

Transfer Software Activation to a New PC

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1 Introduction

This document describes how to **transfer** an existing **BERNINA Embroidery Software 8** “Activation” **from** an activated PC **to** a different PC using the standalone **RUS_Bernina_V8** program.

It moves the “software dongle” from one PC to another, similar to moving a “hardware dongle”.

You can **move** an activation from one PC to another **by yourself** in just a **few minutes**:

- It does not require the Product Key, and
- It does not require an online internet connection,
- It does not use up any additional activations from your Product Key.
- It **does** require that the old PC still works though.

This method lets you move Embroidery Software 8 to run on a different PC without using another activation of your Product Key, for example: if you bought a new PC to replace an old one, and you don’t want to use the old PC anymore.

If you want to run the software on both computers, don’t use this method. Simply activate both computers.

1.1 Overview of Transfer Activation in 3 Simple Steps

Important: Before you start, install the Embroidery Software 8 on the new PC, but do not run the software yet. Then do these 3 steps to move the activation (software dongle) from the old PC to the new PC.

1. On the **new PC**, create an ID File of the new PC:
 - a. Run the “**RUS_Bernina_V8** Program **from a USB stick**
 - b. create an ID file for the new PC via the “Transfer Licence” tab, saved to the USB Stick
2. On the **old PC**, create a Licence Transfer file for the new PC’s ID:
 - a. Run the “**RUS_Bernina_V8** Program, from the USB stick
 - b. select the current software licence from the old PC
 - c. create a **Licence Transfer File** using the **ID File** of the new PC onto the USB stick
3. On the **new PC**, apply the Licence Transfer file to the new PC:
 - a. Run the “**RUS_Bernina_V8** Program, from the USB stick
 - b. Apply the Licence Transfer File to the new PC



Now you can run the Embroidery Software 8 program on the new PC.

- Embroidery Software 8 program will no longer run on the old PC.
- But you can move the software licence between computers as many times as you wish.

1.2 Get the RUS_Bernina_V8 Transfer Program

The **RUS_Bernina_V8** program is not packaged with Embroidery Software 8.0K software. It might be included in later versions of Embroidery Software 8.

- You can download it from the Embroidery Software 8 Support website, or ask support
- It is a single .exe program file together with a .pdf document of these instructions. (15 Mbytes)

1.3 Copy the RUS Bernina V8 file to a “transfer” USB Memory stick

Copy the *RUS_Bernina_V8* program to a “transfer” USB memory stick, so you can run the program from the same USB drive on both computers. Use a blank USB drive with nothing else on it preferably.

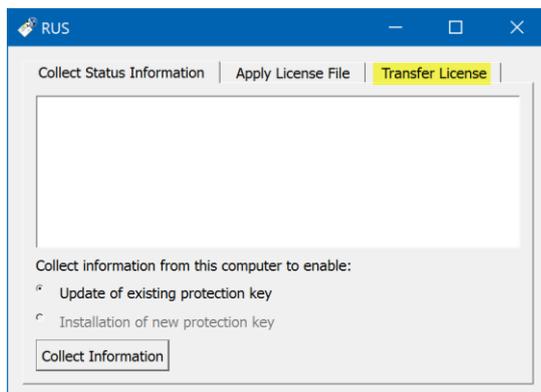
2 Detailed Instructions

2.1 Before Transfer: Install Embroidery Software 8 on the New PC (but do not run yet)

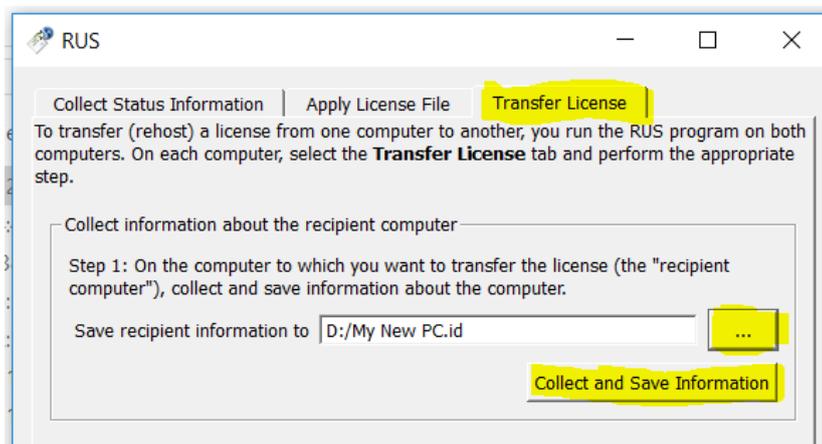
1. Insert the Embroidery Software 8 installation USB into the USB drive on the new PC
2. Run the Setup program to install the software.
3. Reboot the PC to complete the install. Do not run the program yet.
4. **Do not** run the Embroidery Software 8 program yet, and **Do not** enter any Product Key – it is not required. If you do, it will use up an additional activation from your product key.
5. Complete the Transfer process below first.

