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# FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Quick Start Reference

This “quick start” reference is geared towards those license server administrators who are familiar with the FlexNet Embedded local license server and need only a reference to commands and basic steps to get the server up and running.

The instructions in this “quick start” reference refer to the following components:

- The executable for the FlexNet Embedded local license server, `flexnetls`, to manage the license server service
- The FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to configure and administer the server

Additionally, these instructions provide no background information about the task at hand and no details about the specific commands being used. If you need more information, refer to appropriate chapters in this book.

This “quick start” reference contains the following topics:

- [Installing and Running the License Server](#)
- [Performing Other Service Maintenance Tasks](#)
- [License Server Administrator Command-line Tool: Command Summary](#)

## About “flexnetlsadmin” Commands

Refer to the following for additional assistance about entering the `flexnetlsadmin` commands listed in this “quick start” reference:

- `flexnetlsadmin` commands require the license server’s base URL (*licenseServer\_baseURL*). For details about the base URL, see [Base URL for the License Server](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.
- If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform certain `flexnetlsadmin` operations listed in next sections. For more information about providing these credentials (and about configuring and managing security), see [Using the Command-line Tool to Manage Administrative Security](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- For a summary `flexnetlsadmin` command usage, see [License Server Administrator Command-line Tool: Command Summary](#).

- For detailed descriptions of the flexnetlsadmin commands, see the chapter [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#).


## Installing and Running the License Server

This section covers the “quick start” steps used to install and start the FlexNet Embedded local license server as a service on Windows or Linux.

On a Linux platform, you install the license server as a systemd service, as described here. Alternatively, you can install the license server as a SysV service (see [SysV Alternative for Installation on Linux](#)).

For help in using flexnetlsadmin commands, see [About “flexnetlsadmin” Commands](#).

**Table -1** ■ Installing and Running the FlexNet Embedded Local License Server

Task		Do this...	
		Windows	Linux
1	<b>Configure the installation and service</b>	Edit flexnetls.settings if needed to set the port number, your Java installation (JDK or JRE) path, hostid, log threshold, and other options.	Options added to the installation step (Step 2) enables you to modify configuration.
2	<b>Install the service</b>	Run <code>flexnetls.bat -install</code>	Run <code>sudo ./install-systemd.sh</code> to install and start with default configuration. Add options to modify configuration (see <a href="#">Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line</a> ).
3	<b>Start the service</b>	Run <code>flexnetls.bat -start</code>  <b>Note</b> ■ Depending on the security policies defined on your device, a warning message might be displayed, warning you to only run scripts that you trust. If such a warning is displayed, confirm that you want to allow each script to be executed.	Installation starts the service, or run <code>sudo systemctl start flexnetls-producer_Name</code>
4	<b>Do a “health check” on the license server</b>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status</code>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status</code>
5	<b>Activate license rights</b>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id activation_ID -count n</code>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id activation_ID -count n</code>
6	<b>Verify license rights</b>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server LicenseServer_baseURL -features</code>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -features</code>

**Table -1** ▪ Installing and Running the FlexNet Embedded Local License Server (cont.)

Task	Do this...
7 <b>Provide license server URL to clients</b>	Distribute the license server URL for handling capability requests (for example, <a href="#">http://LicenseServer_baseURL/request</a> ).
8 <b>Administer/configure the license server</b>	See <a href="#">License Server Administrator Command-line Tool: Command Summary</a> for the FlexNet License Server Administrator commands used to administer and configure the license server. If administrative security is enabled, certain operations require authorization credentials in order to perform them (see <a href="#">About “flexnetlsadmin” Commands</a> ).


## Performing Other Service Maintenance Tasks

The following provides a quick reference to other tasks used to maintain the license server as a service.

The tasks listed for the license server running on a Linux platform assume the service was installed using systemd. If you have installed the license server as SysV service on a Linux platform, see [SysV Alternative for Installation on Linux](#) for details about managing the service.

For help in using flexnetlsadmin commands, see [About “flexnetlsadmin” Commands](#).

**Table -2** ▪ Additional Service Maintenance Tasks

Task	Do this...
	WindowsLinux
<b>Update service with changed options</b>	<div> <div> 1. Edit flexnetls.settings as needed 2. Run <code>flexnetls.bat -update</code> 3. Run <code>flexnetls.bat -start</code> </div> <div>  <p><b>Note</b> ▪ Depending on the security policies defined on your device, a warning message might be displayed, warning you to only run scripts that you trust. If such as warning is displayed, confirm that you want to allow each script to be executed.</p> </div> </div>
	<div> Update service settings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run <code>sudo systemctl stop flexnetls-producer_name</code></li> <li>Run <code>sudo gedit /etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer_name.service.d/flexnetls.conf</code> to make edits (or replace gedit with editor of choice)</li> <li>Run <code>sudo systemctl daemon-reload</code></li> <li>Run <code>sudo systemctl start flexnetls-producer_name</code></li> </ol> Update local settings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run <code>sudo gedit /opt/flexnetls/demo/local-configuration.yaml</code> to make edits (or replace gedit with editor of choice)</li> <li>Run <code>sudo systemctl restart flexnetls-producer_name</code></li> </ol> </div>

**Table -2** ▪ Additional Service Maintenance Tasks (cont.)

Task	Do this...	
<b>Suspend service (server temporarily stops accepting capability requests)</b>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server <i>LicenseServer_baseURL</i> -status -suspend</code>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin -server <i>LicenseServer_baseURL</i> -status -suspend</code>
<b>Resume service from suspension</b>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server <i>LicenseServer_baseURL</i> -status -resume</code>	Run <code>flexnetlsadmin -server <i>LicenseServer_baseURL</i> -status -resume</code>
<b>Stop service</b>	Run <code>flexnetls.bat -stop</code>	Run <code>sudo systemctl stop flexnetls-<i>producer_name</i></code>
<b>Uninstall the service</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Run <code>flexnetls.bat -stop</code></li> <li>2. Run <code>flexnetls.bat -uninstall</code></li> <li>3. Execute <code>sc delete FlexNet FNLS-<i>producer_name</i></code> (to clean up service components).</li> <li>4. Delete server's installation files</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Run <code>systemctl stop flexnetls-<i>producer</i></code></li> <li>2. Run <code>systemctl disable flexnetls-<i>producer</i></code></li> <li>3. Run <code>sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-<i>producer</i>.service</code></li> <li>4. Run <code>sudo rm -r /etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-<i>producer</i>.service.d</code></li> </ol>

## License Server Administrator Command-line Tool: Command Summary

The following describes the command options and associated arguments used by the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool:

- [Usage](#)
- [Additional Information](#)
- [Command Summary](#)

### Usage

The following shows general command usage for the license server administrator and an enterprise user.

#### For a License Server Administrator

The following is command usage for a license server administrator performing general administrative tasks:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL [-authorize adminName {adminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput}] -command_option [command_option_arguments] [-command_option...]
```

The following is the command usage for a license server administrator managing user accounts when administrative security is enabled on the license server:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize adminName {adminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -users [-create|edit|delete]
```

