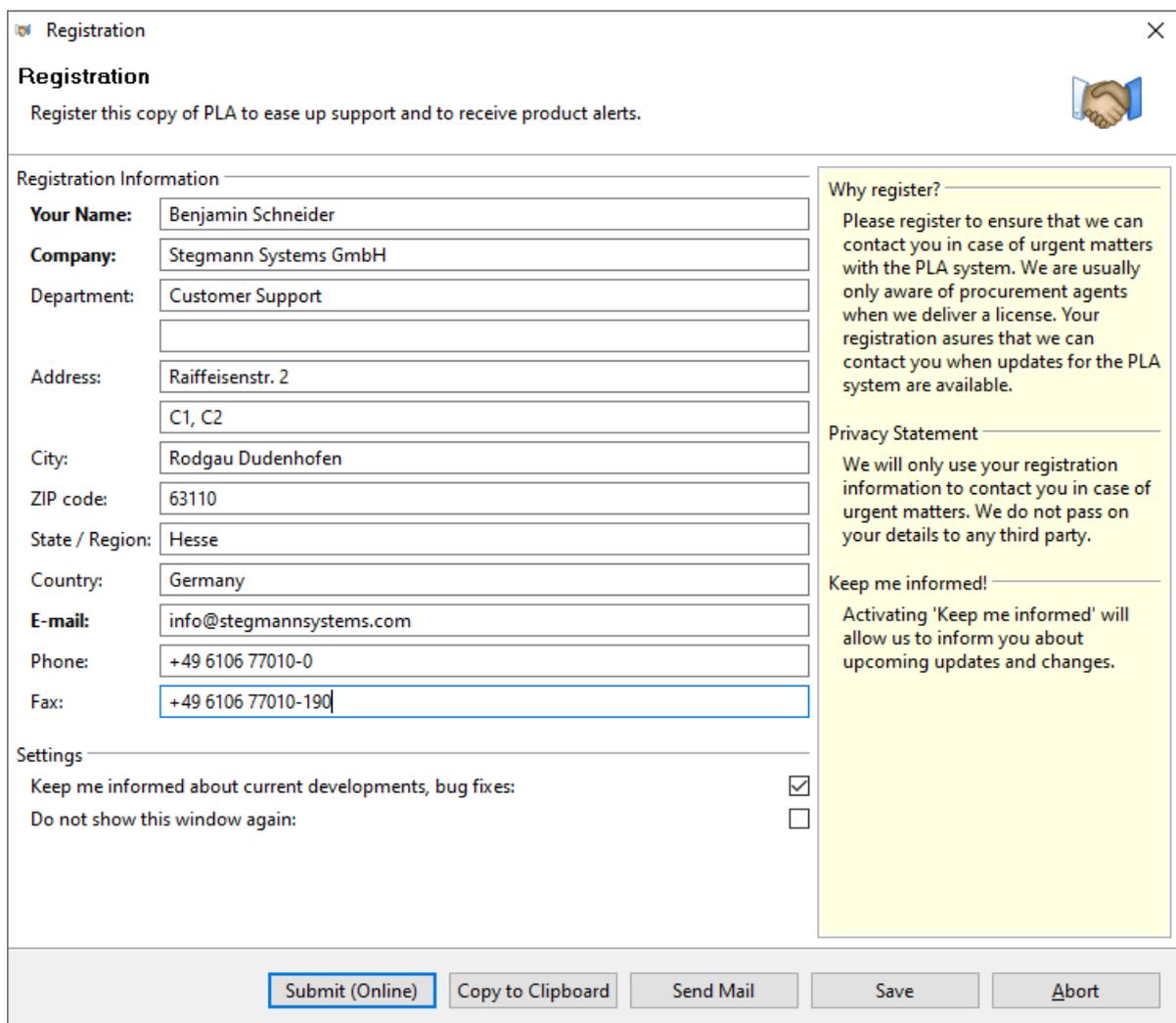
4.1 Register your copy of PLA 3.0

Fill in the form so we can inform you about urgent matters that require updates to the PLA 3.0 system.

Procedure

To register your copy:

1. Enter at least the mandatory data.



Registration
Register this copy of PLA to ease up support and to receive product alerts.