2.2 Step 1: On the New PC, create an “ID File” of the new PC

1. Plug the **transfer USB** stick into the **NEW PC**
2. Run the **RUS_Bernina_V8** program from the USB Drive
 - a. Use Windows Explorer to locate the program on the USB drive and double click to run it.
 - b. If necessary, re-size the program window to see all the tabs



3. Click on the Transfer Licence tab

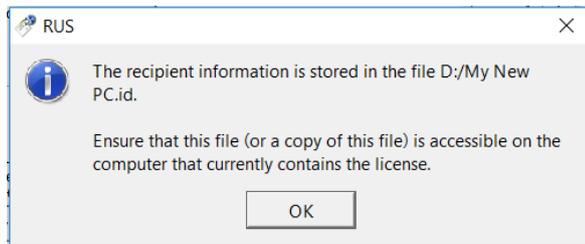


- a. In the section “Collect information about the recipient computer” (new PC) ...

Click ... and type a filename of your choice to save the new PC’s “ID” in

- i. Click ... and a new window will open.
- ii. Type in a filename of your choice and click the SAVE button
- iii. Example: D:\My New PC.ID

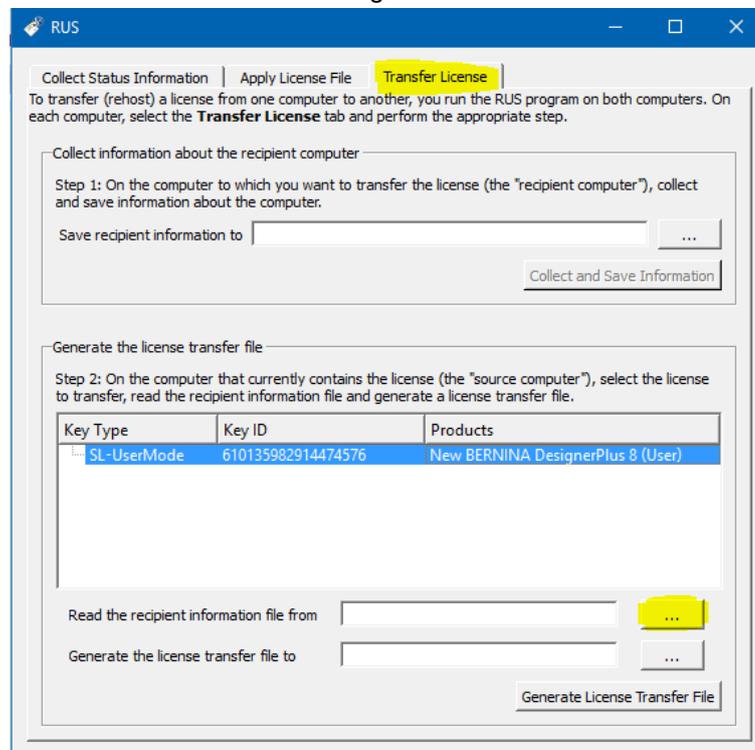
- b. **Click the button “Collect and Save Information” to create the ID file.**



- c. Using Windows Explorer, check that the new PC .ID file is on the USB Drive:
4. Close the RUS program.
 5. Eject the USB drive from the new PC.

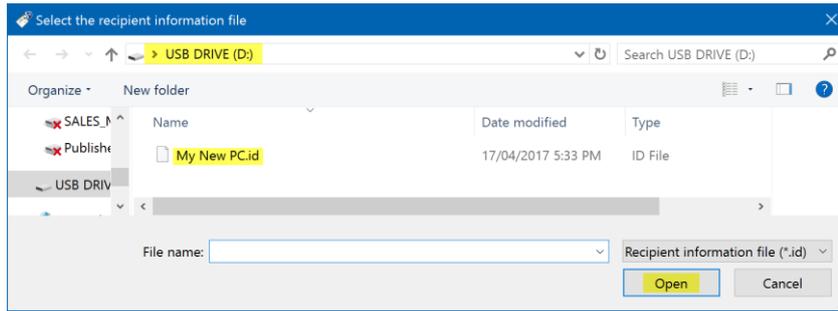
2.3 Step 2 - On the Old PC, create a Licence Transfer file

1. Close your Embroidery Software 8 program if it is open.
2. Plug the same USB stick into the **OLD** PC
3. Run the “RUS_Bernina_V8” Program from the USB Drive.
4. Select the **Transfer Licence** tab again.



5. Click on the existing licence key, e.g. New BERNINA DesignerPlus 8 (User) to select it
6. Click on the ... **button** to the right of the “Read the recipient information...” field,

7. Browse to the USB Drive, and **Select the ID file** you created at Step 1, and click **“Open”**



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- b. Click **Yes**, to confirm to move the licence key from this (old) computer to the new computer.