## For an Enterprise User

The command usage for an enterprise user is the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL [-authorize userName {userPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput}] -command_option [command_option_arguments] [-command_option...]
```


## Additional Information

Refer to the previous section [About “flexnetlsadmin” Commands](#) for additional assistance in providing the *licenseServer\_baseURL* or required authorization credentials to run the flexnetlsadmin commands.



## Command Summary

The follow table summarizes flexnetlsadmin command options and arguments.

**Table -3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options

Option	Arguments	Description
-help	(no argument)	Lists the syntax of all <b>flexnetlsadmin</b> commands.
-server	(no argument)	<p>Sets the license server base URL required in every command as the first option. For a local license server, use the following URL:</p> <pre>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server http:// licenseServerURL/api/1.0/instances/instanceID</pre> <p>For a CLS instance, use the URL that the producer provides, similar to this:</p> <pre>https://siteID.compliance. flexnetoperations.com/api/1.0/instances/ instanceId</pre> <p>Alternatively, set this value as the environment user variable FLEXNETLS_BASEURL on your machine so that you no longer have to include this option in the commands. See <a href="#">License Server URL Designation</a> for more information.</p> <div>  <p><b>Note</b> ▪ Use of the HTTPS protocol on the local license is strongly recommended when administrative security is enabled on the license server.</p> </div>

**Table -3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-authorize</b> <i>adminName</i> <b>{adminPassword  </b> <b>-passwordConsoleInput}</b>	The -authorize command option and its related options and arguments are in effect only when administrative security is enabled on the license server. Position the -authorize option after the -server option and before any other options. Administrators can choose to enter their password directly in the command or, for security reasons, use the -passwordConsoleInput option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input. The remaining options and arguments for -authorize are described next. See <a href="#">Using the Command-line Tool to Manage Administrative Security</a> for details.	
<div>  </div> <p><b>Note</b> ■ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.</p>		
	<b>[-users]</b>	Shows all current user accounts on the license server.
	<b>[-users -create</b> <i>userName</i> <b>{userPassword  </b> <b>-passwordConsoleInput}</b> <b>[roles]]</b>	<p>Creates a new user account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <i>userName</i> and <i>userPassword</i> must meet the criteria specified in <a href="#">Credential Requirements</a>.</li> <li>• To avoid exposing the password as a command-line argument, you can use the -passwordConsoleInput option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.</li> <li>• Roles are optional. If no role is specified, ROLE_READ is assigned by default. Valid roles include ROLE_READ, ROLE_RESERVATIONS, ROLE_ADMIN, ROLE_OFFLINE, ROLE_DROP_CLIENT, and ROLE_PRODUCER. Multiple roles can be combined using a plus sign (+) without any spaces in between (for example, <a href="#">ROLE_READ+ROLE_RESERVATIONS</a>). See <a href="#">User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges</a> for details.</li> </ul>
<div>  </div> <p><b>Note</b> ■ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.</p>		



**Table -3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-authorize <i>adminName</i></b> <b>{<i>adminPassword</i>}</b> <b>-passwordConsoleInput}</b> <b>(cont.)</b>	[-users -edit <i>userName</i> { <i>password</i>   <i>newPassword</i>   -passwordConsoleInput} [ <i>newRoles</i> ]]	<p>Updates the password or role or both for the user account identified by <i>userName</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The password is not optional. Enter either the user's current password or, if changing the password, the new password (which must meet the criteria listed in <a href="#">Credential Requirements</a>).</li> <li>• To avoid exposing the password as a command-line argument, you can use the -passwordConsoleInput option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.</li> <li>• Assignment of new roles is optional. If one or more new roles are specified, they replace all current roles. If no roles are specified, the user's current role assignment remains in effect. For information about roles, see <a href="#">User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges</a>.</li> </ul> <p></p> <p><b>Note</b> ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.</p>
	[-users -delete <i>userName</i> ]	Deletes the user account specified by <i>userName</i>
	[ <i>any options listed below</i> ]	Authorizes your access, as needed, to operations specified by any of the options listed below.


**Table -3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-authorize <i>userName</i></b> <b>{<i>userPassword</i>}</b> <b>-passwordConsoleInput</b>	[ <i>specific options listed below</i> ]	<p>Authorizes an enterprise user's access to the specific operations to which that user has privileges. Users can choose to enter their password (as defined for their account) directly in the command or, for security reasons, use the <code>-passwordConsoleInput</code> option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.</p> <p></p> <p><b>Note</b> ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.</p>
<b>-status</b>	[-suspend   -resume]	<p>Shows information about the license server, including its status (as active, inactive, or suspended), its build and version, the back-office URL, and other information.</p> <p>The <code>-suspend</code> option temporarily suspends the license server (that is, the license server is still running but does not accept capability requests from client devices).</p> <p>The <code>-resume</code> option ends the license server's suspended state so that the server can proceed with normal operations.</p>
<b>-hostid</b>	(no argument)	<p>Displays the license server's hostid value used to fulfill capability requests against a back-office server. If the server has multiple hostid values, the list contains the available hardware Ethernet addresses and dongle IDs. If virtual hosts are supported, the VM UUID will also be listed.</p>
	-selected	<p>Returns the current "selected" hostid—that is, the hostid currently used by the license server.</p>
	-setactive <i>hostIdValue</i> <i>hostIdType</i>	<p>Designates a new "selected" hostid. The new hostid must be one of the hostids returned by the <code>-hostid</code> command.</p>

**Table -3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-activate</b>	<code>-id <i>activation-id</i> [-count <i>value</i>]</code>	Activates licenses on the server by installing the specified number of copies of license rights (identified by the activation ID) from the back office. You can specify the <code>-activate</code> option multiple times to activate license rights from different activation IDs.
	<code>-activate -id <i>activation_id</i> -count <i>value</i> -O <i>filename</i></code>	(Part 1 of an offline activation) Generates a capability request containing the activation ID and saves the request as a binary file. To generate the request with multiple activation IDs, repeat the <code>-activate</code> option for each ID.
	<code>-load <i>filename</i></code>	(Part 2 of an offline activation) Processes the offline capability-response binary file from the back office to install licenses on the license server.
<b>-licenses</b>	<code>[-verbose]</code>	Retrieves summary information or details (with <code>-verbose</code> ) about current license distribution to client devices.
<b>-features</b>	(no argument)	Shows details about the features in the current license pool on the server.



**Table -3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-config</b>	[-filter none   license-policy   sync   security   log   general   capability   failover]	<p>Lists all license-server policy settings.</p> <p>Use the -filter argument to list settings for only specific categories. The categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none: All categories</li> <li>• license-policy: Policies for license distribution and usage</li> <li>• sync: Policies for synchronization with back office</li> <li>• security: The policy enabling administrative security on the license server</li> <li>• log: Logging parameters</li> <li>• general: Attributes identifying the license server</li> <li>• capability: Policies for polling the back-office for license updates</li> <li>• failover: License server failover</li> </ul> <p>You can specify multiple categories for the -filter option. For example, <b>flexnatlsadmin -config -filter sync log</b> shows synchronization and logging settings. (Use -config or -config -filter none to list all settings.)</p> <p>Those settings that you can edit are listed with an asterisk.</p>
	-set <i>settingName=settingValue, settingName=settingValue...</i>	<p>Overwrites the current value for the specified policy setting. You can provide multiple value pairs separated by commas. For additional syntax formats, see <a href="#">Override Policy Settings</a>.</p> <div>  </div> <p><b>Note</b> ▪ To determine which settings are editable, use “-config” to list the settings; editable settings are marked with an asterisk. Additionally, when you use “-o” to write settings to a file, only editable settings are written. Another way to apply edits to multiple settings is to use “-filter category -o &lt;filename&gt;” to write the editable settings to file, edit the settings as needed, and then use “-load &lt;filename&gt;” to apply the edits.</p>
	-reset <i>settingName,settingName...</i>	<p>Resets one or more policy settings back to their original default values set by the producer. Separate multiple setting names by commas. For additional syntax formats, see <a href="#">Override Policy Settings</a>.</p>


**Table -3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-config (cont.)</b>	<code>-o filename</code>	Writes the current, editable policy settings (except those in the general category) to the specified file in JSON format. This argument can be used with the <code>-filter none</code> option to write all editable settings to file or with the <code>-filter category</code> option (except for the general category) to limit the scope of editable settings written to the file.
	<code>-load filename</code>	<p>Applies the edits to policy settings from the specified file to the existing policy settings. The contents of the file you are loading must be in JSON format.</p> <p>In a typical scenario, first run <code>-filter category -o filename</code> to write current editable settings to a file, edit the values as needed, and then apply the edits using the <code>-load filename</code> option.</p>
<b>-model</b>	(no argument)	Displays the model definition that is currently active, showing the named license pools and rules.
	<code>-load filename</code>	<p>Uploads the model definition to the license server. The contents of the file you are loading must be written according to the grammar in <a href="#">Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF</a>.</p> <p>Only one model definition can be active for each license server instance. You cannot upload a model definition with the name <code>reservations</code> or <code>default</code>, because these names are reserved.</p> <div> </div> <p><b>Important</b> ■ If you were previously using reservations, you must delete all reservation groups. Otherwise, uploading a model definition will fail.</p>
	<code>-delete</code>	Deletes the model definition that is currently applied to the license server. The default model definition is automatically applied to the license server.
<b>-partitions</b>	(no argument)	Displays all license pools (named and default) for the license server. The output lists information about every feature and every feature slice in each license pool (feature slices are portions of feature counts allocated to a license pool).

**Table -3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-reservations</b>	<code>[-group <i>group_id</i>] [-o <i>filename</i>]</code>	Provides a summary of the reservation groups, including each group's ID, currently available to the license server.  The <code>-group <i>group_id</i></code> option shows details—at the reservation (hostid) and reservation-entry (feature) levels—for the specified reservation group.  The <code>-o <i>filename</i></code> option writes the reservation information in JSON format (for all groups or for the specified group ID) to a file.
	<code>-genjson <i>filename</i></code>	Generates a template file for reservations in JSON format.
	<code>-load <i>filename</i></code>	Creates a reservation group and its reservation entries via a file containing the reservation definitions in JSON format.   <b>Note</b> ▪ To make changes to a reservation group, delete the group and recreate it with the changes to the reservation definitions.
		 <b>Important</b> ▪ If you were previously using named license pools, you must delete the active model definition before creating reservations.
	<code>-delete -group <i>group_id</i></code>	Deletes the entire reservation group with all its reservations and reservation entries.
	<code>-delete -group <i>group_id</i> -reservation <i>reservation_id</i></code>	Deletes the specified reservation within the specified reservation group.
<b>-uploadPublicKey</b> <b><i>clientPublicKeyFileName</i></b>	(no argument)	Uploads a file containing a client-side RSA public key (2048-bit DER-encoded) in octet-stream format to the license server. The producer will provide details about obtaining and uploading this key should such a key be required. License-server administrator credentials are required to use this option.
<b>-binding</b>	(no argument)	Shows both the current policy for a binding-break detection facility (enabled by the producer) and the current binding status as detected by this facility (ok, hard break, or soft break). If this facility is not enabled, the output indicates as such.

**Table -3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-version</b>	(no argument)	Shows the version and build information for the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool.
<b>-json</b>	(no argument)	Displays output in JSON format instead of the default table layout.  <b>Note</b> ▪ You can query the JSON output of <code>flexnetLsadmin</code> with an external tool like <code>jq</code> . For information about <code>jq</code> , see <a href="https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual/v1.6/">https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual/v1.6/</a> .





# Introduction

The FlexNet Embedded license server provides functionality for serving and monitoring a counted pool of licenses for intelligent devices or software clients using products enabled with FlexNet Embedded licensing. The license server is designed to administer and enforce a pool of licenses within your enterprise, report license usage to the back office, and provide served-license status information in conjunction with client code that incorporates FlexNet Embedded.

This guide describes how to administer the FlexNet Embedded license server.

## Local License Servers vs. License Servers Hosted in the Cloud

The FlexNet Embedded license server can be deployed as a local license server at your site or as a Cloud Licensing Service (CLS) instance, hosted in the Revenera Cloud. Both the FlexNet Embedded local license server and the CLS instance provide the same functionality.

Note that the instructions or descriptions in this book focus on the local license server, basically because the setup and deployment of the CLS instance and a good deal of its administration are performed in FlexNet Operations. However, this book directs you to the appropriate FlexNet Operations documentation to help you get started with the CLS instance. Additionally, the book includes the [Managing a CLS Instance](#) chapter to provide basic procedures for managing the CLS instance.

Finally, because both license servers share the same functional endpoints, license server administrator tools provided by the producer (for example, `flexnetlsadmin`) can be used to manage important features, such as license reservations, administrative security, and enterprise user accounts, for both license server types. This book notes these areas where functionality and procedures apply to both server types.

# What's in this Guide

The *FlexNet Embedded License Server Administration Guide* includes the following chapters (in addition to the [FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Quick Start Reference](#) at the beginning of this book):

**Table 1-1** ■ Contents of the FlexNet Embedded License Server Administration Guide

Topic	Content
<b>Introduction</b>	Provides an overview of the book and list of conventions used in the book's contents.
<b>FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Quick Start Reference</b>	A reference to commands and basic steps to get the server up and running (geared towards license server administrators who are familiar with the FlexNet Embedded local license server).
<b>Getting Started</b>	Includes the requirements and procedures to help you configure, install, and start the FlexNet Embedded local license server and implement administrative security for both the local license server and a CLS instance.
<b>Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool</b>	Describes how to use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to manage the FlexNet Embedded local license server or a CLS instance and its license distribution. (The producer decides whether to provide this tool.)
<b>More About License Server Functionality</b>	Provides background and set-up information for types of functionality that might be enabled for your FlexNet Embedded local license server or CLS instance.
<b>Managing a CLS Instance</b>	Highlights procedures used to manage a version of the license server hosted in either the Revenera or producer's Cloud.
<b>Reference: License Server Policy Settings</b>	Provides a reference to the license server policy settings used to control licenser-server operations. Some settings are editable (and are marked as such in the reference).
<b>SysV Alternative for Installation on Linux</b>	Describes how to install the local license server as a Linux service using the SysV init runlevel system.
<b>Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools</b>	Describes the possible grammar structures of the language used to write a model definition for defining named license pools, and provides use case examples for sharing feature counts between license pools.
<b>Logging Functionality on the Local License Server</b>	Describes the logging functionality available for the local license server, including logging style, custom log configurations, and how to integrate license server logging with external systems.

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- [Revenera Product Documentation](#)
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# Getting Started

This chapter focuses on how to configure, install, and start the FlexNet Embedded local license server at your site but also includes important set-up instructions that apply to both the local license server and a Cloud Licensing Service (CLS) instance. The following sections are included:

- [About Getting Started with a CLS Instance](#)
- [Requirements for the Local License Server](#)
- [Overview: Administrator Experience on the Local License Server](#)
- [Configuring, Installing, and Starting the Local License Server](#)
- [Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation](#)
- [Upgrading the Local License Server](#)
- [Uninstalling the Local License Server](#)
- [Understanding Hostids](#)
- [Preparing to Use the FlexNet License Server Manager](#)
- [Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance](#)
- [Next Steps](#)

## About Getting Started with a CLS Instance

Depending on the agreement with the producer, either you or the producer creates the Cloud Licensing Service (CLS) instance through FlexNet Operations. For more information about managing the CLS instance, refer to the help system for the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal; or use the [Managing a CLS Instance](#) chapter in this book as a quick reference for performing basic administration tasks.

# Requirements for the Local License Server

The following sections list the requirements for the FlexNet Embedded local license server:

- [Hardware Requirements](#)
- [Validated Platforms](#)
- [Virtual Machine Support](#)
- [Java Prerequisites](#)



**Important** ▪ Due to potential incompatibilities with trusted storage and other stored data, do not downgrade your current license server to a previous version.

## Hardware Requirements

The following are the minimum hardware requirements for the license server:

- **Disk**—500 MB
- **RAM**—4 GB
- **CPU**—2 GHz - 2 Cores

## Validated Platforms

The following table lists the validated platforms for the FlexNet Embedded license server.

**Table 2-1** ▪ Validated FlexNet Embedded License Server Platforms

Operating System	CPU Architecture	Operating System Versions
<b>*Linux</b>	x86-64	CentOS 7.0
		CentOS 8.0
		Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS
<b>**Windows</b>	x86-64	Windows 8.1, 10 and 11
		Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2
		Windows Server 2016
		Windows Server 2019
		Windows Server 2022

\* The FlexNet Embedded license server has been validated on CentOS 7 and 8, but can also be run on RedHat Enterprise Linux 7 or 8.

\*\* .NET Framework 4.5 or later is required for Windows platforms.

# Virtual Machine Support

Virtualization functionality in the FlexNet Embedded local license server supports the following:

- VMware ESXi 6.5
- VMware Workstation 14.1.5
- Microsoft Hyper-V 6.3 on Windows Server 2016
- Citrix XenServer 7.2
- Oracle VirtualBox 6.1.18
- QEMU-KVM 2.7
- Parallels 15.1.2
- Google Compute Cloud
- Amazon EC2

## Java Prerequisites

The following are the Java prerequisites for the machine on which the FlexNet Embedded local license server is installed:

- Oracle Java SE 8, OpenJDK 8, or OpenJDK 11.



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**Note** ▪ The latest Java versions that are supported by the license server (Java 8 or 11) are needed for AWS certificate support. If an older Java version is used, the FlexNet Embedded license server cannot communicate with FlexNet Operations on AWS.

- A 64-bit JRE for a 64-bit license server or a 32-bit JRE for a 32-bit license server (not adhering to this requirement can cause the license server to fail to start)
- Windows only: The JAVA\_HOME (or JRE\_HOME) environment variable on your system set to the path for your default JDK (or JRE) installation.



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**Note** ▪ The license server requires only the JRE component. If JRE is your default Java installation, set the JRE\_HOME environment variable; if JDK is your default installation, set JAVA\_HOME.

### Early Notification: Local License Server Migration to Higher Java Version

In a future release in 2023, the FlexNet Embedded local license server will migrate to a higher Java version (Java 11 or 17), with no backward compatibility. As a consequence, the updated local license server will no longer run on Java 8.

Older releases of the FlexNet Embedded local license server (released before the license server migration to the higher Java version) will continue to work on Java 8 and are supported as per the [FlexNet Embedded Lifecycle Timeline](#).

# Overview: Administrator Experience on the Local License Server

The following table summarizes the basic tasks you perform as a license server administrator on the local license server. Each task description includes a link to further instructions in this book.

**Table 2-2** • Overview of the License Server Administrator Experience

Phase	Task	Description
1	<b>Configure, install, start the license server</b>	<p>This phase involves installing and starting up the FlexNet Embedded local license server as a service. Before installing the license server, you have the option to configure settings that define the local environment in which the license server will run. (These settings can be edited any time after installation as well.)</p> <p>See <a href="#">Configuring, Installing, and Starting the Local License Server</a> in this chapter.</p>
2	<b>Edit local settings as needed</b>	<p>The settings defining the license server's local environment at installation can be edited any time after installation as needed.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation</a> in this chapter. Also see the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter for instructions for configuration you might need to perform to enable certain functionality on the server.</p>
3	<b>Prepare to use the License Server Manager</b>	<p>The software producer might have provided the FlexNet License Server Manager as a tool with which to administer your license server. If so, before launching this tool, you must have installed Docker and started the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p> <p>The License Server Manager is described in a separate manual, the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide. This manual is available on the <a href="https://docs.revenera.com">Revenera Product Documentation</a> site (<a href="https://docs.revenera.com">https://docs.revenera.com</a>).</p>
4	<b>Manage administration security</b>	<p>If administration security on the license server is enabled, you need to reset your password and optionally create other enterprise user accounts. See <a href="#">Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance</a> for more information.</p>



**Table 2-2** ■ Overview of the License Server Administrator Experience (cont.)

Phase	Task	Description
5	<b>Activate licenses on the license server</b>	<p>A purchased set of product licenses needs to be activated on the license server before it can distribute the licenses to client devices running the licensed products. Any license rights pre-mapped to the license server in FlexNet Operations are automatically activated when the server starts up. However, in some cases, especially when the installed license server is “unknown” to FlexNet Operations, you need to manually activate licenses.</p> <p>To manually activate licenses on the license server, use the instructions provided by the software producer; or do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool is installed with the license server, refer to <a href="#">Activating License Rights on the Server</a> in the chapter <a href="#">Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool</a>.</li> <li>• If the FlexNet License Server Manager is installed with the server, refer to “Offline Server Updates View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide (available on the <a href="#">Revenera Product Documentation</a> site, <a href="https://docs.revenera.com">https://docs.revenera.com</a>).</li> </ul>
6	<b>Administer the license server</b>	<p>The administrator tool that the producer provides with the license server enables you to manage and monitor the server and its operations. For example, you can activate new licenses on the server, monitor license distribution among client devices, manage license reservations, or view and edit current configuration settings that define the server’s environment and policies.</p> <p>If you are using one of the FlexNet Embedded license server administration tools, you can refer to the appropriate chapter for more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool</a></li> <li>• FlexNet License Server Manager Guide, available from the <a href="#">Revenera Product Documentation</a> site (<a href="https://docs.revenera.com">https://docs.revenera.com</a>)</li> </ul>
--	<b>Uninstall the license server</b>	<p>For various reasons, you might need to uninstall the local license server. See <a href="#">Uninstalling the Local License Server</a> in this chapter for instructions.</p>

## Configuring, Installing, and Starting the Local License Server

Refer to the following sections for information and instructions needed to install and start (or uninstall) the local license server:

- [Configure, Install, and Start on Windows](#)

- [Configure, Install, and Start on Linux](#)
- [Local License Server Components](#)
- [Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation](#)
- [Logging Functionality](#)

## Configure, Install, and Start on Windows

Use this procedure to install and start the FlexNet Embedded local license server as a service on a Windows platform.



**Important** ▪ When upgrading your license server, uninstall the old license server service before installing and starting the service for the new license server. For instructions on uninstalling the license server service on Windows, see [Uninstall on Windows](#).



### Task

#### To install and start the license server as a Windows service

1. Unpack the files received from the software producer into an installation directory.



**Note** ▪ Make sure that the “producer-settings.xml” file is located in the same directory as “flexnetls.bat”.


2. Open the flexnetls.settings file (located in the installation directory) in a text editor, and update it with your local environment information; or leave the file as is to accept the default settings. (For example, you might want to change the JAVA\_HOME value or uncomment and provide a value for the PORT setting.) When you update any setting, these rules apply:
  - Any setting value that uses a space must be enclosed in quotations
  - Insert no spaces before or after the equal sign (=) in the setting syntax (for example, **PORT=7071**).

Refer to the following for a description of each setting:

**Table 2-3** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Windows

Setting	Description
<b>Required Settings</b>	
<b>FLEXNETJAR</b>	The Java executable file for FlexNet Embedded local license server (default is flexnetls.jar).
<b>PUBSETTINGS</b>	The license server configuration file generated by the producer (default is producer-settings.xml).


**Table 2-3** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Windows (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>JAVA_HOME (or JRE_HOME)</b>	<p>The path for JDK or JRE installation that the license server should use. The flexnetls batch file uses this location to find the necessary java.exe and jvm.dll files.</p> <p>By default, the license server uses the value of your JAVA_HOME (or JRE_HOME) system environment variable to determine the Java installation location, as indicated by the "%JAVA_HOME:=\"%\" (or "%JRE_HOME:=\"%\" value for this local setting. However, if you want the license server to use a different Java installation on your system, edit this local setting to override the server's use of the environment variable. (This override pertains to the license server only; your system continues to use the Java installation defined by the system environment variable.) To perform the override, replace the default value (for example, "%JAVA_HOME:=\"%\" with the path for the desired Java installation.</p> <p></p> <p><b>Note</b> ▪ The “flexnetls.settings” file includes both a JAVA_HOME and a JRE_HOME setting. If both values are set, JAVA_HOME is used.</p>
<b>Optional Settings</b>	
<b>PORT</b>	<p>The listening port used by the license server. (If no value is specified here, the server uses 7070 by default.)</p> <p>If the machine on which the license server is running uses multiple network interfaces, you can use the PORT option to specify the interface that you want the license server to use. Simply include the IP address for the interface in square brackets, as shown in this example:</p> <p><b>PORT=[127.0.0.1].1443</b></p>

**Table 2-3** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Windows (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>ACTIVE_HOSTID</b>	<p>The hostid to use for the license server.</p> <p>The hostid can only be set using a configuration file if no hostid has yet been specified for the license server. Once a hostid has been set, it can only be changed using the FlexNet License Server Administrator or the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p> <p>The syntax is <i>value/type</i> (for example, <b>7200014f5df0/ETHERNET</b>). If no value is specified for this setting and no active hostid has yet been set for the license server, the license server uses, by default, the first available Ethernet address on the machine. If using a dongle ID or a hostid other than the first available Ethernet address, specify it here. For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Important</b> ▪ <i>It is not recommended to change the hostid of a license server that has licenses mapped in the back office (FlexNet Operations). If the hostid is changed to a value that is different to that specified for the license server in the back office, any existing licenses mapped to the license server that is locked to the old hostid in the back office will be orphaned.</i></p> <p><i>To prevent this from happening, it is best practice to return the license server in the back office. During the return operation, the producer can transfer the licenses to a different device; this can be the same machine with the desired hostid. After the transfer, wait for the license server to synchronize with the back office (server synchronization occurs based on synchronization policies or on-demand).</i></p> <div></div> <p><b>Important</b> ▪ <i>If a server hostid has been set using ACTIVE_HOSTID, the <code>server.hostType.order</code> property (if set) is ignored.</i></p>
<b>HTTPS_SERVER_CONFIG</b>	<p>The path to the HTTPS “server” configuration file used to support incoming HTTPS from client devices.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Note</b> ▪ <i>The “server” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release. Instead of the “server” configuration file, specify parameters to access the truststore file in the <code>https-in</code> setting in <code>Local-configuration.yaml</code>. For more information about HTTPS setup on the license server, see <a href="#">Incoming HTTPS</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</i></p>

**Table 2-3** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Windows (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>HTTPS_CLIENT_CONFIG</b>	<p>The path to the HTTPS “client” configuration file used to support <i>outgoing</i> HTTPS communication to FlexNet Operations.</p>  <p><b>Note</b> ▪ The “client” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release. Instead of the “client” configuration file, specify parameters to access the truststore file in the <code>https-out</code> setting in <code>Local-configuration.yaml</code>. For more information about HTTPS setup on the license server, see <a href="#">Outgoing HTTPS</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p>
<b>SERVER_ALIAS</b>	<p>A user-defined name (sometimes called <i>host name</i>) for the license server. This name is added to server’s capability requests to the back office, where it is then saved and used to identify the license server in the FlexNet Operations Producer and End User portals.</p> <p>One important use for this setting is that the alias can be included in the initial capability request sent at server registration, providing a helpful name by which users can identify the new server in the portals. If no alias is sent at registration, the server is identified by its hostid. For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p>
<b>EXTENDED_SUFFIX</b>	<p>The suffix used for the Extended Host ID feature. Contact the software producer for details.</p>
<b>EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES</b>	<p>One or more system properties (each in <code>-Dkey=value</code> format) that are passed to the Java Runtime system. The license server depends on the Java Runtime Environment to support certain network functionality such as specifying the HTTP proxy.</p> <p>For example, if you plan to have the license server communicate with the back office through an HTTP proxy, use this setting to identify the proxy parameters needed to configure the server. (For details, see <a href="#">Proxy Support for Communication with the Back Office</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.) The following shows example proxy parameters listed as <code>-D</code> system properties for this setting:</p> <pre>EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133 -Dhttp.proxyPort=3128 -Dhttp.proxyUser=user1a -Dhttp.proxyPassword=user1apwd35"</pre> <p>The entire set of parameters must be enclosed in double quotations, even if you specify only a single parameter, such as <code>EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133"</code>.</p>

**Table 2-3** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Windows (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>BACKUP_SERVER_HOSTID</b>	<p>The hostid of the back-up license server in a failover configuration with the current license server (as the main server), if the back-up server is “unknown”—that is, not registered—in FlexNet Operations. This setting adds the back-up server’s hostid to the capability request sent by the current license server to the back office. The back office then automatically registers the back-up server in a failover configuration with the main server. This process saves the extra step of having to manually register the failover pair in FlexNet Operations. For more information, see <a href="#">License Server Failover</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p> <p>Make sure the back-up server’s hostid is the same type (for example, “ETHERNET”) as the hostid type of the current (main) license server.</p> <p>You might need to add this setting manually if it is not included as an available option in the settings file.</p> <p>For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p>



**Important** ▪ Another file, “flexnetlsw.xml” file, also contains settings used to run the Windows service. However, do not edit this file. All information in this file is generated and maintained internally and should never be updated through an external means. To update service settings, edit only the “flexnetls.settings” file.

- Open a command window as the Administrator, and navigate to the installation directory.
- Execute **flexnetls.bat -install** to install the license server as a service.
- Execute **flexnetls.bat -start** to start the service.



**Note** ▪ Depending on the security policies defined on your device, a warning message might be displayed, warning you to only run scripts that you trust. If such a warning is displayed, confirm that you want to allow each script to be executed.

- Confirm that the service is running by doing one of the following:
  - Execute **flexnetls.bat -status**. (The output should be Service running.)
  - In the Windows Services window (services.msc), check that the service **FlexNet License Server - producer\_name** has started. (Note that in the Services tab of the Task Manager, the service’s display name is **FNLS-producer\_name**.)

(If you want to stop the service, run **flexnetls.bat -stop**.)

- To view the license server log, navigate to the server’s logging directory (by default, C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\flexnetls\producer\_name\logs), and review the contents of the appropriate .log file.



**Note** ▪ Once you install the license server as service, you cannot use any of the “flexnetls” non-service command-line options, such as “console” or “install”.

## Configure, Install, and Start on Linux

The following instructions describe how to use systemd to configure, install, and run the local license server as a Linux service:

- [Files Required for Installation Using systemd](#)
- [Task Overview](#)
- [Verify systemd-Enablement on Linux System](#)
- [Run the Install Script](#)
- [Manage the Service](#)

Alternatively, you can configure, install, and run the license server as a Linux service using a SysV init runlevel system. To do so, follow the instructions in [SysV Alternative for Installation on Linux](#) instead of the instructions in this chapter.

The content in this section assumes familiarity with the use of the systemd system for managing Linux services. You can find information about systemd at the following site:

[https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/html/System\\_Administrators\\_Guide/chap-Managing\\_Services\\_with\\_systemd.htm](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/System_Administrators_Guide/chap-Managing_Services_with_systemd.htm)

## Files Required for Installation Using systemd

The following files, distributed with the license server, support the installation and running of the license server service under systemd:

- `install-systemd.sh`
- `install-functions.sh`
- `producer-settings.xml`

Residing in the same directory as `flexnetls.jar`, these files work together to generate the components required to install and start the license server service in a systemd configuration.

Optionally, the producer might provide an `rpm` or `deb` wrapper that copies these required files to the proper location on your device and then installs the license server service. If so, use the instructions provided by the producer for installing the service.

For a list of all files (aside from the systemd installer files) that can be distributed with the license server, see [Local License Server Components](#).

## Task Overview

The following is an overview of tasks used to install and run the license server as a Linux service:

- **Task 1:** Verify that the Linux system on which the license server is being installed is systemd-enabled (see [Verify systemd-Enablement on Linux System](#)).
- **Task 2:** Run the `install-systemd.sh` installer (or your own wrapper), updating certain default configuration settings in the command line as needed (see [Run the Install Script](#)).
- **Task 3:** Manage the service (see [Manage the Service](#)).
- **Task 4:** (Optional) Edit configuration settings post-installation as needed (see [Post-Installation Configuration on Linux](#)).

## Verify systemd-Enablement on Linux System

Before proceeding with the installation, you can run the following command to determine whether the Linux system on which the license server is being installed is systemd-enabled:

