

# LM-X License Manager Quick Start

This guide gives you an introduction to protecting your application using LM-X License Manager. The topics included here are described in more detail in the *LM-X End Users Guide* and the *LM-X Developers Manual*, which also includes more advanced topics and the complete API specification.

The steps to complete before your LM-X protected application can be run by end users include:

1. [Download the LM-X SDK distribution.](#)
2. [Install the LM-X SDK.](#)
3. [Compile the LM-X SDK.](#)
4. [Define a license policy by creating an XML license template.](#)
5. [License your first application.](#)
6. [Distribute protected software to your end users.](#)
7. [Activate your license using License Activation Center.](#)

Each of these steps is described in the following sections.