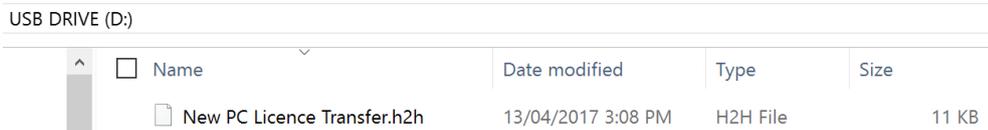
8. **Specify the filename for the Licence Transfer File (“.h2h”)**

- a. Click on the **...** button to the right of the “Generate the License...”field



- b. Specify a filename of your choice for the Licence Transfer File, **example**: New PC Licence Transfer.h2h, and **SAVE** to the USB Drive.
- c. Click on the button **“Generate License Transfer File”** to actually create the file
- d. Then click **OK** to confirm.

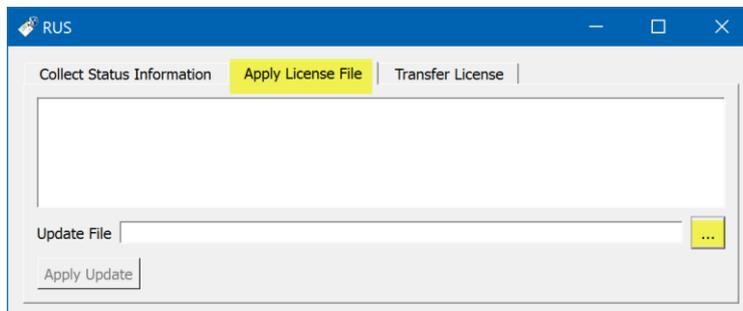
9. Check that the .h2h “licence transfer” file is on the USB drive.



10. Close the RUS program.
11. Eject the USB drive from the old PC.

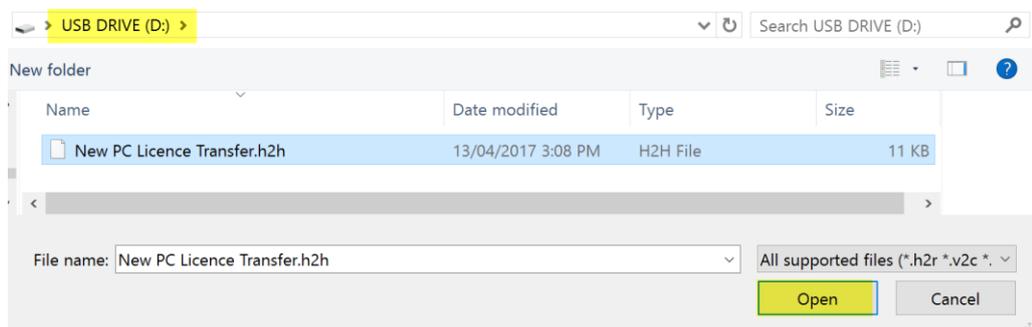
2.4 Step 3: On the New PC, Apply the Licence Transfer file to the new PC

1. Plug the same USB stick into the **NEW** PC again, and
2. Run the “RUS_Bernina_V8program, from the USB Drive again.
3. Click on the **Apply License File** tab.

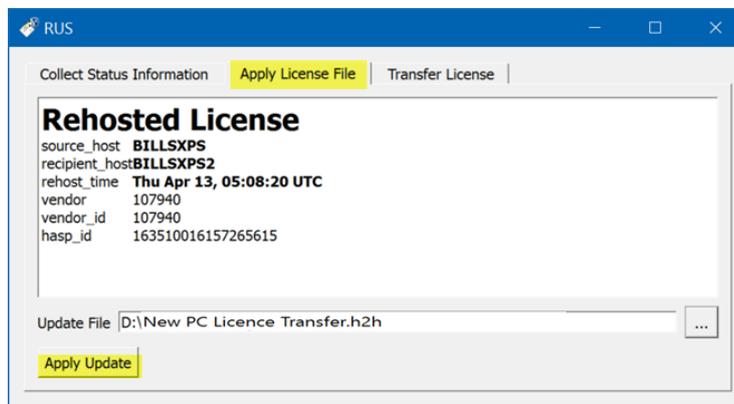


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4. Click on the **...** button and **select the Licence Transfer.h2h** file from the USB drive, and click **Open**



5. Click on **Apply Update** to confirm transfer (re-hosting) of License from Old to New PC



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6. Check that you get a confirmation message in the same window, that the Update was written successfully – i.e. that the Licence (Activation) has been transferred to New PC

Applying update from file D:\New PC Licence Transfer.h2h
Update written successfully.

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7. Close the RUS program.
8. Eject the USB drive from the PC.

2.5 Run Embroidery Software 8 on the New Computer

You can now run the Embroidery Software 8 program on the new computer.

If the Licence transfer was successful,

- the software will open and run, and
- you will **not** be prompted to enter a Product Key

If you **are** asked for a product key,

- **do not enter** it – or you will use up an activation
- Instead, go back and re-check the steps above for transferring the licence.

Once the transfer is complete, Embroidery Software 8 will no longer run on the old PC,

- because you have moved its activation (software dongle) to the new PC.
- But you can move the activation back again if you wish using the same process.