```
systemctl
```

If the system is systemd-enabled, the command runs successfully and lists all active units.

## Run the Install Script

You must run `install-systemd.sh` to create and start the license server service using either the default configuration for the service or a configuration customized through command-line options. See the following sections for details:

- [About the Install Script](#)
- [Install and Start the Service with the Default Configuration](#)
- [Install and Start the Service with a Modified Configuration](#)
- [Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line](#)

The commands described in these next sections are run from the directory in which the systemd script files (see [About the Install Script](#)) and `flexnetls.jar` reside.

### Prerequisite

You must run the install script as a root or sudo user.

## About the Install Script

When run, the install script `install-systemd.sh` performs the following:

- Generates the service unit file called `/etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer_name.service`.
- Generates the configuration unit file called `/etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer_name.service.d/flexnetls.conf`. This file contains the configuration settings needed to start the service. It is created with default values, but you can include options in the install-script command line to generate this file with custom values. See [Install and Start the Service with a Modified Configuration](#).

You can also edit this configuration file post-installation as needed, as described in [Post-Installation Configuration on Linux](#).



- Generates a `local-configuration.yaml` file in the `/opt/flexnetls/producer` directory. This file contains optional settings specific to the local service environment. Generally, these settings are initially disabled; you can edit or enable them as needed once the service is installed. See [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Linux\)](#) for details.
- By default, enables the standard Syslog process for logging on the license server service.
- Starts the license server service.

## Install and Start the Service with the Default Configuration

The following command installs and starts the license server service using the default configuration. For more about the default values used to configure the service, [Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line](#).



### **Task** *To install and start the license server service using the default configuration*

Run the following:

```
sudo ./install-systemd.sh
```

## Install and Start the Service with a Modified Configuration

The following command installs and starts the license server service using a configuration customized through one or more specified command-line options. For a description of the configuration values that can be updated from the install-script command line, see the next section, [Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line](#).



### **Task** *To install and start the license server service with updates to the default configuration*

Run the install script, specifying one or more command-line options to change specific configuration settings (for example, the user value, as shown here):

```
sudo ./install-systemd.sh --user flexnetls01
```

## Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line

Use the following options with the `./install-system.sh` command to edit current configuration settings for the license server service. (Running `./install-system.sh --help` also lists these command-line options.)

**Table 2-4** ■ Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line

Setting	Description
<code>--program-dir dir</code>	The installation location of the license server service (default is <code>/opt/flexnetls/producer_name</code> ).
<code>--data-dir dir</code>	The location of trusted storage (default is <code>/var/opt/flexnetls/producer_name</code> ). This overrides the <code>server.trustedStorageDir</code> value in the <code>producer-settings.xml</code> .

**Table 2-4** ■ Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>--user <i>user_name</i></b>	The user name under which the service runs (default is flexnetls).
<b>--group <i>group_name</i></b>	The group name under which the service runs (default is flexnetls).
<b>--java_home <i>path</i></b> or <b>--jre_home <i>path</i></b>	<p>The path for JDK or JRE installation that the license server should use.</p> <p>By default, the license server uses the value of your JAVA_HOME or JRE_HOME system environment variable, whichever is defined on your device, to determine the Java installation location. However, if you want the license server to use different Java installation on your system, provide the explicit path for the installation as either the java_home or jre_home value. (This override pertains to the license server only; your device in general continues to use the Java installation defined by the system environment variable.)</p>
<p>The following two settings—“port” and “logging-threshold”—do not exist in the .conf file. However, if you update either setting using the command-line option, the new value is captured in the local-configuration.yaml file during its creation and is subsequently used by the license server service. If neither setting is updated, the service uses the default value (or the value specified in producer-settings.xml) for the setting.</p>	
<b>--port <i>port</i></b>	<p>The listening port used by the license server service (default is 7070).</p> <p>If the machine on which the license server is running uses multiple network interfaces, you can use the --port option to specify the interface that you want the license server to use. Simply include the IP address for the interface in square brackets, as shown in this example:</p> <pre>--port [127.0.0.1].1443</pre>
<b>--logging-threshold <i>level</i></b>	<p>The lowest level of log-message granularity to record—FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, LICENSING, POLICY, or DEBUG. For example, if <b>FATAL</b> is set, only messages about fatal events are recorded. However, if <b>WARN</b> is set, fatal-event, error, and warning messages are recorded. (Default is INFO.)</p> <p>The POLICY threshold records information about the checkout process when feature selectors are used to filter features.</p> <p>For more information about logging levels, see section <a href="#">Logging Policies</a> in <a href="#">Reference: License Server Policy Settings</a>.</p>

## Manage the Service

Once the license server service is installed, you can manage the service using the systemd command **systemctl**. The following describes basic management functions for the service:

- [Obtain the Service Status](#)
- [Stop the Service](#)
- [Start the Service](#)

- Restart the Service
- Re-read All systemd Unit Files

## Prerequisite

You must perform `systemctl` tasks as a root or sudo user.

## Obtain the Service Status

The following command obtains the “active” or “not active” status of license server service.



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### Task To obtain the status of the license server service

Run the following command:

```
sudo systemctl -l status flexnetls-producer_name
```

The -l switch disables truncation of lines in the output.

The following shows example status output. The current service status is highlighted in this excerpt:

```
flexnetls-fnedemo.service - FlexnetLS Local License Server.  
Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-fnedemo.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabled)  
Drop-In: /etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-fnedemo.service.d  
└─flexnetls.conf  
Active: active (running) since Tue 2018-11-22 14:28:25 GMT; 18h ago  
...
```

## Stop the Service

The following command stops the license server service.



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### Task To stop the license server service

Use this command:

```
sudo systemctl stop flexnetls-producer_name
```

## Start the Service

The following command starts the license server service.



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### Task To start the license server service

Use this command:

```
sudo systemctl start flexnetls-producer_name
```

## Restart the Service

The following command stops and then restarts the license server service without re-reading all the systemd unit files related to all services. This command is useful if you have made changes to the `local-configuration.yaml` file (a non-systemd file) and want the service to read this file, but not all the systemd unit files (see [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Linux\)](#)).



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### **Task**      **To restart the license server service**

Run the following command:

```
sudo systemctl restart flexnetls-producer_name
```

## Re-read All systemd Unit Files

The following command is used to re-read all systemd unit files related to all services. This command is useful when you have made changes manually to the `flexnetls.conf` file and want to apply the changes before restarting the service (see [Edit the .conf File Manually](#)).



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### **Task**      **To re-read all systemd unit files for all services**

Run the following command:

```
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
```

## Local License Server Components

The following basic components are usually included in the FlexNet Embedded local license server installation. The location of these components is not listed, as the software producer determines their location within the server's directory structure. Additionally, the software producer might provide a customized version of certain components, using names different from the ones listed here.


## In a Windows Installation

These components are included in the license server installation on Windows.

**Table 2-5** ▪ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components in an Installation on Windows

Component	Description
<code>flexnetls.jar</code>	The Java executable file for the FlexNet Embedded local license server.
<code>flexnetls.bat</code>	The batch file used to start the FlexNet Embedded local license server.

**Table 2-5** ■ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components in an Installation on Windows (cont.)

Component	Description
<b>producer-settings.xml</b>	The configuration file, generated by the producer, that defines policies for license server operations. Some of these settings can be overridden using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager.
<b>flexnetls.settings</b>	The local settings file containing information needed to run the license server in your local environment. Any of these settings are editable.
<b>local-configuration.yaml</b>	A file containing optional local settings. 
<b>Note</b> ■ In a future release, this file will replace <i>flexnetls.settings</i> and the <i>https</i> configuration files.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>flexnetlsw.exe</b></li> <li>• <b>flexnetlsw.xml</b></li> <li>• <b>pre-install.vbs</b></li> <li>• <b>Set-Permission.ps1</b></li> <li>• <b>Remove-Permission.ps1</b></li> </ul>	Files used to run the license server as a Windows service.
<b>Truststore file provided by producer (optional)</b>	<p>Optional file containing root and intermediate certificates used to validate an HTTPS connection to FlexNet Operations.</p> <p>If the producer is using the Revenera-hosted version of FlexNet Operations, no truststore file is required.</p> <p>If the producer is using the “on-premises” version of FlexNet Operations and the server certificate has been signed by an unknown (private) certificate authority, then the truststore file is required.</p>
<b>regid.2009-06.com(...).swidtag</b>	The software ID tag file for use with software asset management tools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>backofficeofflinesynctool.bat</b></li> <li>• <b>serverofflinesynctool.bat</b></li> </ul>	<p>(Optional) The set of tools allowing the license server to perform offline synchronization to the back office. The software producer determines whether to provide these tools.</p> <p>The tools also require the <i>flxPublicTools.jar</i>, <i>EccpressoAll.jar</i>, and <i>commons-codec-1.9.jar</i> files.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>flexnetlsadmin.bat</b></li> <li>• <b>flexnetlsadmin.jar</b></li> </ul>	(Optional) Files used to run the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool. The software producer determines whether to provide this tool.

**Table 2-5** ■ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components in an Installation on Windows (cont.)

Component	Description
<b>FlexnetLicenseServerManager- &lt;version&gt;.zip</b>	(Optional) The FlexNet License Server Manager is provided as a separate package. The package is a Docker container which holds the image <code>revenera/flsm</code> . The software producer determines whether to provide this tool.  For more information, see the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide, available from the <a href="https://docs.revenera.com">Revenera Product Documentation</a> site ( <a href="https://docs.revenera.com">https://docs.revenera.com</a> ).

## In a Linux Installation

These components are included in the license server installation on Linux.

**Table 2-6** ■ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components in an Installation on Linux

Component	Description
<b>flexnetls.jar</b>	The Java executable file for the FlexNet Embedded local license server.
<b>producer-settings.xml</b>	The configuration file, generated by the producer, that defines policies for license server operations. Some of these settings can be overridden using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager.
<b>install-functions.sh</b> <b>install-systemd.sh</b>	Files used to install and run the FlexNet Embedded local license server as a Linux service using systemd, as described in this chapter.
<b>flexnetls.conf</b>	A file generated during installation and containing the configuration settings needed to start the service. The file can be created with default values, or you can include options in the install-script command line to generate this file with custom values (see <a href="#">Configure, Install, and Start on Linux</a> ). You can also update the settings post-installation, as described in <a href="#">Post-Installation Configuration on Linux</a> .
<b>local-configuration.yaml</b>	A file generated in the installation and containing optional settings specific to the local service environment (see <a href="#">Configure, Install, and Start on Linux</a> ). For the most part, these settings are disabled when the file is created, but you can edit or enable them as needed once the service is installed.

**Table 2-6** ■ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components in an Installation on Linux (cont.)

Component	Description
<b>Truststore file provided by producer (optional)</b>	<p>Optional file containing root and intermediate certificates used to validate an HTTPS connection to FlexNet Operations.</p> <p>If the producer is using the Revenera-hosted version of FlexNet Operations, no truststore file is required.</p> <p>If the producer is using the “on-premises” version of FlexNet Operations and the server certificate has been signed by an unknown (private) certificate authority, then the truststore file is required.</p>
<b>regid.2009-06.com(...).swidtag</b>	The software ID tag file for use with software asset management tools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>backofficeofflinesynctool</b></li> <li>• <b>serverofflinesynctool</b></li> </ul>	<p>(Optional) The set of tools allowing the license server to perform offline synchronization to the back office. The software producer determines whether to provide these tools.</p> <p>The tools also require the <code>flxPublicTools.jar</code>, <code>EccpressoAll.jar</code>, and <code>commons-codec-1.9.jar</code> files.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>flexnetlsadmin.sh</b></li> <li>• <b>flexnetlsadmin.jar</b></li> </ul>	(Optional) Files used to run the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool. The software producer determines whether to provide this tool.
<b>FlexnetLicenseServerManager-&lt;version&gt;.zip</b>	<p>(Optional) The FlexNet License Server Manager is provided as a separate package. The package is a Docker container which holds the image <code>revenera/flsm</code>. The software producer determines whether to provide this tool.</p> <p>For more information, see the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide, available from the <a href="https://docs.revenera.com">Revenera Product Documentation</a> site (<a href="https://docs.revenera.com">https://docs.revenera.com</a>).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>bin</b> directory</li> <li>• <b>install-vm-only.sh</b></li> <li>• <b>Readme.text</b></li> </ul>	(Optional) Special set of files needed to run <code>FNlicensingService</code> , a service used to capture the VM UUID on those Linux virtual platforms that do provide an appropriate mechanism for retrieving this ID. If you intend for your local license server to run on such a virtual Linux platform and require it to use the VM UUID as its <code>hostid</code> , consult the software producer for further instructions.

## Setting the Server Time Zone

The license server can either use its default time zone or Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) for determining a feature’s expiry date, start date, and issue date. Your producer can configure the time zone using the `licensing.defaultTimeZone` setting in the `producer-settings.xml` file. Valid values:

- **UTC**— If UTC is set, a feature’s start date is the start of the specified day in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Equally, a feature will expire at the end of the day of the configured expiry date in UTC time. This is the default value.

- **SERVER**—If SERVER is set, a feature's start date is the start of the specified day in the server's default time zone. Equally, a feature will expire at the end of the day of the configured expiry date in the server's default time zone.

Changes to the time zone setting affect features as they are being provisioned onto the server. It does not affect features that are already on the server.

If you need to change your license server's time zone setting, contact the software producer.

For a description of license server policies, see [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

## Logging Functionality

The logging functionality that is available for the local license server is described in detail in [Logging Functionality on the Local License Server](#). The appendix covers how to configure the logging style and how to integrate license server logging with external systems.

## Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation

The license server installation provides (or provides a means to generate) a local settings file that configures the license server for your specific environment. You can use the file as is with its default settings, or you can modify the settings as needed to reflect your environment. The previous section [Configuring, Installing, and Starting the Local License Server](#) describes how to update these settings before server installation. Use the following instructions to edit the settings any time *after* installation.

- [Post-Installation Configuration on Windows](#)
- [Post-Installation Configuration on Linux](#)
- [Configuring the Cipher Choice Mechanism](#)

## Post-Installation Configuration on Windows

If you need to modify the license server's local settings (defined in the `flexnetls.settings` and `local-configuration.yaml` files) *after* you have installed the server as a service on a Windows platform, use either of these steps:

- [Edit "flexnetls.settings"](#)
- [Edit "local-configuration.yaml" \(Windows\)](#)



**Important** • Never edit the "`flexnetls.xml`" file, which also contains settings used to run the Windows service. All information in this file is generated and maintained internally and should never be updated through an external means. To update service settings, edit only the "`flexnetls.settings`" file.



## Edit “flexnetls.settings”

For a list of settings of flexnetls.settings (located in the installation directory), see [Local Settings for the License Server on Windows](#).

Note that the rate-limit setting (used to control the license server load) and loggingStyle (for specifying rollover, JSON formatting and timestamp behavior in the server log) are available only in the local-configuration.yaml file (see [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Windows\)](#)).



### Task

#### To modify local settings after installing the license server as a service on Windows

1. As an Administrator, open a command prompt window, and navigate to the directory where the license server is installed.
2. Open the flexnetls.settings file (located in the installation directory) in a text editor, and edit the settings as needed. (For example, you can uncomment settings or change existing values.) See the previous section [Configure, Install, and Start on Windows](#) for details about the editing process.
3. Save the file.
4. Execute `flexnetls.bat -update` to update the settings.
5. Execute `flexnetls.bat -start` to start the license server service, or restart it from the Windows Services window.



**Note** ▪ Depending on the security policies defined on your device, a warning message might be displayed, warning you to only run scripts that you trust. If such a warning is displayed, confirm that you want to allow each script to be executed.

## Edit “local-configuration.yaml” (Windows)

Use the following procedure to update the local-configuration.yaml file (located in the same directory as flexnetls.jar). This file contains optional settings for the license server service showing the default values, but commented out.

### Edit Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” file

Use the following procedure to enable, edit, or disable settings in local-configuration.yaml file.



### Task

#### To edit settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” file

1. As an Administrator, open a command prompt window, and navigate to the directory where local-configuration.yaml is installed.
2. In a text editor, open local-configuration.yaml. Uncomment (or comment out) lines and edit setting values as needed. For a description of the settings, see the next section.
3. Save the file.

- 4. Execute `flexnetls.bat -start` to start the license server service, or restart it from the Windows Services window.



**Note** ▪ Depending on the security policies defined on your device, a warning message might be displayed, warning you to only run scripts that you trust. If such a warning is displayed, confirm that you want to allow each script to be executed.



**Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File**

The following settings can be edited directly in the `configuration-local.yaml` file. Note that a space after the colon is required for all entries.

**Table 2-7** ▪ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File

Setting	Description
<code>port: port</code>	<p>The override for the listening port used by the license server, as described in <a href="#">Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line</a>. You can edit this override value as needed.</p> <p>If no override is specified (that is, the setting is commented out), the service uses the default port 7070 (or the value defined in <code>producer-settings.xml</code>).</p>



**Table 2-7** ▪ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>active-hostid: <i>value/type</i></b>	<p>The hostid to use for the license server.</p> <p>The hostid can only be set using a configuration file if no hostid has yet been specified for the license server. Once a hostid has been set, it can only be changed using the FlexNet License Server Administrator or the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p> <p>The syntax is <i>value/type</i> (for example, <b>7200014f5df0/ETHERNET</b>). If no value is specified for this setting and no active hostid has yet been set for the license server, the license server uses, by default, the first available Ethernet address on the machine. If using a dongle ID or a hostid other than the first available Ethernet address, specify it here. For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Important</b> ▪ It is not recommended to change the hostid of a license server that has licenses mapped in the back office (FlexNet Operations). If the hostid is changed to a value that is different to that specified for the license server in the back office, any existing licenses mapped to the license server that is locked to the old hostid in the back office will be orphaned.</p> <p>To prevent this from happening, it is best practice to return the license server in the back office. During the return operation, the producer can transfer the licenses to a different device; this can be the same machine with the desired hostid. After the transfer, wait for the license server to synchronize with the back office (server synchronization occurs based on synchronization policies or on-demand).</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Important</b> ▪ If a server hostid has been set using <i>active-hostid</i>, the <i>server.hostType.order</i> property (if set) is ignored.</p> <p>For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p>


**Table 2-7** ▪ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>backup-hostid: <i>value/type</i></b>	<p>The hostid of the back-up license server in a failover configuration with the current license server (as the main server), if the back-up server is “unknown”—that is, not registered—in FlexNet Operations. The syntax is <i>value/type</i> (for example, <b>7200014f5df0/ETHERNET</b>). For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p> <p>This setting adds the back-up server’s hostid to the capability request sent by the current license server to the back office. The back office then automatically registers the back-up server in a failover configuration with the main server. This process saves the extra step of having to manually register the failover pair in FlexNet Operations. For more information, see <a href="#">License Server Failover</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a>.</p> <p>Make sure the back-up server’s hostid is the same type (for example, “ETHERNET”) as the hostid type of the current (main) license server.</p>
<b>extended-suffix: <i>suffix</i></b>	The suffix used for the Extended Host ID feature. Contact the software producer for details.
<b>server-alias: <i>alias</i></b>	<p>A user-defined name (sometimes called <i>host name</i>) for the license server. This name is added to server’s capability requests to the back office, where it is then saved and used to identify the license server in the FlexNet Operations Producer and End User portals.</p> <p>One important use for this setting is that the alias can be included in the initial capability request sent at server registration, providing a helpful name by which users can identify the new server in the portals. If no alias is sent at registration, the server is identified by its hostid.</p>
<b>jni-helper-directory: <i>path</i></b>	If the default location for the JNI shared library (/tmp) is not suitable (for example, because execute permission is required), use this setting to supply an alternative directory path. The directory has to exist and be writable by the server.
<b>logging-threshold: <i>level</i></b>	<p>The override for the lowest level of log-message granularity to record—FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, LICENSING, POLICY, or DEBUG. You can edit this override value as needed.</p> <p>If no override is specified (that is, the setting is commented out), the service uses the default level INFO (or the value defined in <code>producer-settings.xml</code>).</p> <p>For more information about logging levels, see section <a href="#">Logging Policies</a> in <a href="#">Reference: License Server Policy Settings</a>.</p>

**Table 2-7** ▪ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>loggingStyle: style</b>	<p>The logging style determines rollover, JSON formatting and timestamp behavior. If no logging style is specified, the default DAILY_ROLLOVER is used.</p> <p><b>Logging style values:</b></p> <p><b>DAILY_ROLLOVER</b>—The log file is closed at midnight local time, compressed with gzip, and a new log file is started. Timestamp values use the local time zone. This is the default if no logging style is specified.</p> <p><b>DAILY_ROLLOVER_UTC</b>—Same as DAILY_ROLLOVER, but with UTC timestamp.</p> <p><b>CONTINUOUS</b>—Legacy value. Rollover is handled as DAILY_ROLLOVER.</p> <p><b>CONTINUOUS_UTC</b>—Legacy value. Rollover is handled as DAILY_ROLLOVER_UTC.</p> <p><b>JSON_ROLLOVER</b>—Logs are formatted using JSON. The log file is closed at midnight local time, compressed with gzip (suitable for filebeat), and a new log file is started. Always uses ISO 8601 UTC timestamps.</p> <p><b>JSON</b>—Logs are emitted as JSON to stdout only (suitable for Docker). Always uses ISO 8601 UTC timestamps.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Note</b> ▪ The Docker-friendly JSON logging style is not supported when the local license server is run as a Windows or Linux service (because it only writes to stdout). If set, the style will be changed to DAILY_ROLLOVER.</p>
<b>https-in: parameters</b>	<p>Parameters used to access the “server” certificate from a certificate authority (CA) to support <i>incoming</i> HTTPS from client devices. For details, see <a href="#">Incoming HTTPS</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p> <p>Parameters also control the enabled cipher list. For more information, see <a href="#">Configuring the Cipher Choice Mechanism</a>.</p> <p>These parameters replace the “server” configuration file used for HTTPS in previous FlexNet Embedded license server versions. To use a “server” configuration file from a previous license server version (instead of these parameters), specify the path to the “server” configuration file in the HTTPS_SERVER_CONFIG setting in the flexnetls.settings file. For more information, see <a href="#">Edit “flexnetls.settings”</a>.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Note</b> ▪ The “server” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release.</p>

**Table 2-7** ■ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>https-out: parameters</b>	<p>Parameters to access the truststore containing root and intermediate certificates to validate the license server’s <i>outgoing</i> HTTPS communication to FlexNet Operations.</p> <p>This setting is not required for Revenera-hosted FlexNet Operations instances. If you have the “on-premises” version of FlexNet Operations and the HTTPS server certificate has been signed by an unknown (private) certificate authority, you must define this setting. For details, see <a href="#">Outgoing HTTPS</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p> <p>These parameters replace the “client” configuration file used for HTTPS in previous FlexNet Embedded license server versions. To use a “client” configuration file from a previous license server version (instead of these parameters), specify the path to the “client” configuration file in the HTTPS_CLIENT_CONFIG setting in the flexnetls.settings file. For more information, see <a href="#">Edit “flexnetls.settings”</a>.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Note</b> ■ The “client” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release.</p>
<b>rate-limit: value</b>	<p>The maximum number of capability requests per second that the license server will accept.</p> <p>By default, the local license server has no limit for the number of capability requests it will accept at a given time. However, if a license server experiences a high load of capability requests, a degradation in response time can result. This option is intended for use only in situations where this type of exceptional load is expected, as such a limit helps to enable consistent response times for accepted requests. A number of factors affect the rate at which the server is capable of handling requests, including the specification of the server hardware and the complexity of the requests. Therefore, the rate-limit value should be determined only through load-testing on a mirror of the production environment using a representative client load.</p> <p>If this setting is currently not included in the .yaml file, you can manually add it to the file to define the necessary rate limit.</p>

## Post-Installation Configuration on Linux

The following sections describe how to edit current settings in the flexnetls.conf and local-configuration.yaml files after the license server service is installed:

- [Edit Settings in “flexnetls.conf”](#)
- [Edit the DEFINES Setting](#)
- [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Linux\)](#)

- [Define Command-Line Options for HTTPS Configuration Files](#)

## Edit Settings in “flexnetls.conf”

You can use either of the following methods to update configuration settings in the `/etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer_name.service.d/flexnetls.conf` unit file:

- [Edit the .conf File Manually](#)
- [Re-install the Service with Command-line Options to Update Settings](#)

### Edit the .conf File Manually

Use the following procedure to manually edit the contents of the `flexnetls.conf` unit file.



#### Task

#### To edit the flexnetls.conf file manually

1. Stop the license server service:  