Registration Information

Your Name: Benjamin Schneider
 Company: Stegmann Systems GmbH
 Department: Customer Support
 Address: Raiffeisenstr. 2
 C1, C2
 City: Rodgau Dudenhofen
 ZIP code: 63110
 State / Region: Hesse
 Country: Germany
 E-mail: info@stegmannsystems.com
 Phone: +49 6106 77010-0
 Fax: +49 6106 77010-190

Settings

Keep me informed about current developments, bug fixes:
 Do not show this window again:

Why register?
Please register to ensure that we can contact you in case of urgent matters with the PLA system. We are usually only aware of procurement agents when we deliver a license. Your registration assures that we can contact you when updates for the PLA system are available.

Privacy Statement
We will only use your registration information to contact you in case of urgent matters. We do not pass on your details to any third party.

Keep me informed!
Activating 'Keep me informed' will allow us to inform you about upcoming updates and changes.

Submit (Online) Copy to Clipboard Send Mail Save Abort

Figure 1. Registration dialog

2. Submit your data using one of the following options:
 - If you can access the internet, you can directly transfer your registration data by clicking **Submit (online)**.
 - If you cannot access the internet, click **Copy to clipboard**, and manually transfer your registration data to your e-mail client.

- To send your registration data using a standard e-mail, click **Send mail**.

4.2 Create a local database

Create a local SQLite database if the data should only be accessible by you.

The database will be created in your Microsoft Windows home directory.

Procedure

To create a local database:

1. In the **Database connection management** wizard, select the **Express mode** option and click **Next >**.

2. Enter the data of your new connection profile: Under **Database**, enter a name for the new database and select the template you want to use.

We recommend you use the 'Default Database with Demo Data' template.

3. Enter the credentials you want to use for the PLA 3.0 administrator account: Under **Administrator**, enter a user name and a password.

The screenshot shows a window titled "PLA Database Management" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main title is "Database Connection Management" and the subtitle is "[12473] Create a new database connection profile". There is a yellow database icon with a green plus sign. The form is divided into two sections: "Database" and "Administrator". Under "Database", there is a "Name:" field with "Demo" entered and a "Template:" dropdown menu with "Default Database with Demo Data" selected. Under "Administrator", there is a "User:" field with "Administrator" entered, a "Password:" field with masked characters, and a "Confirm password:" field with masked characters. At the bottom, there is a yellow "IMPORTANT" message box with an information icon and text: "[11855] Keep a copy of these credentials in a safe place. You will need them if you want to modify database policies or manage user accounts. If you loose this information you will not be able to gain administrative access to this database." Below the message box are four buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel".

Figure 2. Administrator credentials for an SQLite database

If you keep the default credentials, the PLA 3.0 administrator is created as 'Administrator' without a password.

ⓘ Important: If you change the default credentials, we recommend you keep your credentials in a safe place. They are required to manage the database and the user accounts, and we cannot restore them as they are not known to us.

4. Click **Finish**.

Results: An information dialog informs you as soon as the database and the corresponding connection have been set up successfully.

4.3 Log in to PLA 3.0

Log in to PLA 3.0 to start using the software.

Procedure

To log in to PLA 3.0:

1. Make sure you connect to the correct database. Select a different database from the **Database** drop-down list, if required.

2. In the **Login** dialog, in the **User name** text box, enter your user name.

If you are using the PLA 3.0 trial version and kept the default settings, this is the 'Administrator' user.

ⓘ Tip: To select your user name from a list of available names, click the Choose user [...] button.

3. If you want the user name to be filled automatically when you log in the next time, select the **Save user name** option.

The user name is also filled automatically if your Windows user name matches an entry in the list of available names.

4. In the **Password** box, enter your password.

If you are using the PLA 3.0 trial version and kept the default settings, no password is required.

5. Click **Login**.

5 Extending your trial period

You can continue testing PLA after the first 14 days have elapsed by extending your trial period.

Procedure

To extend your trial period:

1. In the **Login** dialog, click **Tools**.
2. From the drop-down list box, select  **License management**.
3. In the **License information** dialog, click **Extend trial...**
4. In the **Extend trial period** dialog, use one of the following options to submit your inquiry key:
 - If you can access the internet, you can directly transfer the key to the extension form by clicking **Submit online**.
 - To send your inquiry key using a standard e-mail, click **Send mail**.
5. Our Support team will check your request and provide you with an extension key. Paste this key in the **Extension key** text box and click **Extend your trial period**.
6. Click **Close**.

6 Upgrading the Biological Assay Package

The trial version includes version 23 of the Biological Assay Package. To test version 26, you have to upgrade the package accordingly.

About this task

You can manually upgrade the package prior to logging in to PLA 3.0. To do so, perform the below steps. You can also log in to PLA 3.0, in which case the system automatically checks for newer versions of your installed packages. If an outdated component is detected, you will be guided through the required upgrade steps.

