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## GemBox.Presentation Free, Trial, Time Limited and Professional

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GemBox.Presentation has four working modes (**Free**, **Trial**, **Time Limited** and **Professional**) which use the same GemBox.Presentation assembly. Every working mode delivers the same performances and set of features and can work in unlimited time period, except for the Time Limited mode. Additionally, **Free** and **Trial** modes do have some restrictions applied to them.

Before using any other class from GemBox.Presentation assembly it is necessary to call a [SetLicense](#) method to set the license (serial) key. This method can be called multiple times, but the key can only be set once (if you try another key, exception will be thrown). The best place to call this method is from static constructor or from your application's main class.

### Free mode

The default behaviour of GemBox.Presentation in Free mode is that a [FreeLimitReachedException](#) will be thrown when loading or saving a presentation if presentation has more than five slides.

This behaviour can be overridden, to achieve trimming of a presentation content to first five slides when loading or saving a presentation, by handling a [ComponentInfo.FreeLimitReached](#) event and setting the [FreeLimitEventArgs.FreeLimitReachedAction](#) to [FreeLimitReachedAction.Stop](#).

### C# code

```
// Set license key to use GemBox.Presentation in a Free mode.  
ComponentInfo.SetLicense("FREE-LIMITED-KEY");  
  
// Stop reading/writing a presentation when the free limit is reached.  
ComponentInfo.FreeLimitReached += (sender, e) => e.FreeLimitReachedAction =  
FreeLimitReachedAction.Stop;
```

### VB.NET code

```
' Set license key to use GemBox.Presentation in a Free mode.  
ComponentInfo.SetLicense("FREE-LIMITED-KEY")  
  
' Stop reading/writing a presentation when the free limit is reached.  
AddHandler ComponentInfo.FreeLimitReached, Sub(sender, e) e.FreeLimitReachedAction =  
FreeLimitReachedAction.Stop
```

## Trial mode

For evaluating beyond the first 5 slides GemBox.Presentation offers a Trial mode.

Free and Trial versions use the same key: **FREE-LIMITED-KEY**.

To use GemBox.Presentation in Trial mode requires to subscribe to the

[ComponentInfo.FreeLimitReached](#) event and set

[FreeLimitEventArgs.FreeLimitReachedAction](#) to [FreeLimitReachedAction.ContinueAsTrial](#).

### C# code

```
// Set license key to use GemBox.Presentation in a Free mode.
```

```
ComponentInfo.SetLicense("FREE-LIMITED-KEY");
```

```
// Continue to use the component in a Trial mode when free limit is reached.
```

```
ComponentInfo.FreeLimitReached += (sender, e) => e.FreeLimitReachedAction =
```

```
FreeLimitReachedAction.ContinueAsTrial;
```

### VB.NET code

```
' Set license key to use GemBox.Presentation in a Free mode.
```

```
ComponentInfo.SetLicense("FREE-LIMITED-KEY")
```

```
' Continue to use the component in a Trial mode when free limit is reached.
```

```
AddHandler ComponentInfo.FreeLimitReached, Sub(sender, e) e.FreeLimitReachedAction =
```

```
FreeLimitReachedAction.ContinueAsTrial
```

For more information see the [GemBox.Presentation performance example](#).

Limitations of Trial version are:

- When loading a presentation - random parts of text on slides after the fifth one will be [scrambled but still readable](#).

- When loading or saving a presentation - a promotional header text box will be added to every slide after the fifth one.

## Time Limited mode

GemBox.Presentation also offers a Time Limited mode that can be used for 30 days without any limitations. If you'd like a temporary license key for this mode, please [contact us](#).

## Professional mode

Using the component in a professional mode, which has no limitations, requires using a license key. License keys can be purchased from the [GemBox.Presentation web shop](#) page.

### C# code

```
// Set license key to use GemBox.Presentation in a Professional mode.
```

```
ComponentInfo.SetLicense("your-professional-license-key");
```

### VB.NET code

```
' Set license key to use GemBox.Presentation in a Professional mode.
```

```
ComponentInfo.SetLicense("your-professional-license-key")
```

For more information visit the [GemBox.Presentation Evaluation and Licensing](#) help page.