```
sudo systemctl stop flexnetls-producer_name
```
2. As a root or sudo user, edit the `/etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer_name.service.d/flexnetls.conf` file in a text editor (for example, gedit or GNU nano).
3. Once the edits are complete, run the following command to re-read all the systemd unit files to capture the configuration changes:  

```
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
```
4. Start the license server service:  

```
sudo systemctl start flexnetls-producer_name
```

### Re-install the Service with Command-line Options to Update Settings

The following command reinstalls the license server service, using command-line options to update specific settings in the `flexnetls.conf` file. For a description of the configuration settings that can be updated from the `install-script` command line, see [Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line](#).

```
sudo ./install-systemd.sh --user flexnetls1 --group flexnetls1
```

If you include the `--overwrite` option in this command, the re-installation generates a new `.conf` file and a new `.yaml` file with the specified updates; any changes you previously made to these files are lost.

## Edit the DEFINES Setting

The `DEFINES` setting in the `flexnetls.conf` unit file is the same as `EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES` in the `flexnetls.settings` file used in the legacy (SysV init) license-server service installations. By design, this setting has no corresponding command-line option to update its value; therefore, you need to edit the setting manually in the configuration file. For instructions on manually editing this file, see [Edit the .conf File Manually](#).

This setting is used to define one or more system properties (each in `-Dkey=value` format) that the license server needs to pass to the Java Runtime system to support certain network functionality, such as an HTTP proxy.

For example, if you plan to have the license server communicate with the back office through an HTTP proxy, use this setting to identify the proxy parameters needed to configure the server. (For details, see [Proxy Support for Communication with the Back Office](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.) The following shows example proxy parameters listed as -D system properties for this setting:

```
DEFINES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133 -Dhttp.proxyPort=3128 -Dhttp.proxyUser=user1a  
-Dhttp.proxyPassword=user1apwd35"
```

By default, this setting has no properties defined.

## Edit “local-configuration.yaml” (Linux)

Use the following procedure to update the local-configuration.yaml file generated in the /opt/flexnetls/producer directory during installation. This file contains optional settings for the license server service that are, by default, disabled.

### Edit Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” file

Use the following procedure to enable, edit, or disable settings in local-configuration.yaml file.



#### Task

#### To edit settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” file

1. As a root or sudo user, edit the local-configuration.yaml file in an editor such gedit. Uncomment (or comment out) lines and edit setting values as needed. For a description of the settings, see the next section.
2. Run the following command to stop and restart the service to apply the configuration changes:

```
sudo systemctl restart flexnetls-producer_name
```

### Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File



The following settings can be edited directly in the configuration-local.yaml file. Note that a space after the colon is required for all entries.

**Table 2-8** ■ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File

Setting	Description
<b>port: port</b>	<p>The override for the listening port used by the license server, as described in <a href="#">Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line</a>. You can edit this override value as needed.</p> <p>If no override is specified (that is, the setting is commented out), the service uses the default port 7070 (or the value defined in producer-settings.xml).</p>





**Table 2-8** ■ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>active-hostid: <i>value/type</i></b>	<p>The hostid to use for the license server.</p> <p>The hostid can only be set using a configuration file if no hostid has yet been specified for the license server. Once a hostid has been set, it can only be changed using the FlexNet License Server Administrator or the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p> <p>The syntax is <i>value/type</i> (for example, <b>7200014f5df0/ETHERNET</b>). If no value is specified for this setting and no active hostid has yet been set for the license server, the license server uses, by default, the first available Ethernet address on the machine. If using a dongle ID or a hostid other than the first available Ethernet address, specify it here. For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Important</b> ■ It is not recommended to change the hostid of a license server that has licenses mapped in the back office (FlexNet Operations). If the hostid is changed to a value that is different to that specified for the license server in the back office, any existing licenses mapped to the license server that is locked to the old hostid in the back office will be orphaned.</p> <p>To prevent this from happening, it is best practice to return the license server in the back office. During the return operation, the producer can transfer the licenses to a different device; this can be the same machine with the desired hostid. After the transfer, wait for the license server to synchronize with the back office (server synchronization occurs based on synchronization policies or on-demand).</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Important</b> ■ If a server hostid has been set using <i>active-hostid</i>, the <i>server.hostType.order</i> property (if set) is ignored.</p>
<b>backup-hostid: <i>value/type</i></b>	<p>The hostid of the back-up license server in a failover configuration with the current license server (as the main server), if the back-up server is “unknown”—that is, not registered—in FlexNet Operations. The syntax is <i>value/type</i> (for example, <b>7200014f5df0/ETHERNET</b>). For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p> <p>This setting adds the back-up server’s hostid to the capability request sent by the current license server to the back office. The back office then automatically registers the back-up server in a failover configuration with the main server. This process saves the extra step of having to manually register the failover pair in FlexNet Operations. For more information, see <a href="#">License Server Failover</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a>.</p> <p>Make sure the back-up server’s hostid is the same type (for example, “ETHERNET”) as the hostid type of the current (main) license server.</p>

**Table 2-8** ■ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>extended-suffix: <i>suffix</i></b>	The suffix used for the Extended Host ID feature. Contact the software producer for details.
<b>server-alias: <i>alias</i></b>	<p>A user-defined name (sometimes called <i>host name</i>) for the license server. This name is added to server’s capability requests to the back office, where it is then saved and used to identify the license server in the FlexNet Operations Producer and End User portals.</p> <p>One important use for this setting is that the alias can be included in the initial capability request sent at server registration, providing a helpful name by which users can identify the new server in the portals. If no alias is sent at registration, the server is identified by its <i>hostid</i>.</p>
<b>jni-helper-directory: <i>path</i></b>	If the default location for the JNI shared library (/tmp) is not suitable (for example, because execute permission is required), use this setting to supply an alternative directory path. The directory has to exist and be writable by the server.
<b>logging-threshold: <i>level</i></b>	<p>The override for the lowest level of log-message granularity to record—FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, LICENSING, POLICY, or DEBUG, as described in <a href="#">Configuration Values Editable from the Command Line</a>. You can edit this override value as needed.</p> <p>If no override is specified (that is, the setting is commented out), the service uses the default level INFO (or the value defined in <i>producer-settings.xml</i>).</p> <p>For more information about logging levels, see section <a href="#">Logging Policies</a> in <a href="#">Reference: License Server Policy Settings</a>.</p>

**Table 2-8** ▪ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>loggingStyle: style</b>	<p>The logging style determines rollover, JSON formatting and timestamp behaviour. If no logging style is specified, the default DAILY_ROLLOVER is used.</p> <p><b>Logging style values:</b></p> <p><b>DAILY_ROLLOVER</b>—The log file is closed at midnight local time, compressed with gzip, and a new log file is started. Timestamp values use the local time zone. This is the default if no logging style is specified.</p> <p><b>DAILY_ROLLOVER_UTC</b>—Same as DAILY_ROLLOVER, but with UTC timestamp.</p> <p><b>CONTINUOUS</b>—Legacy value. Rollover is handled as DAILY_ROLLOVER.</p> <p><b>CONTINUOUS_UTC</b>—Legacy value. Rollover is handled as DAILY_ROLLOVER_UTC.</p> <p><b>JSON_ROLLOVER</b>—Logs are formatted using JSON. The log file is closed at midnight local time, compressed with gzip (suitable for filebeat), and a new log file is started. Always uses ISO 8601 UTC timestamps.</p> <p><b>JSON</b>—Logs are emitted as JSON to stdout only (suitable for Docker). Always uses ISO 8601 UTC timestamps.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Note</b> ▪ The Docker-friendly JSON logging style is not supported when the local license server is run as a Windows or Linux service (because it only writes to stdout). If set, the style will be changed to DAILY_ROLLOVER.</p>
<b>https-in: parameters</b>	<p>Parameters used to access the “server” certificate from a certificate authority (CA) to support <i>incoming</i> HTTPS from client devices. For details, see <a href="#">Incoming HTTPS</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p> <p>Parameters also control the enabled cipher list. For more information, see <a href="#">Configuring the Cipher Choice Mechanism</a>.</p> <p>These parameters replace the “server” configuration file used for HTTPS in previous FlexNet Embedded license server versions. To use a “server” configuration file from a previous license server version (instead of these parameters), you need to set up a command-line option to specify the file path and name. For more information, see <a href="#">Define Command-Line Options for HTTPS Configuration Files</a>.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>Note</b> ▪ The “server” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release.</p>

**Table 2-8** ■ Settings in the “local-configuration.yaml” File (cont.)

Setting	Description
<b>https-out: <i>parameters</i></b>	<p>Parameters to access the truststore containing root and intermediate certificates to validate the license server’s <i>outgoing</i> HTTPS communication to FlexNet Operations.</p> <p>This setting is not required for Revenera-hosted FlexNet Operations instances. If you have the “on-premises” version of FlexNet Operations and the HTTPS server certificate has been signed by an unknown (private) certificate authority, you must define this setting. For details, see <a href="#">Outgoing HTTPS</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p> <p>These parameters replace the “client” configuration file used for HTTPS in previous FlexNet Embedded license server versions. To use a “client” configuration file from a previous license server version (instead of these parameters), you need to set up a command-line option to specify the file path and name. For more information, see <a href="#">Define Command-Line Options for HTTPS Configuration Files</a>.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Note</b> ■ The “client” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release.</p>
<b>rate-limit: <i>value</i></b>	<p>The maximum number of capability requests per second that the license server will accept.</p> <p>By default, the local license server has no limit for the number of capability requests it will accept at a given time. However, if a license server experiences a high load of capability requests, a degradation in response time can result. This option is intended for use only in situations where this type of exceptional load is expected, as such a limit helps to enable consistent response times for accepted requests. A number of factors affect the rate at which the server is capable of handling requests, including the specification of the server hardware and the complexity of the requests. Therefore, the rate-limit value should be determined only through load-testing on a mirror of the production environment using a representative client load.</p> <p>If this setting is currently not included in the .yaml file, you can manually add it to the file to define the necessary rate limit.</p>

## Define Command-Line Options for HTTPS Configuration Files

The local-configuration.yaml includes the https-in and https-out options used to define the parameters for the license server’s HTTPS communications with FlexNet Embedded clients and FlexNet Operations. These two options replace the “server” and “client” HTTPS configuration files used in previous license server versions. However, you can still use these configuration files (instead of the https-in and https-out options) by providing command-line options in the flexnetls.conf unit file to identify the paths to these files.



## Task

### To identify the path for an HTTPS configuration file

Use the instructions in [Edit the .conf File Manually](#) to edit (or add) the `Environment="OPTIONS="` line in the `flexnetls.conf` unit file to specify one or both command-line options:

- To specify the command-line option that identifies the path and name for the “server” configuration file, enter the following:

```
Environment="OPTIONS=--https-server-configuration filePathAndName"
```

- To specify the command-line option that identifies the path and name for the “client” configuration file path, enter the following:

```
Environment="OPTIONS=--https-client-configuration filePathAndName"
```

- To specify both command-line options, enter the following:

```
Environment="OPTIONS=--https-server-configuration filePathAndName --https-client-configuration filePathAndName"
```

## Configuring the Cipher Choice Mechanism

When enabling HTTPS on a local license server, license server administrators have to be careful about the choice of protocols and TLS ciphers. Failure to do this will leave the license server vulnerable to attacks.

Older TLS protocol versions (SSLv3, TLSv1.1) should not be active, not even for protocol re-negotiation.

Older ciphers (RC4, RSA for key exchange) and export-grade ciphers should not be enabled. AES should use GCM mode rather than CBC in order to avoid padding attacks, and AEAD (Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data) should be used for integrity checking wherever possible.

The enabled protocols in the local license server are TLSv1.2 and TLSv1.3. The latter requires Java 11, or versions of Java 8 greater than 8u261 (this version may differ slightly for OpenJDK releases). The local license server will automatically enable TLSv1.3 if it's available.

All known vulnerable ciphers are disabled in the default configuration. The enabled cipher list can be controlled through the configuration property `tlsCipherSuites` in the `https-in` section of `local-configuration.yaml`:

```
# Choice of TLS cipher suites. One of MODERN, COMPATIBLE or WEAK.
tlsCipherSuites: COMPATIBLE
```

The following table describes the cipher suites that are available:

**Table 2-9** • Cipher Suites

Cipher Suite	Available Ciphers	Notes
<b>MODERN TLS 1.3</b>	"TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256", "TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384", "TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256"	ChaCha20 requires a LTS release of Java 11 (tested with OpenJDK Runtime Environment Microsoft-27990 (build 11.0.13+8-LTS)).  There is a high chance of TLS handshake failures with MODERN unless all clients served by the local license server support TLS 1.3.

**Table 2-9** • Cipher Suites

Cipher Suite	Available Ciphers	Notes
<b>COMPATIBLE</b>	<code>"TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256",</code> <code>"TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384",</code> <code>"TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256",</code> <code>"ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256",</code> <code>"ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256",</code> <code>"ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384",</code> <code>"ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384",</code> <code>"ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305",</code> <code>"ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305",</code> <code>"DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256",</code> <code>"DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384"</code>	Always use AES in GCM mode rather than CBC (to avoid padding attacks).  Avoid deprecated and unsafe ciphers.  This is the default setting.
<b>WEAK</b>	N/A	No constraints. Vulnerable ciphers are disabled at the JSSE level if at all. This choice would only be used when there is a need to communicate with old clients that get TLS handshake failures with COMPATIBLE.

## Upgrading the Local License Server

You can upgrade the local license server while retaining the older license server data and configuration.



### Task

#### **To upgrade the local license server**

1. As a precautionary measure, create a backup. Should errors occur during the update, you can restore the previous version from the backup.

Back up the following files:

- Current license server's installation directory
- Trusted storage files (the .ks, .db, and .0 files)
  - On Windows, the default storage location is  
C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\flexnetls\producer\_name
  - On Linux, the default storage location is /var/opts/flexnetls/producer\_name
- Current license server's configuration file (producer-settings.xml, in the "bin\tools" directory)

For more information, see [Show General Configuration Information for the License Server](#).

2. Uninstall the local license server that is currently installed.

For more information, see [Uninstalling the Local License Server](#).



**Important** • Do not delete the trusted storage files. This will result in the loss of license server data and configurations.

3. Install the latest version of the local license server.

For more information, see [Configuring, Installing, and Starting the Local License Server](#).

4. Optional: If you want to continue to use the previous configuration, copy the `producer-settings.xml` file from the backup taken in [Step 1](#) to the new installation directory.

If you are changing the trusted storage file location, you will lose the license server data unless you copy the trusted storage files (from the backup taken in [Step 1](#)) to the new location.

## Uninstalling the Local License Server

Use the appropriate procedure to uninstall the FlexNet Embedded local license server service:

- [Uninstall on Windows](#)
- [Uninstall on Linux](#)

### Uninstall on Windows

Use these steps to uninstall the license server service on Windows.



#### Task

#### To uninstall the license server service on Windows

1. As an administrator, open a command prompt and navigate to the license server's installation directory.
2. Execute the command `flexnetls.bat -stop` to stop the service.
3. Execute the command `flexnetls.bat -uninstall` to uninstall the license server service. (If you attempt to uninstall the service before stopping it, a message appears indicating that you need to stop the service first.)
4. To ensure there are no hanging instances or services, execute `sc delete FNLS-producer_name` as an administrator.

Either the command will fail with the message The specified service does not exist as an installed service, or it will succeed with the message [SC] DeleteService SUCCESS. Both outcomes indicate that the service is no longer present.

5. Delete the license server component files from the installation folder.
6. Optionally, delete these files (listed here with their default locations):
  - The trusted storage files in `C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\flexnetls\producer_name` (the `.ks`, `.db`, and `.0` files)
  - The log files in `C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\flexnetls\producer_name\logs`



**Important** • Deleting the trusted storage files erases all the licenses and their usage data along with configuration information. This can be safely done in your test environment where there is no impact on production data. In some cases, Revenera support may ask you to delete trusted storage files to resolve an issue. For general upgrades, we do not recommend deleting the trusted storage files.

Trusted storage and log locations are defined by the license server policies `server.trustedStorageDir` and `logging.directory`, respectively, the defaults for which are based on `${bases.dir}`. Depending on the values set for these policies on your server, your trusted storage and log files might be in locations different from those mentioned in this step. See [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

## Uninstall on Linux

Use these steps to uninstall the license server service on Linux.



### Task

#### To uninstall the license server on Linux

1. Run the following commands in this order:
  - a. `sudo systemctl stop flexnetls-producer` (to shut down the service)
  - b. `sudo systemctl disable flexnetls-producer` (to make the service ineligible to start on system reboot)
  - c. `sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer.service`
  - d. `sudo rm -r /etc/systemd/system/flexnetls-producer.service.d`
2. Optionally, remove these files (listed here with their default locations):
  - The trusted storage files in `/var/opts/flexnetls/producer_name` (the `.ks`, `.db`, and `.0` files)
  - The log files in `/var/opts/flexnetls/producer_name/logs`



**Important** • Deleting the trusted storage files erases all the licenses and their usage data along with configuration information. This can be safely done in your test environment where there is no impact on production data. In some cases, Revenera support may ask you to delete trusted storage files to resolve an issue. For general upgrades, we do not recommend deleting the trusted storage files.

Trusted storage and log locations are defined by the license server policies `server.trustedStorageDir` and `logging.directory`, respectively, the defaults for which are based on `${bases.dir}`. Depending on the values set for these policies on your server, your trusted storage and log files might be in locations different from those mentioned in this step. See [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

## Understanding Hostids

FlexNet Embedded uses system identifiers, called *hostids*, for identification. When the FlexNet Embedded local license server communicates with the back office, FlexNet Operations, to obtain its pool of licenses, the back office uses the server's hostid to identify that particular server. Similarly, when the client requests a license from the license server, the client includes a hostid in the request to which the license server binds the licenses sent in the response.

This section focuses on license server hostids. For more information about client hostids, refer to the user guide for the respective client kit.



# Hostid Types

FlexNet Embedded supports the following standard hostid types (also sometimes referred to as *host types*). If no hostid is specified, the license server looks up the hostids in the native DLL component of the local license server, in the order in which they are listed in the following table:

**Table 2-10** • License server hostid types

Hostid	Description
<b>PUBLISHER_DEFINED</b>	In addition to the standard hostid types (ETHERNET, FLEXID9, FLEXID10, and VM_UUID), the software producer can optionally specify a producer-defined hostid value to identify the server to the back office. This hostid is defined in <code>producer_settings.xml</code> .
<b>ETHERNET</b>	The unique identifier assigned to each network interface controller (NIC).
<b>FLEXID9</b>	The hostid of the Aladdin dongle attached to the server.
<b>FLEXID10</b>	The hostid of the Wibu-Systems dongle attached to the server.
<b>VM_UUID</b>	Available if virtual machine detection is enabled.

## Specifying a Server Hostid

If the license server is run with back-office support, the producer must specify a hostid in the back office during license server creation. The workflow for specifying a server hostid depends on whether a local license server or a CLS instance is used. In implementations with a local license server, you as the license server administrator are required to identify the hostid and communicate it to the producer. When using a CLS instance, the server hostid is based on the server instance ID (generated when the instance is created). During synchronization from the back office (which occurs based on synchronization policies or on-demand), the back office sends the hostid along with other information to the license server.

Instead of waiting for the synchronization to occur, you can also specify the license server's hostid manually. It is vital that the hostid that you set on the local license server matches the hostid that is specified in the back office. If you change the hostid on the license server to a value that is different to that specified in the back office, any licenses already mapped to the license server that is locked to the old hostid in the back office will be orphaned.

### Changing a Hostid

If you need to change the local license server's hostid when it already has licenses mapped in the back office, it is best practice to return the license server in the back office. During the return operation, you can transfer the licenses to a different device; this can be the same machine with the desired hostid. After the transfer, wait for the license server to synchronize with the back office.

You can perform the steps above through the End-User Portal (see [Returning a Device](#) in the [FlexNet Operations End-User Portal Help Library](#), available on the [Reverera Product Documentation](#) site).

## Important Note When Changing a Hostid

You must delete the existing trusted storage before activating the licenses on the new license server. If the license server's hostid is changed, the used counts and served device information tracked in the previous hostid are no longer available in the local license server.

## Selecting a Hostid

Specifying a server hostid is optional. If no hostid is set, the license server looks up the hostids in the native DLL component of the local license server, in the order in which they are listed in the table in section [Hostid Types](#). Alternatively, the producer can set the order in which a local license server looks up the hostid. See [Specifying the Order of Hostid Types](#).

Specifying a server hostid is optional. However, it is important to know that the Ethernet hostid might change, depending on the adapter that is in use. Consider the following scenario: A laptop plugged into a docking station uses the Ethernet address of the docking station; however, when it is disconnected from the docking station, the Ethernet address is no longer available. A wireless adapter also has an Ethernet address and this address is not available when either the wireless adapter is removed from the machine or when the wireless adapter is disabled, but still physically attached to the machine.

In cases as described above, it is advisable to specify the hostid manually to ensure continuous operation.

## Manually Specifying a Hostid

You can specify the server hostid (a value/type pair) in one of the following ways:

- Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator using the following option:  
  
`-hostid -setactive hostIdVaLue hostIdType`  
  
See [Table 3-3 in Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#).
- Using the FlexNet License Server Manager—see “License Server Properties View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.
- Using the configuration files (depending on your platform):
  - flexnetls.settings, setting ACTIVE\_HOSTID (Windows)—see [Table 2-3 in Configure, Install, and Start on Windows](#).
  - /etc/default/flexnetls-producer\_name, setting ACTIVE\_HOSTID (when using SysV to run the license server as a Linux service)
  - configuration-local.yaml, setting active-hostid (when using systemd on Linux)—see [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Linux\)](#).



**Important** • You can only set the hostid using a configuration file if no hostid has yet been specified for the license server. Once a hostid has been set, it can only be changed using the FlexNet License Server Administrator or the FlexNet License Server Manager.



**Important** • If a server hostid has been set manually, the server.hostType.order property (if set) is ignored.

## Specifying the Order of Hostid Types

The producer can specify the order in which the local license server picks the hostid type, using the property `server.hostType.order` in `producer-settings.xml`. For more information about this property, see [Reference: Policy Settings for the License Server](#), entry `server.hostType.order`.

## Retrieving Server Hostids



### Task

**To retrieve a server hostid, do one of the following**

- Call the JSON REST endpoint `http://licenseServerHostName/api/1.0/hostids` (or `/hostids/selected`)
- Execute `flexnetlsadmin.bat -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config`  
(`flexnetlsadmin.bat` is located in the enterprise directory)



**Important** - (Linux only) To retrieve the VM UUID for local license servers that run on certain virtual Linux machines and that use the VM UUID as their hostid, you need to run the `FNLicensingService` (located in the “service” directory).

## Preparing to Use the FlexNet License Server Manager

Your software producer might provide you with one or both of the following administration tools to help you maintain the server and manage license distribution in your enterprise:

- FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (included with the license server)
- FlexNet License Server Manager (which uses a UI). This tool is provided as a Docker image in the form of a .zip file.

Setting up and using the License Server Manager is described in a separate manual, the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide, which is available from the [Revenera Product Documentation](https://docs.revenera.com) site (<https://docs.revenera.com>). For installation instructions, see “Setting Up the FlexNet License Server Manager” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

## Base URL for the License Server

Administrative tools, such as the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or a custom administrative tool provided by the producer, require that you input the license server's base URL to perform operations. While the same basic structure is used for the CLS instance and the local license server URLs, some syntactical differences exist. See the following sections for more information about the base URL:

- [Base URL for a CLS Instance](#)
- [Base URL for a Local License Server](#)

- **With Administrative Security Enabled**
- **Option to Disable Certain Verifications on Server When Using HTTPS**
- **Exceptions to the Base URL**
- **“licenseServer\_baseURL” as Base URL Designation**

## Base URL for a CLS Instance

The base URL for a CLS instance, which is provided by the producer, explicitly includes the server’s instance ID. The following is the format for the base URL for a CLS instance.

```
https://siteID.compliance.flexnetoperations.com/api/1.0/instances/instanceId
```

An example might be the following (with XYZ10203040 as the instance ID):

```
flexnetlsadmin -server https://ABC.compliance.flexnetoperations.com/api/1.0/instances/  
XYZ10203040 ...
```

## Base URL for a Local License Server

The base URL for a local license server includes the server’s host name and port number and uses the tilde “~” character in place of the server’s instance ID. The license server name can be either a network name (such as **myserver.enterprise.com**) or an IP address.

```
http://LicenseServerHostName:port/api/1.0/instances/~
```

An example might be the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server http://11.11.1.111:7070/api/1.0/instances/~ ...
```

## With Administrative Security Enabled

When administrative security is enabled on the license server, the use of the HTTPS protocol on the local license server is strongly recommended to protect sensitive data being transmitted during administrative operations. (To use HTTPS, you must first enable it on your license server machine.)

The base URL for the local license server might look like the following.

```
https://11.11.1.111:1443/api/1.0/instances/~
```

The default port for a HTTPS URL is 443, unless one is supplied. The local license server defaults to 1443 to avoid privilege issues on Linux with port numbers less than 1024, but any appropriate port can be used.

To enforce the use of HTTPS when administrative security is enabled, set the `security.http.auth.enabled` license server policy to **false** in `producer-settings.xml`. See [Administrative Security Policies on the License Server](#).

## Option to Disable Certain Verifications on Server When Using HTTPS

If for some reason, you need to disable certificate checks and hostname verification on the license server when using HTTPS, you can do so using the `-noCertCheck` option in the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (`flexnetlsadmin`). See [Summary of flexnetlsadmin Commands](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.

## Exceptions to the Base URL

The producer should inform you of any exceptions to the base URL.

## “licenseServer\_baseURL” as Base URL Designation

In this chapter (and throughout this book), the base URL in commands is represented by the variable `licenseServer_baseURL`.

# Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance

FlexNet Embedded provides an administrative security facility on the license server to prevent unauthorized queries and operations on the server. When this security is enabled on your license server, anyone attempting to administer the license server will need to provide a set of authorization credentials before starting administrative operations.

The default license-server administrator account in place when you start the server gives you access to the same full range of administrative functionality that you would have without security enabled, with additional privileges to create and manage other enterprise user accounts. The accounts you create generally have limited administrative privileges, although you can create other license-server administrator accounts.

The administrative security feature is available on both a CLS instance and the local license server.



**Note** - A default producer account is also created when you start up the license server. This account is used to supply or delete checkout filters (these are selective license filters customizable by the producer), and change configuration values not editable by the default administrator account (for example, `Lfs.syncTo.enabled`).

The following sections provide an overview of managing administrative security on the license server:

- [Security Work Flow in the Enterprise](#)
- [Secured Functionality on the License Server](#)
- [User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges](#)
- [Administrative Security Policies on the License Server](#)
- [Credential Requirements](#)
- [HTTPS Recommended](#)

## Security Work Flow in the Enterprise

The following provides the basic work flow for managing license-server administrative security in the enterprise. This flow assumes that the producer has deployed your license server with security already enabled. It also assumes that you have access to a license-server administrator tool, such as the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, the FlexNet License Server Manager, or a custom administrator tool provided by the producer.

**Table 2-11** • Security Work Flow for Administering the License Server

Step	Who	Does what	How
1	Producer	Sets up the default license server administrator account and distributes both the default credentials (if needed) and the license server's base URL.	<p><b>For a CLS instance:</b> The default license-server administrator account is automatically created when the CLS instance is created.</p> <p><b>For a local license server:</b> The default license-server administrator account generated by the producer.</p>
2	Enterprise license-server administrator	Resets default administrator password	<p><b>For a CLS instance:</b> Uses <b>Action &gt; Set Password</b> on <b>View Server</b> page in FlexNet Operations End-User Portal. Default credentials are not required.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>For a local license server:</b> Uses one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -authorize command option (to authenticate default administrator credentials) with -users -edit options in FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (flexnetlsadmin). Default credentials are required.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Appropriate facility in producer's custom administrator tool. Default credentials are required.<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>

**Table 2-11** • Security Work Flow for Administering the License Server (cont.)

Step	Who	Does what	How
3	Enterprise license-server administrator	Uses credentials to access license-server administrative functionality	<p>Uses one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -authorize command option (to authenticate administrator credentials) in FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (flexnetlsadmin).<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• <b>Login</b> view in FlexNet License Server Manager (for local license server only).<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• Appropriate facility in producer's custom administrator tool.<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>
4	Enterprise license-server administrator	Optionally creates other enterprise user accounts to perform specific administrative tasks (and distributes credentials to those users)	<p>Uses one of the following to create the accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -authorize command option (to authenticate administrator credentials) with -users -create options in the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (flexnetlsadmin).<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Appropriate facility in producer's custom administrator tool.<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>
5	Enterprise user	Uses credentials to access the specific administrative functionality	<p>Uses one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -authorize command option (to authenticate user credentials) in the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (flexnetlsadmin).<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• <b>Login</b> view in FlexNet License Server Manager (for local license server only).<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• Appropriate facility in producer's custom administrator tool.<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>

**Table 2-11** • Security Work Flow for Administering the License Server (cont.)

Step	Who	Does what	How
1.		To use the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal to set your license-server administrator password on a CLS instance, access the portal's help system for the <b>View Server</b> page.	
2.		To use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (flexnetlsadmin) to reset your license-server administrator password, create and manage other user accounts, and administer the license server (as a license server administrator or enterprise user), see <a href="#">Using the Command-line Tool to Manage Administrative Security</a> in the <a href="#">Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool</a> chapter.	
3.		To use the FlexNet License Server Manager to administer the license server (as a license server administrator or enterprise user), see “Providing Credentials on a Secured License Server” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.	
4.		To use a custom administrator tool provided by the producer, follow specific instructions from the producer.	

## Secured Functionality on the License Server

When administrative security is enabled on the license server, the following license server operations require credentials:

- Resetting your administrator password
- Creating and managing other enterprise user accounts
- Adding and deleting license reservations
- Setting or resetting license server policies, including administrative security policies
- Suspending and resuming the license server
- Manual initiating a binary exchange between the license server and the back office, such an online or offline activation or synchronization event

Additionally, “read” operations might also require credentials, depending on how administrative security is configured on the license server. Refer to the next section [Policy Affecting “read” Security](#) for more information.

For references to the appropriate documentation describing how you provide credentials when using a specific administrator tool, refer to the previous [Security Work Flow in the Enterprise](#) section.

### Operations Exempt from Administrative Security

The following operations are always exempt from administrative security measures (that is, no credentials are ever needed to perform these operations):

- Binary exchanges between the license server and FlexNet Operations that are initiated by the license server, such capability-polling exchanges and synchronization at set intervals
- Binary exchanges between the license server and license-enabled clients



## Policy Affecting “read” Security

When administrative security is enabled on the license server, it uses the `security.anonymous` license-server policy to determine whether users need to provide credentials simply to “read” information—such as current reservations, features, licenses, or status—on the license server. See [Administrative Security Policies on the License Server](#) for more information.

# User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges

When administrative security is enabled, your default administrator account is assigned `ROLE_ADMIN`, `ROLE_OFFLINE`, `ROLE_RESERVATIONS`, `ROLE_DROPCLIENT`, and `ROLE_READ`, giving you full rights to administer the license server. Any user account that you create can be assigned one or more roles of these roles, including `ROLE_ADMIN` to create another administrator.

Keep in mind that any role can perform capability exchanges and synchronization operations as this functionality is exempt from security measures.

**Table 2-12** • User Roles Used to Define Administrative Privileges on the License Server

Role	Privileges
<b>ROLE_READ</b>	<p>Privileges to perform “read” operations (for example, to query features, licenses, reservations, or server status). When no other role is assigned to a user account, <code>ROLE_READ</code> is assigned by default as the only role.</p> <p>Additionally, depending on the administration security configuration, either every account is automatically given “read” rights, or you are required to assign <code>ROLE_READ</code> explicitly to each account to give it “read” rights. See <a href="#">Policy Affecting “read” Security</a>.</p>
<b>ROLE_RESERVATIONS</b>	Privileges to add and delete reservations.
<b>ROLE_DROPCLIENT</b>	Privileges to delete client records on the license server.
<b>ROLE_ADMIN</b>	Administrator privileges to update license server policies (local license server only), create and manage other enterprise user accounts, and perform other administrative tasks, such as suspend or resume the license server.
<b>ROLE_OFFLINE</b>	<p>This role is useful when granting rights for handling offline endpoint activities to users who should not have full administrative privileges.</p> <p>Privileges to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform “read” operations (equivalent to privileges for <code>ROLE_READ</code>).</li> <li>• Upload a <code>.bin</code> file with licenses to the local license server for offline server updates.</li> <li>• Download a confirmation file from the local license server, which enables the user to return licenses to the back office (FlexNet Operations).</li> </ul>

**Table 2-12** • User Roles Used to Define Administrative Privileges on the License Server (cont.)

Role	Privileges
<b>ROLE_PRODUCER</b>	Privileges given to a producer account (by convention, the account named "producer"). Required to supply or delete checkout filters (these are selective license filters customizable by the producer), and change configuration values not editable by the administrator account (for example, <code>lfs.syncTo.enabled</code> ).

## Administrative Security Policies on the License Server

As the license server administrator of a *local license server*, you can update the following policies that control administrative security:

- `security.enabled` to enable or disable administrative security on the license server. See [Enabling Administrative Security on a Local License Server](#).