Procedure

To manually upgrade to version 26 of the Biological Assay Package:

1. Download the setup file of the package from <https://www.bioassay.de/software>. On this site, you have to fill in the form to access the download area.
2. Run the setup file as an administrator. Follow the setup assistant to install PLA 3.0 on your local machine.
3. Log in to PLA 3.0.
4. Open the **System** menu, and click **Package management**.
5. On the left side of the **Package management for databases** dialog, under **Available packages**, select 'Biological Assays Package Version 26' and click  **Activate**.

Results: The 'Biological Assays Package Version 26' entry is activated and displayed under **Activated packages** on the right side of the dialog.

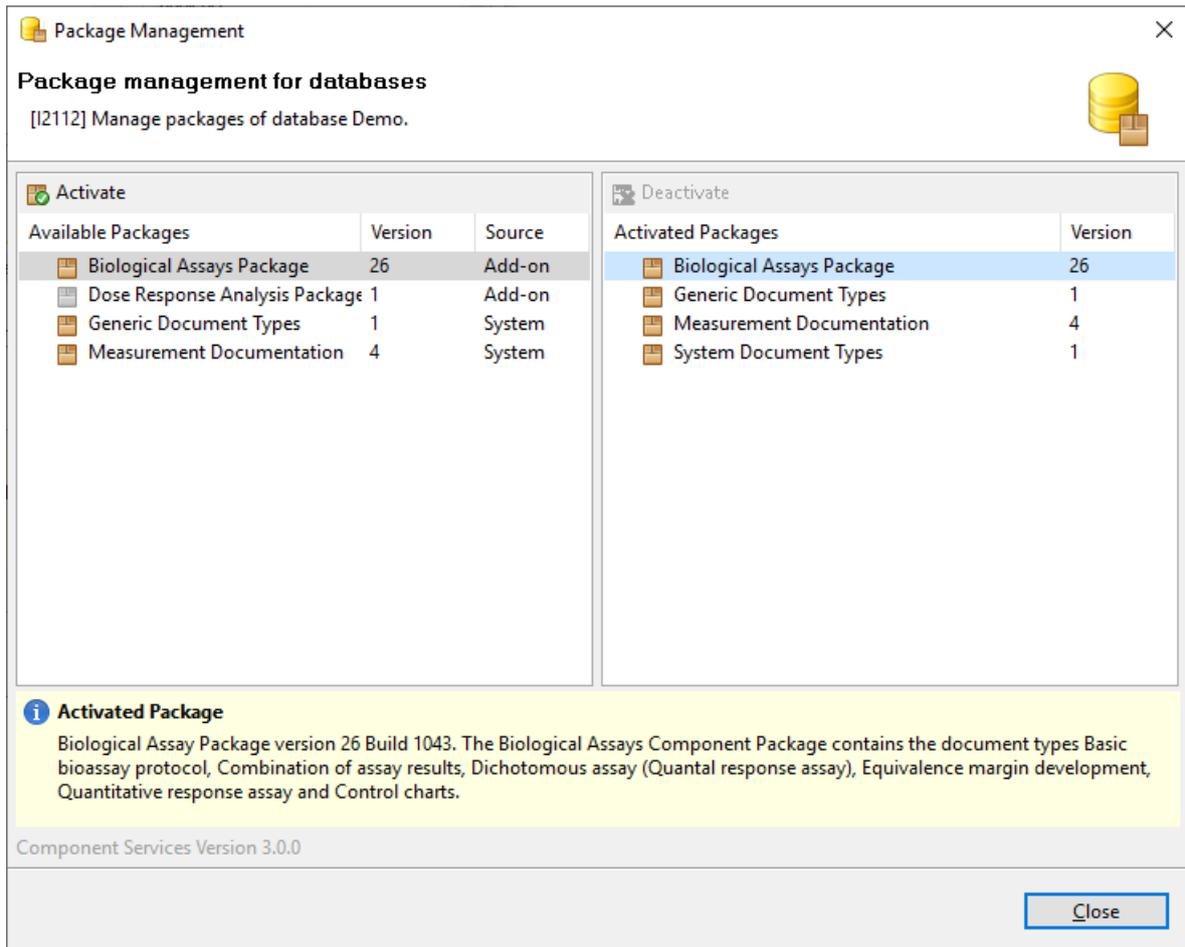


Figure 3. Package management for databases dialog

6. Click **Close**.