

# Info: Liberty Software Only Edition vs Liberty Key Edition Comparison

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## Products

- Bayalink Liberty

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## Background

Bayalink Liberty is offered in two formats

- a) Bayalink Liberty Key Version – Liberty Software resides on the physical Liberty USB Key
- b) Bayalink Liberty Software Only Version – Liberty Software resides locally on your Laptop/PC

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## Comparison of How Liberty is Used

**Bayalink Liberty Key version** - Although the Bayalink Liberty Key version can be used on a regular and single laptop/pc, it is generally marketed to be used as a one-to-many solution. This means that your single Liberty Key can be taken with you wherever you go and plugged in to any PC you choose. This is accomplished because the Liberty program exists on the physical key itself, rather than locally on the PC.

**Bayalink Liberty Software Only Version** - The Bayalink Liberty Software only Edition requires the install of the program locally on the hard drive of the laptop/pc. This means it is not convenient to move to a different laptop/pc and use Liberty, however for those individuals who will always use Liberty on the same laptop/pc, this is a viable solution.

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## Comparison of the Connection Methods

**Bayalink Liberty Key version** – Either Bluetooth or USB cable

**Bayalink Liberty Software Only Version** – USB Cable only

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## Comparison of the Install Process

**Bayalink Liberty Key version** – Once the Bayalink Liberty Key is inserted in the laptop/pc and once the libtystart.exe program is run, Liberty will examine the PC it is connected to and if this is the first time it is run on this machine, it will install the Bayalink Liberty Driver (admin privileges required). If Liberty has run on this machine in the past and if the driver is already installed there is no further install required and the user is now ready to use Liberty. However, if the user chooses a USB connection option (rather than Bluetooth connection), then the RIM BlackBerry USB drives will be required to be installed separately. These drivers are already included in the BlackBerry Desktop Manager Software (from RIM),

so if this is installed on the laptop/pc already then there is no need for any additional installs and the user is ready to use Liberty. If the BlackBerry Desktop Manager Software (from RIM) is not installed on the local machine then the required drivers required to establish a USB connection can be downloaded from our website at [http://www.bayalink.com/support\\_downloads.asp](http://www.bayalink.com/support_downloads.asp)

**Bayalink Liberty Software Only Version** – The Bayalink Liberty Software Only version install requires the user to first download and run the installer file from the Bayalink website found at (<http://liberty.bayalink.com/endpoint>). The installer will install all required files. This would need to be done on each laptop/pc the user intends to use Liberty with.

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## Comparison of the Liberty Functionality

Both version off the exact same features and abilities.

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## Comparison of the Liberty Performance

If you compare performance when using the Bluetooth connection of the Bayalink Liberty Key version vs using the USB connection of the Bayalink Liberty Software Only version, for the most part there will be no noticeable difference in speed. Emails, calendar and contact entries will still load in the same amount of time. The only noticeable difference may be when using the Liberty File Explorer, Remote Desktop or when browsing very data intensive pages. This however is also very dependant on the BlackBerry device you are using and the wireless connection speed from your carrier in your local area. Bayalink has not done any official benchmarking in this regards.

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## Comparison of Costs

**Bayalink Liberty Key version** – \$99 CAD Annual License / per BlackBerry, plus any applicable shipping costs (varied \$ amounts based on geographic location level of shipping service chosen).

**Bayalink Liberty Software Only Version** – \$99 Annual License / per BlackBerry, no shipping costs.