The following policies are in effect only when administrative security is enabled:

- `security.anonymous` to determine whether users need to provide credentials simply to “read” information—such as current reservations, features, licenses, or status—on the license server:
  - When `security.anonymous` is set to **true**, user accounts, including administrator accounts, are automatically granted “read” rights (`ROLE_READ`); no credentials are needed to perform “read” operations. This policy lessens your administrative burden to manage user accounts.
  - When this policy is set to **false**, a user account, including an administrator account, must be explicitly assigned `ROLE_READ` in order to perform “read” operations. (The exception occurs when no role is assigned to an account, in which case `ROLE_READ` is assigned as the only role by default.) Credentials are then required to perform any “read” operation. If an account is not authorized for `ROLE_READ`, no “read” access is given.
- `security.token.duration` to limit token validity. This policy sets a time limit on how long an authorization “token” is in effect before it expires, requiring a user to re-enter credentials. Note the following:
  - This policy is relevant to FlexNet License Server Manager and those custom administrator tools where credentials are entered once and then automatically applied to each subsequent operation requiring authorization. Once the token expires, the user must re-enter credentials.
  - The policy is not relevant for tools like the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, where users must manually re-enter credentials every time they perform an operation requiring authorization.
- `security.ip.whitelist` to grant to one or more secure machines (whose IP addresses you specify for this policy) unrestricted access to the license server administrative interface. This access is helpful in cases when you forget your credentials or when someone needs the convenience of accessing administrative functionality on the license server without having to provide credentials.
- `security.http.auth.enabled` to control whether HTTPS is required to access the license server to perform secured operations (that is, those requiring authorization):
  - When set to **true**, this policy allows the use of the HTTPS or HTTP protocol to perform secured operations.

- When set to **false**, the policy enforces the use of the HTTPS protocol to perform secured operations. An error is generated when HTTP is used.

This policy has no effect on those operations exempt from license-server security measures, as described in [Operations Exempt from Administrative Security](#).

For more information about these policies, see the following:

- For details about the policies, refer [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).
- For instructions to update the policies, see either the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter or the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide (or the instructions provided by the producer).

## Enabling Administrative Security on a Local License Server

If the producer deployed a local license server with administrative security disabled, you can enable it as long as the producer has provided you with administrator credentials. You can also disable security on a currently secured license server.



### Task

#### **To enable administrative security on the local license server**

1. Obtain default administrator credentials from the producer if you do not already have them.
2. Start up the license server. When administrative security is disabled, you have full privileges to administer the license server (as though you have an account with ROLE\_ADMIN, ROLE\_OFFLINE, ROLE\_RESERVATIONS, ROLE\_DROPCLIENT, and ROLE\_READ).
3. Use your license server administrator tool to change the security.enabled policy to **true**:
  - For the FlexNet License Server Administrator command line tool (flexnetlsadmin), see [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#).
  - For the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “License Server Properties View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.
  - For the producer’s custom administration tool, refer to the producer’s instructions.
4. Once administrative security is enabled on the license server, reset your default administrator password, providing your default administrator credentials to authorize your access to this operation:
  - For the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Reset Your Administrator Password](#).
  - For the producer’s custom administration tool, refer to the producer’s instructions.

This operation is currently not available in the FlexNet License Server Manager.

5. From this point on, provide your credentials to perform any secured operation:
  - For the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).
  - For the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “Providing Credentials on a Secured License Server” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.
  - For the producer’s custom administration tool, refer to the producer’s instructions.



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**Task**      **To disable administrative security on the local license server**

Using your credentials, access your administrator tool to change the `security.enabled` policy to **false**.

## Credential Requirements

The following lists the requirements for the user name and password needed for each enterprise user account you create.

### User Name

The user name (up to 64 characters) is case-sensitive but requires no special characters.

### User Password

The password for a user account is case-sensitive and must meet the following criteria:

- At least 8 characters (with a maximum of 64 characters)
- At least one digit
- At least one upper-case character
- At least one special character (for example, ^ \* \$ - + ? \_ & = ! % { } / # @ and more)
- No whitespace

## HTTPS Recommended

When administrative security is enabled on the local license server, the use of HTTPS is strongly recommended to protect license server data being transmitted during administrative operations. (To use the HTTPS protocol, you must enable it on your license server machine.) For more information, see [Base URL for the License Server](#).

Optionally, you can use the `security.http.auth.enabled` license server policy to enforce the use of HTTPS when administrative security is enabled. See [Administrative Security Policies on the License Server](#) for details.

## Next Steps

Once the license server is installed, configured, and running, the next steps include:

- **Step 1: Provisioning licenses on the license server.** A purchased pool of product licenses needs to be activated on the license server so that it can then distribute these licenses as needed to client devices running the product.

If license rights are mapped to the license server in the back office, these are automatically activated on the license server when the server starts or when capability polling occurs. However, you can also activate licenses using rights IDs obtained from the producer. To send capability requests containing specific rights IDs, follow the instructions provided by the producer, or do one of the following:

- If you are using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Activating License Rights on the Server](#) in the chapter [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#).
- If you are using the FlexNet License Server Manager, refer to “Offline Server Updates View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide to perform an offline activation.



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**Important** • If the license server has not been provisioned with any features, it responds to client requests with a 503 error with the error message “Server instance <instanceID> is not ready”. This is expected behavior because the server is not ready in this state.

- **Step 2: Administering the license server in general.** Depending on the administrator tool you are using, see the appropriate chapter or manual, respectively, for instructions on performing administrative tasks:
  - [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#).
  - FlexNet License Server Manager Guide (available from the [Revenera Product Documentation](#) site, <https://docs.revenera.com>).



# Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool

This chapter describes how to use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to manage the license server and its license distribution. The chapter includes following sections:

- [Before You Start](#)
- [Using the Command-line Tool to Manage Administrative Security](#)
- [General Server Maintenance](#)
- [Activating License Rights on the Server](#)
- [Returning License Rights to the Server](#)
- [Viewing Features Installed on the License Server](#)
- [Managing Named License Pools](#)
- [Managing Reservations](#)
- [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#)
- [Monitoring License Distribution to Clients](#)
- [Viewing Current Binding Status](#)
- [Summary of flexnetlsadmin Commands](#)

## Before You Start

The FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool is run from the command line, using the flexnetlsadmin script or batch file (in Windows, flexnetlsadmin.bat). The general syntax for executing flexnetlsadmin commands is the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL [-authorize accountName accountPassword]  
              -command_option [command_option_arguments] [-command_option...]
```

The general syntax for `flexnetlsadmin` commands uses the license server's base URL, indicated by `LicenseServer_baseURL` in the command. For more information about this URL, see [Base URL for the License Server](#) in [Getting Started](#).

A reference of all available `flexnetlsadmin` commands is available at the end of this chapter (see [Summary of flexnetlsadmin Commands](#)). You can also run `flexnetlsadmin` with the `-help` option to display brief descriptions of all the commands:

```
flexnetlsadmin -help
```

The following sections describe additional information you should know before using this tool:

- [License Server URL Designation](#)
- [About the Example Commands](#)

## License Server URL Designation

The license server's base URL, as described in [Base URL for the License Server](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter, is required for each `flexnetlsadmin` command. To identify this URL in the `flexnetlsadmin` commands, do one the following:

- [Use the “-server” Option](#)
- [Use an Environment Variable](#)

### Use the “-server” Option

To specify the license server URL explicitly in each `flexnetlsadmin` command, use the `-server` option. Insert it as the first option in the command.

The following excerpt from a sample command shows the `-server` option designating a base URL for a CLS instance:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server https://ABC.compliance.flexnetoperations.com/api/1.0/instances/  
XYZ10203040 ...
```

This excerpt from a sample command shows the `-server` option designating a base URL command for a local license server:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server http://11.11.1.111:7070/api/1.0/instances/~ ...
```

### Use an Environment Variable

As an alternative to explicitly providing the license server's base URL every time you enter a `flexnetlsadmin` command, you can set the base URL as the environment variable `FLEXNETLS_BASEURL`. The following shows an example of the variable (set in this case for a local license server):

```
FLEXNETLS_BASEURL=http://11.11.1.111:7070/api/1.0/instances/~
```

See your Windows or Linux documentation for instructions on how to set this variable.

## About the Example Commands

For sake of consistency, the example `flexnetlsadmin` commands used in this chapter follow these conventions:



- For simplicity, the commands use the Linux format of the `flexnetlsadmin` command (for example, they use `flexnetlsadmin`, not `flexnetlsadmin.bat`).
- The `-server` option used to identify the license server's base URL is included in each command (although you can set it as an environment variable, as described in [License Server URL Designation](#), to avoid having to include it each time you issue a command). The example commands use the designation `licenseServer_baseURL` for the base URL, as described in [Base URL for the License Server](#) in [Getting Started](#).

You will need to modify the example commands as needed for your environment.

## Using the Command-line Tool to Manage Administrative Security

When administrative security is enabled on your license server, anyone attempting to administer the license server will need to provide a set of authorization credentials before starting administrative operations. When the license server is started, your default administrator account is assigned `ROLE_ADMIN`, `ROLE_OFFLINE`, `ROLE_RESERVATIONS`, `ROLE_DROPCLIENT`, and `ROLE_READ`. These roles give you a full range of privileges to administer the license server, including authorization to create and manage other enterprise user accounts that have limited administrative privileges. You can also create other license-server administrator accounts.

For an overview of the administrative security facility, including a description of the available roles, see [Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

The following sections describe how to use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to manage administrative security on the license server:

- [Base URL for the Secured License Server](#)
- [Reset Your Administrator Password](#)
- [Determine Administrative Security Policies](#)
- [Create and Manage Other Enterprise User Accounts](#)
- [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#)

### Base URL for the Secured License Server

When administrative security is enabled on the license server, the use of the HTTPS protocol is strongly recommended to protect license server data being transmitted during administrative operations. For more information about the use of this protocol in the base URL for the license server (represented by `licenseServer_baseURL` in the example commands), see [Base URL for the License Server](#).

### Reset Your Administrator Password

The producer will provide the default credentials (for the default license-server administrator account) needed to authorize your use of administrative functionality when security is enabled on the license server. Once your license server starts up, your first task is to reset the default administrator password. Use the `-authorize` options (to provide your default credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-users` `-edit` options (to change your password).



## Task

### To reset your administrator password

1. Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -authorize defaultAdminName {defaultAdminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -users -edit admin {newAdminPassword!|-passwordConsoleInput}
```

The command requires the following:

- **defaultAdminName**—The case-sensitive name provided by the producer for the default administrator account. (“admin” is typically the default.)

**defaultAdminPassword**—The case-sensitive password provided by the producer for the default administrator account. You can provide this password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing the password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ On Linux platforms, if you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- **newAdminPassword!**—The new case-sensitive password that you want to define for the default administrator account. To avoid exposing the password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input. This password must meet the criteria specified in [Credential Requirements](#).



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

2. Once this password is reset, use your updated credentials with the `-authorize` option to access secured administrative functionality on the license server. See [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).

If you want to change your administrator name, create a new administrator account. See [Creating Another Administrator Account](#) in the next section, [Create and Manage Other Enterprise User Accounts](#).

## Determine Administrative Security Policies

For a local license server, you can set policies that configure administrative security. For more information about the security policies, see [Administrative Security Policies on the License Server](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter. For instructions on updating the policies, see [Override Policy Settings](#) in this chapter.

# Create and Manage Other Enterprise User Accounts

As a license server administrator, you can use your credentials to create other user accounts—either for enterprise users or for another administrator. Refer to the following sections:

- [Creating an Enterprise User Account](#)
- [Creating Another Administrator Account](#)
- [Edit a User or Administrator Account](#)
- [Deleting a User or Administrator Account](#)
- [Viewing All User Accounts](#)

## Creating an Enterprise User Account

To create an enterprise user account, use the `-authorize` option (to provide your credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-users -create` options to create the account. (Creating a license-server administrator account is described in the next section, [Creating Another Administrator Account](#).)



### Task

#### To create an enterprise user account

1. Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|-passwordConsoleInput} -users -create userName {userPassword|-passwordConsoleInput} role(s)
```

The command requires the following:

- *yourAdminName* *yourAdminPassword*—Your administrator credentials.

Note that you can provide your administrator password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- *userName*—The case-sensitive name to identify the enterprise user's account.
- *userPassword*—The case-sensitive password that you are defining for the enterprise user's account. This password must meet the criteria specified in [Credential Requirements](#). To avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is

to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- **role(s)**—The one or more roles determining the type of administrative privileges for the account—either `ROLE_OFFLINE`, `ROLE_READ`, `ROLE_RESERVATIONS`, or `ROLE_DROPCLIENT`. If multiple roles are specified, insert a plus sign (+) between each role, using no spaces (for example, `ROLE_READ+ROLE_RESERVATIONS`). If no role is specified, `ROLE_READ` is automatically assigned. For more information about roles, see [User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.
2. View the currently available user accounts to verify that this account has been properly added. See [Viewing All User Accounts](#).
  3. Distribute the credentials to the enterprise user so that the user can access the appropriate administrative operations. Advise the user that both the user name and password are case-sensitive.

## Creating Another Administrator Account

To create another license-server administrator account, use the `-authorize` option (to provide your credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-users -create` options to create the account.



### Task

#### To create another administrator account for the license server

1. Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName
                  {yourAdminPassword} -passwordConsoleInput} -users -create newAdminName
                  {newAdminPassword} -passwordConsoleInput} ROLE_ADMIN[+additional_roles]
```

The command requires the following:

- ***yourAdminName yourAdminPassword***—Your administrator credentials.

Note that you can provide your administrator password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** - (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- ***newAdminName***—The case-sensitive name with which you are identifying the new license-server administrator account.
- ***newAdminPassword***—The case-sensitive password that you are defining for the new license-server administrator account. This password must meet the criteria specified in [Credential Requirements](#). To avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- **ROLE\_ADMIN[+additional\_roles]**—ROLE\_ADMIN and optional other roles—such as ROLE\_OFFLINE, ROLE\_READ, ROLE\_RESERVATIONS, or ROLE\_DROPCLIENT—that define this administrator account. If multiple roles are specified, insert a plus sign (+) between each role, using no spaces (for example, ROLE\_ADMIN+ROLE\_READ+ROLE\_RESERVATIONS). For more information about roles, see [User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.
2. View the currently available user accounts to verify that this account has been properly added. See [Viewing All User Accounts](#).
  3. Provide the new administrator with the credentials needed to perform administrative operations. Advise the administrator that both the user name and password are case-sensitive.

## Edit a User or Administrator Account

To change the password or the roles for an account belonging to either an enterprise user or a license server administrator, use the `-authorize` option (to provide your credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-users -edit` options to edit the account.



### Task

#### To update a user account

1. Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|
  -passwordConsoleInput} -users -edit accountName
  {currentPassword|newPassword!|-passwordConsoleInput} newRole(s)!
```

The command requires the following:

- **yourAdminName yourAdminPassword**—Your administrator credentials.

Note that you can provide your administrator password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- **accountName**—The case-sensitive user name for the account.
- **currentPassword|newPassword!**—The current account password; or, if you are changing the password, the new password, which must meet the criteria specified in [Credential Requirements](#). To avoid

exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- **`newRole(s)!`**—If you modifying the account's roles, the new role or roles defining the type of administrative privileges for the account. If multiple roles are specified, insert a plus sign (+) between each role, using no spaces (for example, `ROLE_READ+ROLE_RESERVATIONS`). For more information about roles, see [User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

If no role is specified, the accounts current role assignment remains in effect.

2. If you changed the account's role assignment, view the current user accounts to verify that the account has been assigned the new roles. See [Viewing All User Accounts](#).
3. Distribute new credentials (if updated) to the enterprise user so that the user can access the appropriate administrative operations.

## Deleting a User or Administrator Account

To delete an account belonging to an enterprise user or an administrator, use the `-authorize` option (to provide your credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-users -delete` options to delete the account.



### Task

#### To delete a user account

1. Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -users -delete accountName
```

2. The command requires the following:

- **`yourAdminName yourAdminPassword`**—Your administrator credentials.

Note that you can provide your administrator password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

- **`accountName`**—The case-sensitive user (or administrator) name for the account.
3. View the currently available user accounts to verify that the account has been deleted. See [Viewing All User Accounts](#).

## Viewing All User Accounts

To view all user accounts currently available on the license server, use the `-authorize` option (to provide your credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-users` option.



### Task

#### To view all user accounts

Enter a command similar to this, where *yourAdminName* and *yourAdminPassword* indicate your administrator credentials:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -users
```

Note that you can provide your administrator password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, you can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then prompts you to enter your password as console input.



**Note** - (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

The output shows each account by user name and lists its roles.

## Use Credentials to Access Operations

When administrative security is enabled on the license server, the license server administrator and enterprise users must use their credentials with the `-authorize` option to perform operations for which they are authorized. For example, if an enterprise user account is assigned `ROLE_RESERVATIONS`, the user would provide credentials in a command typical of the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize accountName {accountPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -reservations -delete...
```

The `-authorize` command requires these credentials:

- **accountName**—The case-sensitive name for the account attempting to perform the operation.
- **accountPassword**—The case-sensitive password for the account.

Note that users can provide their account password directly in the command; or, to avoid exposing this password as a command-line argument, they can use the `-passwordConsoleInput` option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.



**Note** - (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.

## Attempts to Perform Non-Authorized Operations

If a user attempts to perform an operation that requires authorization, but has not provided credentials or is not authorized to perform the operation, an “access denied” message is displayed. The user must either enter the credentials or contact you about obtaining appropriate credentials.

# General Server Maintenance

To perform general maintenance on your FlexNet Embedded local license server, use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to perform the following:

- [Obtain the License Server Status](#)
- [Show Version Information for the Administrator Command-line Tool](#)
- [Show General Configuration Information for the License Server](#)
- [Suspend or Resume the License Server](#)

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform operations described in this section. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).

## Obtain the License Server Status

To confirm that the license server is running, you can use the `-status` command to perform a status check. This check tells you whether the server is active and lists version information. The output also displays the URLs for the back-office server and the back-up license server (if your environment is configured for license server failover).



**Note** ▪ The server version information is useful should you need to report any incidents to Revenera Technical Support.



### Task

#### To check the license server status

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status
```

Status information is displayed for your license server:

Version	: 2020.01.0
Build Version	: 262400
Server	: https://localhost:7070/api/1.0/instances/~
State	: Ready
Backup Server	: Not configured
BackOffice Server	: http://localhost:8080/request
Records Pending Sync	: 42
Last Sync	: 7d 4h38m28s





**Note** ▪ The time format for the “Last Sync” value is nYnMnD nHnMnS, where Y=years, M=months, D=days, H=hours, M=minutes, and S=seconds. If any leading elements are missing, they are assumed to have a value of zero. If a sync has never been performed, “sync to back office pending” is displayed.

## Show Version Information for the Administrator Command-line Tool

Use the `-version` command to display the version information for the currently installed FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool.



**Note** ▪ Version information for the License Server Administrator command-line tool is useful should you need to report any incidents to Revenera Technical Support.



### Task

#### To display version information for the License Server Administrator command-line tool

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -version
```

Version information for the License Server Administrator command-line tool is displayed:

Version	2020.01.0
Build Version	262400

## Show General Configuration Information for the License Server

Use the `-config -filter general` syntax to display the information about the license server’s configuration, including the server’s IP address, host name, hostid (binding ID), and port number and the software producer’s name.



### Task

#### To display license server configuration information

Enter command syntax similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter general
```

The output lists current configuration properties for the license server. For each property, its corresponding producer-setting name is provided in parentheses. (For information about producer settings for your license server, see [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).)

server.uuid	Host UUID that uniquely identifies this server instance in the back office	
server.instanceId	Instance ID that uniquely identifies this server instance in the REST API	
server.tenantId	Tenant for which this server will serve licenses	
server.enterpriseId	Enterprise to which this server belongs	
server.siteId	Location of this server	
server.trustedStorageDir	Default directory for the trusted storage	\${base.dir}
server.logConfiguration	External override file for Logback configuration	
server.accessLogPattern	Name format for request log	access_yyyy_mm_dd.request.log
server.publisherDefinedHostId.policy	Custom hostid for the license server	DISABLED
server.extendedHostId.enabled	Extended hostids for the license server	true
server.forceTSResetAllowed	Trusted storage can be reset when unsynchronized data exists	false
server.backupMaintenance.interval	Maximum amount of time that the back-up server can serve licenses in failover	3d
server.syncCompatibility	Enable sync compatibility when migrating from FlexNet Embedded Server App	false

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## Suspend or Resume the License Server

Use `-status -suspend` to put the license server in a temporary suspended state and then use `-status -resume` to remove the suspension.

In the suspended state, the license server remains running but does not accept client requests. For example, you might want to suspend the license server so that it can to complete other operations, such as synchronization or capability exchanges with the back office.

When you resume the license server, it starts accepting client requests again.



### Task To suspend the license server

Enter a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status -suspend
```

The license temporarily stops accepting client requests until you issue the `-status -resume` command (described next).



### Task To resume the license server

Enter command syntax similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status -resume
```

# Activating License Rights on the Server

Once the FlexNet Embedded local license server is installed and running, it needs to obtain the pool of licenses from which it then serves licenses as needed to client devices in your enterprise. To obtain this license pool, you perform an *activation* process, in which a capability request, containing one or more license activation IDs and their counts, used to specify the desired licenses, is sent to the back-office server (FlexNet Operations). The back office then fulfills the request by sending a response, which the license server, in turn, processes to activate the licenses. After the initial activation, you can perform additional activations as needed.



**Note** • If the software producer has preregistered your license server with the back office, licenses are automatically activated when the server is first started.

To perform an activation process, you need to obtain your activation IDs from the software producer. Each activation ID identifies a set of licenses to which you have rights. The software producer should provide you with a description of the licenses and counts defined for a given activation ID and the number of activation ID copies you are allowed to install. The traditional activation method is to use internet access to exchange information with the back office so that the license server is updated with the licenses without manual intervention. However, the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool also supports an offline activation process, in which files are exchanged between the license server and back office by another means of communication.

Refer to the appropriate section:

- [Online Activation](#)
- [Offline Activation](#)

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform operations described in this section. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).



**Important** • If the license server has not been provisioned with any features, it responds to client requests with a 503 error with the error message "Server instance <instanceID> is not ready". This is expected behavior because the server is not ready in this state.

## Online Activation

Online activation uses the internet to exchange capability information between your license server and the back office to activate licenses on the server. This is the traditional method for activating licenses.



### Task To activate license rights on the license server

1. Run a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 2
```

These options are used:

- -id to specify the activation ID (in this example, **act1**) containing the license rights.

- -count to specify the number of copies (in this case, **2**) of the activation ID to be installed. If no count is provided, a count of 1 is assumed.



**Note** ▪ The activation count must be greater than 0 and not lower than the current count on the server.

If you want to provide multiple activation IDs, repeat the -activate option:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 2 -activate -id act2  
-count 1
```

2. To view the installed licenses, see [Viewing Features Installed on the License Server](#).

## Offline Activation

Traditional activation relies on having internet access to perform a capability exchange between the license server and back office. However, for security reasons, your license server might have limited or no external network connections. The following offline activation process allows you to generate a capability request (specifying your desired activation IDs and counts) as a binary file, which you then send to the back office by an agreed-upon means. The back office returns the capability response as a binary file that you then process on the license server to activate your licenses.



### Task

#### To perform an offline activation

1. Run the following command to generate the capability request as a binary file:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 2 -o request.bin
```

These options are used:

- -id to specify the activation ID (in this example, **act1**) containing the license rights.
- -count to specify the number of copies (in this case, **2**) of the activation ID to install. If no count is provided, one copy is assumed.



**Note** ▪ The activation count must be greater than 0 and not lower than the current count on the server.

- -o to define the name of the output binary file to which to save the generated request (in this example, **request.bin**).

If you want to provide multiple activation IDs, repeat the -activate option (as shown in the previous procedure).

2. Upload the capability-request binary file to the back office, and download the capability-response binary file generated by the back office.
3. Run the following command to process the response generated to install the licenses on the license server:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -load capabilityResponse.bin
```

The -load option is used to specify the capability response file returned by the back office (in this example, **capabilityResponse.bin**).

4. To view the installed licenses, see [Viewing Features Installed on the License Server](#).

## Returning License Rights to the Server

You might need to return license rights when you add a license server or want to move licenses from one license server to another. The return process is identical to the activation process, the only difference being that the license count is reduced instead of increased. For more information about the activation process, see [Activating License Rights on the Server](#).

The FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool supports both an online and an offline return process.

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform operations described in this section. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).

### Online Return

The online return process uses the internet to exchange capability information between your license server and the back office to return licenses to the back office. This is the traditional method for returning licenses.

The following procedure assumes that licenses are available on the license server.



#### Task

#### *To return license rights to the back office*

1. Run a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 0
```

These options are used:

- -id to specify the activation ID (in this example, **act1**) containing the license rights.
- -count to specify the number of copies (in this case, **0**) of the activation ID that should be available on the license server after licenses have been returned. If you specify **0**, all licenses are returned to the back office.

If you want to provide multiple activation IDs, use one of the following commands:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 0 -activate -id act2 -count 0
```

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 0 -id act2 -count 0
```

2. To view the installed licenses, see [Viewing Features Installed on the License Server](#).

## Offline Return

You perform an offline return when your license server has limited or no external network connection. The process is similar to an offline activation and involves generating a capability request (specifying your desired activation IDs and counts) as a binary file, which you then send to the back office by an agreed-upon means. You upload the binary file to the back office, which generates a capability response as a binary file, which you then process on the license server to decrease your licenses.

The following procedure assumes that licenses are available on the license server.



### Task

#### To perform an offline return

1. Run the following command to generate the capability-request binary file to decrease license rights:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 0 -o request.bin
```

These options are used:

- -id to specify the activation ID (in this example, *act1*) containing the license rights.
- -count to specify the number of copies (in this case, 0) of the activation ID that should be available on the license server after licenses have been returned. If you specify 0, all licenses are returned to the back office.
- -o to define the name of the output binary file to which to save the generated request (in this example, *request.bin*).

If you want to provide multiple activation IDs, add the additional IDs as shown in the following command:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 0 -id act2 -count 0 -o request.bin
```

2. Upload the capability-request binary file to the back office, and download the capability-response binary file generated by the back office.
3. Run the following command to process the response generated to decrease the number of licenses on the license server:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -load capabilityResponse.bin
```

The -load option is used to specify the capability response file returned by the back office (in this example, *capabilityResponse.bin*).

If the license server outputs error <IP address:port> Process unsuccessful for *capabilityResponse.bin*, this is due to FlexNet Operations requiring a confirmation capability request when reducing the number of copies of a license. The corresponding configuration setting is the Skip Confirmation check box. (For more information on this check box, including its location, consult the FlexNet Operations Producer Portal online help.) If this check box is **not** selected, the license count available on the license server is decreased in the back office, but has the status “Waiting for confirmation”. To confirm the decrease, perform the following additional steps:

- a. Run the following command to generate another capability-request binary file:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -activate -id act1 -count 0 -o request2.bin
```

- b. Upload the capability-request binary file to the back office.

- To view the decremented license count, see [Viewing Features Installed on the License Server](#).

## Viewing Features Installed on the License Server

Use the `-features` command to obtain details about features currently installed on the license server.

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform this operation. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).



### Task

#### To view feature details

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -features
```

Feature information is displayed:

Name	Version	Count	Type	Expiration	Start Date
f1	1.0	10	CONCURRENT	permanent	2020-05-03
f2	1.0	10	CONCURRENT	permanent	2020-05-03

Total number of features : 2

## Managing Named License Pools

FlexNet Embedded License Server includes named license pools as a mechanism to allocate licenses to specific client devices or users, to help ensure that these entities have access to the features they need. This functionality is available for the local license server or a Cloud Licensing Service (CLS) instance, hosted in the Revenera cloud.



**Important** - You can use either reservations or named license pools. Reservations and named license pools cannot coexist alongside each other. For more information, see [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#).



**Note** - In previous releases of the FlexNet Embedded license server, named license pools used to be referred to as “partitions”.

For information about the setup and use of named license pools on the license server, see [Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.

The following sections describe how to perform tasks to manage named license pools:

- [Define a Model Definition](#)
- [Upload the Model Definition](#)

- [View the Model Definition](#)
- [Delete the Model Definition](#)
- [View License Pools](#)

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform operations described in this section. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).

## Define a Model Definition

Named license pools are defined using a *model definition*. The model definition is configured and uploaded per license server instance or Cloud Licensing Service (CLS) instance. You can use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to view or delete named license pools and license count allocations on the license server.

A model definition usually specifies the following:

- One or more named license pools
- Rules of access that allow access to licenses
- Rules of access that deny access to licenses

The model definition must be written according to the grammar described in [Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF](#). The following shows a sample model definition:

```
model "example" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      f1 1.0 2
    }
  }

  on hostid("F01898AD8DD3/ETHERNET", "5E00A4F17201/ETHERNET") {
    use "engineering"
    accept
  }

  on any() {
    use "default"
    accept
  }
}
```

This model definition creates the named license pool called *engineering*. It places 2 counts of feature *f1*, version 1.0 in the *engineering* license pool. The remainder of the counts will be placed in the default license pool. Client requests that include the ETHERNET hostid F01898AD8DD3 or 5E00A4F17201 are allowed access to the *engineering* license pool, ensuring that they have access to these licenses. Client requests from other hostids are only allowed access to counts in the default license pool.

For more information about the setup and use of named license pools and model definitions on the license server, see [Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.



The appendix [Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools](#), section [Use Case Examples and Their Model Definitions for Named License Pools](#), lists use cases that help you write your own model definition.

## Upload the Model Definition

To add named license pools, create a model definition that defines named license pools and rules of access. Use the `-model -load <filename>` command to upload the model definition to the license server (requires administrator authorization).

Only one model definition can be active for each license server. You cannot upload a model definition with the name `reservations` or `default`, because these names are reserved.



**Important** - If you were previously using reservations, you must delete all reservation groups. Otherwise, uploading a model definition will fail. For more information, see [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#).



### Task To upload the active model definition

Enter a command similar to this, using the file you created as the input file (in this example, `definition.model`):

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|
  -passwordConsoleInput} -model -load definition.model
```

## View the Model Definition

To view the model definition that is active for the license server, you can use the `-model` command (requires administrator authorization). This command outputs the current model definition, showing the named license pools and rules of access.



### Task To view the active model definition

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|
  -passwordConsoleInput} -model
```

The model definition for your license server is displayed, similar to this:

```
model "example" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      feature "f1" 1.0 5
    }
    partition "sales" {
      feature "f1" 1.0 5
    }
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {
    use "engineering"
```

```
        accept
    }

    on dictionary("business-unit" : "sales") {
        use "sales"
        accept
    }

    on any() {
        use "default"
        accept
    }
}
```

## Delete the Model Definition

Use the `-model -delete` command to delete the model definition that is currently applied to the license server (requires administrator authorization). The default model definition is applied to the server.



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### Task To delete the active model definition

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|
-passwordConsoleInput} -model -delete
```

## View License Pools

Use the `-partitions` command to view all license pools (named and default) for the license server. The output lists information about every feature and every feature slice in each license pool (feature slices are portions of feature counts allocated to a named license pool).

See [JSON Response Details](#) for a description of the most relevant lines in the JSON response.



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### Task To view all license pools

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|
-passwordConsoleInput} -partitions
```

The following shows example output (shortened for documentation purposes):

```
{
  "partitions": [
    {
      "id": 1,
      "name": "default",
      "lastModified": 1563445226020,
      "default": true,
      "activeFeatureSlices": [
```

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "feature": {
    "id": 1,
    "type": "CONCURRENT",
    "featureName": "f_con_1",
    "featureVersion": "1.0",
    "expiry": "permanent",
    "featureCount": 100,
    "used": 96,
  },
  "slice": 97,
  "used": 95,
  "computedCount": 97,
  "requested": "97",
  "uncounted": false
  "status": "NORMAL",
},
{
  "id": 2,
  "feature": {
    "id": 2,
    "type": "CONCURRENT",
    "featureName": "f_con_2",
    "featureVersion": "1.0",
    "expiry": "permanent",
    "featureCount": 80,
    "used": 40,
  },
  "slice": 50,
  "used": 26,
  "computedCount": 50,
  "requested": "50",
  "uncounted": false
  "status": "NORMAL",
},
]
},
{
  "id": 2,
  "name": "p1",
  "lastModified": 1564133869116,
  "default": false,
  "activeFeatureSlices": [
    {
      "id": 3,
      "feature": {
        "id": 1,
        "type": "CONCURRENT",
        "featureName": "f_con_1",
        "featureVersion": "1.0",
        "expiry": "permanent",
        "featureCount": 100,
        "used": 96,
      },
      "slice": 3,
```

```
        "used": 1,  
        "computedCount": 3,  
        "requested": "3",  
        "uncounted": false  
        "status": "NORMAL",  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

JSON Response Details

The following section explains the most relevant lines in the JSON response that is output when you use the `- partitions` command to view license pools.

Table 3-1 ■ Elements in a JSON Response

Parent Element	Child Element	Description
partitions	"id": <i>n</i>	The ID is assigned to the license pool by the license server after the model definition has been uploaded.
	"name": " <i>name</i> "	The license pool name. The names default and reservations are reserved and cannot be used.
	"lastModified": <i>yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSS'Z'</i>	Indicates when the license pool was last changed (for example, the allocated feature count or rules of access for that license pool have changed). The date is specified using the ISO 8601 date/time notation, expressed in UTC (for example, 2019-10-22T11:16:31.000Z).
	"default": <i>true false</i>	Indicates whether the license pool is the default license pool or not. The default license pool cannot be deleted.

**Table 3-1** ■ Elements in a JSON Response

Parent Element	Child Element	Description
activeFeatureSlices	"id": <i>n</i>	Each feature slice is assigned an ID by the license server after the model definition has been uploaded.
	"slice": <i>n</i>	<p>Total license count for the feature that has been allocated to the license pool.</p> <p>Typically, this would be the count specified in the model definition, assuming that sufficient counts are available on the license server. If fewer counts are available on the license server than are specified in the model definition, or if existing usage prevents allocation into the license pool after a new model definition has been uploaded, "slice" specifies the actual number of allocated licenses.</p>
	"used": <i>n</i>	The number of feature counts that have been served from this slice.
	"computedCount": <i>n</i>	The number of feature counts the slice should have, based on the model definition and the number of feature counts the server has been provisioned with.
	"requested": <i>n</i>	<p>The license count for the feature that has been specified in the model definition, irrespective of whether sufficient counts are available on the license server.</p> <p>The following sample code from a model definition requests 5 counts of feature f1 for the named license pool called engineering:</p> <pre>model "example1" {   partitions {     partition "engineering" {       feature "f1" 1.0 5     }   } }</pre>

**Table 3-1** ■ Elements in a JSON Response

Parent Element	Child Element	Description
	"status": "value"	<p>The status of the feature slice indicates how the slices of a server are used.</p> <p>Possible values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● OVER_ALLOCATED—The slice has more feature counts than it should have, based on the model definition and the number of counts the server has been provisioned with ("slice" &gt; "computedCount").</li><li>● NORMAL—The slice has the number of feature counts that it should have, based on the model definition and the number of counts the server has been provisioned with ("slice" = "computedCount").</li><li>● UNDER_ALLOCATED—The slice has fewer feature counts than it should have, based on the model definition and the number of counts the server has been provisioned with ("slice" &lt; "computedCount").</li></ul>

# Managing Reservations



**Important** • You can use either reservations or named license pools. Reservations and named license pools cannot coexist alongside each other. For more information, see [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#). For general information about named license pools, see [Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools](#).

The FlexNet Embedded local license server supports the use of license reservations as a way to pre-allocate licenses to client devices or users to help ensure that these entities have access to the licenses they need.

The reservations you post to the license server are ordered in a hierarchy, enabling more granularity in managing them. For example, *reservation entries* are the actual feature reservations that you define for a *reservation*, which specifies the hostid for the specific client device or user to which the feature reservations apply. One or more reservations are assigned to a *reservation group*, which represents a more global entity to which the client devices and users identified by the reservations belong. This group might identify a department, a specific job role assigned to employees within the company, a physical location, or any other entity applicable to your company. This hierarchy enables you to view, add, or delete reservations at the group level, the reservation (hostid) level, or the reservation entry (feature) level.

For more information about the setup and use of reservations on the license server, see [License Reservations](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.

The following sections describe how to perform tasks to manage reservations:

- [Add Reservations](#)
- [View Reservations](#)
- [Back Up Reservation Information to a File](#)
- [Delete Reservations](#)

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform operations described in this section. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).

## Add Reservations



**Important** • If you were previously using named license pools, you must delete the active model definition before you can manage reservations. See [Delete the Model Definition](#).

To add reservations, create a file whose contents define a new reservation group, which, in turn, contains definitions for one or more *reservations* (each with a hostid identifying a client device or a user). Each reservation definition contains one or more *reservation entries*, each entry defined by a feature and its count.

For a quick reference to example reservation-file contents, see the following section [Sample License Reservation File](#). For details about reservation hierarchy, definitions, and behavior, see [License Reservations](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.)



**Note** - If you want to add or edit reservations in an existing group, delete and then re-create the group, using an input file whose contents include the reservation definitions initially used to create the group, plus the edits. See [Delete All Reservations in a Group](#) for instructions on deleting a group.



#### Task

#### To add one or more reservations

1. Run a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -reservations -load resv-1.json
```

The option `-load` points to the text file (in this example, `resv-1.json`) containing the reservation definitions.

2. Use the instructions in [Confirm Reservations Posting](#) to see the added reservations.

If the reservations were not added, see [License Reservations](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter for information on the types of errors or conditions that can cause reservations to be rejected.

## Sample License Reservation File

The following shows the contents of an example reservation file that defines a reservation group, called **support**, that contains reservations for two hostids, **7A7A77AAA77A** and **Joe**. The file is written in the JSON format required for defining reservations.

**Table 3-2** - Sample Contents of License Reservations File

```
{ "name" : "support", "reservations" :  
  [  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "7A7A77AAA77A", "type" : "ETHERNET" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f1", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 },  
        { "featureName": "f2", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 }  
      ]},  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "Joe", "type" : "USER" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f1", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 },  
        { "featureName": "f2", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 }  
      ]}  
  ]  
}
```

## Confirm Reservations Posting

Use the following procedure to confirm that the reservations you just added were posted correctly to the license server.



**Task****To confirm proper posting of reservations**

1. Use the `-reservations` option to list the names and IDs of existing reservation groups posted to the license server. See [Show a Summary of Reservation Groups](#) for more information.

Note the ID for the group you just added.

2. To drill down to view the details about the reservation group you just added, use the `-reservations -group group_id` syntax, where `group_id` is the group's ID (obtained in the previous step). The details include the reservations defined in the group, and the reservation entries added to each reservation. See [Show Reservation Details by Group](#) for more information.

The output from these options shows you that the reservation group that has been successfully posted. If the posting process has encountered any errors or determined that an insufficient feature count exists for any of the reservations, the entire reservation group is rejected. See [License Reservations](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter for details.

## View Reservations

These procedures allow you to view information about the reservations posted to your license server:

- [Show a Summary of Reservation Groups](#)
- [Show Reservation Details by Group](#)

## Show a Summary of Reservation Groups

Use the `-reservations` option to provide the list of existing reservation groups posted to the license server. This list provides the group IDs needed to manage reservations at the group level.

**Task****To show a summary of existing reservation groups**

Run a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -reservations
```

The following shows example output. Note that the ID column shows the specific ID used to manage a group.

ID	Name	Reservations
194	Acct2	56
225	Payroll	101
257	support	234

## Show Reservation Details by Group

Use the `-reservations -group groupID` syntax to list the details for every reservation in the specified reservation group. The details list the reservation entries belonging to each reservation and whether the individual reservation entries are enabled or disabled (see [Disabled Reservations](#) for more information).



### Task To show reservation details for a specific reservation group

Run a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -reservations -group 257
```

The `-group` value is the ID of reservation group whose details you want to examine (in this example, **257**). You can obtain the group ID by using the `-reservations` option (as described in the previous section).

The following shows example output for the reservation group 257:

```
=====
Reservation ID=289, hostid=ETHERNET/7A7A77AAA77A
=====
Entry ID      State   Name           Version   Count
=====
290           ENABLED f2              1.0       1
289           ENABLED f1              1.0       1
=====
Reservation ID=290, hostid=USER/Joe
=====
Entry ID      State   Name           Version   Count
=====
291           ENABLED f2              1.0       1
292           ENABLED f2              1.0       1
```

In this output, note the Reservation ID value, which identifies the given *reservation*. (For example, the reservation ID for hostid 7A7A77AAA77A is **289**; for hostid Joe, it is **290**.) You can use this ID to manage the reservation entries in a given reservation.

## Disabled Reservations

The “disabled” state for a reservation entry means that the entry is currently not active due to an insufficient feature count. A new reservation entry is never added with a “disabled” status. However, a reservation entry might become “disabled” when the license rights on the license server change. To change the reservation entry status back to “enabled”, you might need to delete the reservation group and re-add it once sufficient feature counts on the server are available.

## Back Up Reservation Information to a File

Use the `-o` option to write current reservation information to a file in JSON format. You can back up either the summary of current reservation groups or the reservation details for specific group.



### Task To write a summary of all current reservation groups to a file

Use a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -reservations -o reservations_summary.json
```

**Task** *To write reservation details for a specified reservation group to a file*

Use a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -reservations -group 257  
-o reservations_289.json
```

## Delete Reservations

Use the following commands to delete reservations at the group or reservation (hostid) level.

### Delete All Reservations in a Group

Use the `-reservations -delete -group group_id` syntax to delete an entire reservation group. This action deletes all reservations in the specified group and removes the group itself from the reservations posted on the license server.

**Task** *To delete a reservation group*

1. Run a command similar to the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -reservations -delete -group 194
```

The `-group` value is the ID of group whose reservation details you want to delete (in this example, **194**).

2. Use the `-reservations` option to retrieve the list of existing reservation groups to confirm that the group has been deleted (see [Show a Summary of Reservation Groups](#)).

### Delete All Reservation Entries in a Given Reservation

Use the `-delete -group group_id -reservation reservation_id` syntax to delete an entire reservation (which comprises all reservation entries in the given reservation for a specific hostid) within a given reservation group. The `reservation_id` value is the ID of the specific reservation you want to delete. (You can obtain the reservation ID by using the `-reservations` option, as described in the previous section [Show Reservation Details by Group](#).)

**Task** *To delete an entire reservation*

1. Run a command similar to the following

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -reservations -delete -group 1 -reservation 290
```

These options are used:

- `-group` to specify the ID of the group (in this example, **1**) containing the reservation you want to delete.
  - `-reservation` to specify the reservation ID (in this example, **290**) for the reservation you are deleting.
2. Use `-reservations -group group_id` to retrieve reservation details for the specified group to confirm that the reservation has been deleted (see [Show Reservation Details by Group](#)).

# Managing License Server Policy Settings

The producer provides you with a set of policy settings that control your license server's operations. As license server administrator, you can review these settings and override any setting that is editable. Refer to the following sections for more information:

- [Review Policy Settings](#)
- [Write Editable Policy Settings to a File](#)
- [Override Policy Settings](#)
- [Reset Policy Settings](#)

For a description of all the settings in this file and a list of the specific settings that you are allowed to edit, see [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform operations described in this section. For more information, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).

## Review Policy Settings

The License Server Administrator command-line tool provides the following views of the license server policy settings. You can examine these views individually or generate a compilation of all views.

Settings marked with an asterisk (\*) are editable. See [Override Policy Settings](#) for instructions on editing properties.

- [Policy Settings for Licensing Operations](#)
- [Synchronization Settings](#)
- [Administrative Security Policies](#)
- [Log Settings](#)
- [Settings for Polling the Back Office for License Updates](#)
- [Failover Settings](#)
- [All Settings](#)

For an example of the output showing general license-server configuration settings (using the `-config -filter general` syntax), see the previous section [Show General Configuration Information for the License Server](#).

To override any of the editable policy settings, see [Override Policy Settings](#).

## Policy Settings for Licensing Operations

Use the `-config -filter license-policy` options to retrieve the current policy settings that control licensing operations on the license server. The settings define behavior for license-borrowing and renewal, serving licenses in a virtual environment, and validating the license server's hostid.



### Task To display policy settings for licensing

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter license-policy
```

The following shows sample output:

licensing.responseLifetime	Lifetime of a served-license response on the client	1d
licensing.borrowInterval	Borrow interval for served licenses, in seconds	1w
licensing.renewInterval	Renew interval, as % of the borrow interval, for features that do not specify an override	15
licensing.allowVirtualClients	Virtual clients are allowed to obtain licenses	true
licensing.allowVirtualServer	License server is allowed to run on a virtual host	true
licensing.defaultBorrowGranularity	Borrow granularity to use for clients that do not specify one	SECOND
licensing.hostIdValidationInterval	Frequency with which the license server validates that its host ID has not changed	5m
* licensing.backup.uri	URI of the backup server in a failover configuration	
* licensing.main.uri	URI of the main server in a failover configuration	
licensing.disableVirtualMachineCheck	Server should check if it is running on a virtual host	false
* licensing.clientExpiryTimer	Interval between client expiry sessions	2s
* licensing.borrowIntervalMax	Maximum borrow interval allowed for any client, in seconds by default	NOT_CONFIGURED
licensing.dropClientEnforcedDelay	A client drop is allowed	0m
* licensing.security.json.enabled	Security is applied to JSON licensing requests	true

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## Synchronization Settings

Use the `-config -filter sync` options to display the current settings that control the following:

- Automatic synchronization of metered-usage and license-distribution data to the back office
- Whether the ability to recover data from the back office is enabled

For more information about synchronization with the back office, see [Online Synchronization to the Back Office](#) and [Synchronization From the Back Office](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.



### Task To display synchronization settings

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter sync
```

The following shows sample output:

lfs.syncTo.enabled	Synchronization to the back office is enabled	true
* lfs.syncTo.pagesize	Maximum number of client records to include in a synchronization message to the back office	50
* lfs.syncTo.repeats	Amount of time between synchronization sessions with the back office	1d
* lfs.syncTo.retryCount	Number of times to retry synchronization attempts if a synchronization session with the back office fails	4
* lfs.syncTo.retryRepeats	Amount of time between synchronization attempts, when synchronization with the back office fails	5m
* lfs.syncTo.delay	At license-server startup, the amount of time the server should wait before initiating a synchronization session to the back office	2s
lfs.syncTo.includeAll	Historical license-distribution data for concurrent features is collected and sent to the back office as part of the synchronization data	true
* lfs.syncTo.rate	Rate limiting of sync messaging to LFS	20

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## Administrative Security Policies

Use the `-config -filter security` options to display whether administrative security is enabled or disabled on the license server.



### Task To display the security setting

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter security
```

The following shows sample output:

* security.enabled	Security is applied to REST endpoints	true
* security.token.duration	REST Security tokens expire after this interval	1d
* security.http.auth.enabled	Allow use of plain HTTP for secure REST endpoints	true
* security.ip.whitelist	IP addresses that do not require REST Security	
* security.jwt.cookies	If true, HTTP-Only secure cookies will be accepted as a token source	false
* security.anonymous	Set to permit anonymous read (GET) access	false

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## Log Settings

Use the `-config -filter log` options to display the current settings that control the type of messages to log for your license server and the location of the log files.



### Task To display log settings

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter log
```

The following shows sample output:

```
logging.directory Directory to which the license server writes the log C:\Users\johndoe\flexnetls\demo\logs
* logging.threshold Lowest level of log-message granularity to record,fatal, error, warn, or info LICENSING
```

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## Settings for Polling the Back Office for License Updates

Use the `-config -filter capability` options to display the current settings that control the license server's polling the back office periodically to update license rights on the server. (The polling process involves sending a capability request to the back office to determine whether license updates exist.)



### Task To display settings used to control the polling process

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter capability
```

The following shows sample output:

```
lfs.capability.enabled Capability-request polling is enabled true
* lfs.capability.repeats Amount of time between capability-request polls 1d
* lfs.capability.retryCount Number of capability-polling attempts allowed, if polling fails 3
* lfs.capability.retryRepeats Amount of time between capability-polling attempts, if polling fails 30s
```

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## Failover Settings

Use the `-config -filter failover` options to retrieve settings that you have defined on the back-up and main server when license server failover is configured.

For more information about license-server failover configuration, see [License Server Failover](#) in the [More About License Server Functionality](#) chapter.



### Task To display failover settings

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter failover
```

The following shows sample output:

* fne.syncTo.enabled	To enable server to server synchronization	false
* fne.syncTo.mainUri	URI of the main server in a failover configuration	
fne.syncTo.repeats	Amount of time between initiating synchronization sessions with the main server	5m
* fne.syncTo.pagesize	Maximum number of client records to include in a synchronization message to the backup server	100
* fne.syncTo.retryCount	When a synchronization from the main server fails, the number of times to retry synchronization	1
* fne.syncTo.retryRepeats	Amount of time between synchronization attempts when, synchronization from the main server fails	1m

The properties marked with \* are the editable properties

## All Settings

Use `-config` or `-config -filter none` to view a compilation of all settings—general license-server identification, licensing, synchronization, administrative security, logging, and capability polling. The compilation also includes failover settings defined on the main or back-up license server if license server failover is configured.



### Task To display all settings

Enter a command similar to either of these:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config
```

or

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter none
```

## Write Editable Policy Settings to a File

You can write the current editable policy settings for the local license server to a file in JSON format. This feature provides not only a backup of the settings for reference but also the basis for an input file you can use to apply multiple overrides to the settings (see the next section [Override Policy Settings](#)). You can write all editable settings or a specific category of editable settings to a file.



### Task To write all editable policy settings to a file

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -filter none -o allsettings.json
```

To write all editable settings, the value for the `-filter` option must be `none`; the value for the `-o` option is the name of the file to which to write the current settings (in this example, `allsettings.json`).



**Task****To write a category of editable policy settings to a file**

Enter a command using the desired `-filter` category. For example, to write policy settings related to synchronization with the back office, use the `sync` category:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -config -filter capability -o capability_settings.json
```

The file contents look similar to this:

```
{"lfs.capability.repeats":"1d"}
{"lfs.capability.retryCount":"3"}
{"lfs.syncTo.retryRepeats":"30s"}
```

See [Summary of flexnetlsadmin Commands](#) for a description of the `-filter` categories.

## Override Policy Settings

You can override editable policy settings for the local license server as needed for your site. The License Server Administrator command-line tool allows you to override individual settings from the command line or apply multiple overrides through an input file that defines the overrides.

For a quick reference of editable settings, run use the `flexnetlsadmin` command with `-config` to review which settings are marked with an asterisk, indicating that they are editable (see [Review Policy Settings](#).)

Refer to [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#) for a description of all policy settings.

## Override Individual Settings

Use the following command to override individual policy settings.

**Task****To override settings directly from the command line**

1. Enter a command using this basic syntax, where *settingName* is name of the setting you are updating, and *settingValue* is its new value:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -config -set settingName=settingValue
```

For example, to override a single policy setting (in this example, `lfs.capability.repeats`), enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -config -set lfs.capability.repeats=2d
```

The following shows other syntax requirements:

- To override more than one setting, enter a command similar to this, using commas to separate the settings:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -config -set lfs.capability.repeats=2d,
lfs.capability.retryCount=1
```

- To override a setting that contains multiple values (such as might be the case with `security.ip.whitelist`), use commas to separate values, and then enclose the entire set of values in

square brackets. Additionally, on Windows, you must also enclose the entire bracketed component in double quotes, as shown:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -set  
security.ip.whitelist="[127.0.0.1,192.0.0.1]"
```

On Linux, you can omit the double quotes around the bracketed component:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -set  
security.ip.whitelist=[127.0.0.1,192.0.0.1]
```

- To override more than one setting when one of the settings includes multiple values (such as might be the case for `security.ip.whitelist`), enter a command similar to this (shown for Windows):

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -set  
lfs.capability.repeats=2d,security.ip.whitelist="[127.0.0.1,192.0.0.1]"
```

As in the previous example, on Linux you can omit the double quotes around the bracketed component.

2. If necessary, stop and restart the license server to put the overrides into effect.

## From an Input File

The following procedure defines how to apply an input file to override multiple policy settings.



### Task

#### *To update multiple producer settings using an input file*

1. Use one of the procedures described in [Write Editable Policy Settings to a File](#) to generate a JSON file containing the current editable settings for your license server.
2. Open the file in a text editor, change the values for those settings you want to override, and then save the file.

For example, to change the `lfs.capability.retryRepeats` value from 30 seconds to 20 seconds, locate the setting in the text file and change its value:

```
lfs.capability.retryRepeats=20s
```

3. Enter a command similar to the following, using the JSON file you updated (in this example, `settings.json`) as the input file:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -load settings.json
```

## Reset Policy Settings

You can reset one or more policy settings back to the original default values set by the producer.

For example, suppose that the original value for `lfs.capability.repeats`, as set by the producer for your enterprise, was 1d. At some point, you used `-config -set` to override the default with the new value 2d. If you later wanted set the policy back to the producer's default (that is, 1d), you would use the procedure described here.

**Task****To reset individual policy settings**

Enter a command using this syntax, where *settingName* is the name of the policy setting you are resetting:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -reset settingName...
```

For example, to reset a single policy (in this example, `lfs.capability.repeats`), enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -reset lfs.capability.repeats
```

To reset more than one setting, enter a command similar to this, using commas to separate the settings:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -config -reset lfs.capability.repeats,  
lfs.capability.retryCount
```

## Monitoring License Distribution to Clients

The FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool provides options to monitor the license server's current license distribution at a summary and detailed level:

- [View a Summary of Features and Active Clients](#)
- [View License Details](#)

### View a Summary of Features and Active Clients

Use the following command to display the total of different features and active clients on the license server.

**Task****To display a summary of licenses and active clients**

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -licenses
```

The following shows sample output:

```
License Server Address : 11.11.1.111:7070  
Number of features      : 2  
Number of clients      : 1
```

### View License Details

Use the following command to display these license details:

- Each feature currently installed on the license server and its current used and available counts
- Each client device that currently has features checked out and the checked-out count for each feature
- A summary that includes the total counts of features not being used (available) and being used, along with the number of uncounted features



## Task

### To display license details

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -licenses -verbose
```

The following shows sample output:

```
=====
Feature Name      Version      Count      Used/Available      Expiration      Start Date
=====
f1                 1.0          6           4/2                 permanent      2020-01-14
f2                 1.0          3           2/1                 permanent      2020-02-05
=====

Client                        Alias                        Feature / Used Counts
=====

STRING/client-14              DeviceABC                    f2/2
STRING/client-1                DeviceXYZ                    f1/4

Total of all feature counts:      : 9
Number of installed features      : 2
Number of "uncounted" features    : 0
Total of used feature counts      : 6
=====
```



**Note** ▪ In this display, the total number of licenses per feature or for all features is the sum of the available and used counts. For example, if feature f1 shows 4 counts used and 2 counts available, the total number of f1 licenses installed on the server is 6.

Add **-json** to display output in JSON format instead of the default table layout:



## Task

### To display license details in JSON format

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -licenses -verbose -json
```

The following shows sample output:

```
[ {
  "id" : 3,
  "type" : "CONCURRENT",
  "featureName" : "f1",
  "featureVersion" : "1.0",
  "featureId" : "a704e059-671e-4378-8492-f6c4ce05cc9c",
  "featureCount" : "2",
  "overdraftCount" : 0,
  "expiry" : "permanent",
  "startDate" : "",
  "used" : 0,
```

```
"vendorString" : "%ROLE:ANY,REGION:EMEA%",
"notice" : "integration-helper",
"featureKind" : "NORMAL_FEATURE",
"vendor" : "fndemo",
"meteredUndoInterval" : 0,
"meteredReusable" : false,
"receivedTime" : "2020-02-05T10:36:50.000Z",
"selectorsDictionary" : {
  "ROLE" : "ANY",
  "REGION" : "EMEA"
},
"concurrent" : true,
"uncounted" : false,
"uncappedOverdraft" : false,
"reserved" : 0,
"metered" : false
}, {
  "id" : 4,
  "type" : "CONCURRENT",
  "featureName" : "f2",
  "featureVersion" : "1.0",
  "featureId" : "2b92a4a8-3296-4594-8a49-8dba420cafbe",
  "featureCount" : "2",
  "overdraftCount" : 0,
  "expiry" : "permanent",
  "startDate" : "",
  "used" : 0,
  "vendorString" : "%ROLE:ANY,REGION:EMEA%",
  "notice" : "integration-helper",
  "featureKind" : "NORMAL_FEATURE",
  "vendor" : "fndemo",
  "meteredUndoInterval" : 0,
  "meteredReusable" : false,
  "receivedTime" : "2020-02-05T10:36:50.000Z",
  "selectorsDictionary" : {
    "ROLE" : "ANY",
    "REGION" : "EMEA"
  },
  "concurrent" : true,
  "uncounted" : false,
  "uncappedOverdraft" : false,
  "reserved" : 0,
  "metered" : false
} ]
```

## Viewing Current Binding Status

If the producer has enabled a special binding-break detection feature for the license server, you can check the server's current binding status as reported by this feature.



### **Task** To view the current binding status of the license server

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -binding
```

If the producer has not enabled the binding-detection feature, the following is displayed:

```
{  
  "bindingPolicy" : "disabled"  
}
```

If the binding-detection feature is enabled, the results show the current policy for binding breaks on the license server and the server's current binding status, as shown in this example output:

```
Binding Policy :86400 seconds  
Binding Status :soft break
```

The next sections provide more information about this output.

## Binding Policy

The Binding Policy property shows the current policy that the producer has set for binding breaks for the license server. This policy uses one of the following values to define the action taken should the binding-break detection feature perceive a break:

- **hard**—An immediate hard binding break is imposed—that is, the license server can no longer serve licenses.
- **soft**—A soft binding break will be in effect, allowing the license server to continue to serve licenses despite the break.
- ***n* seconds**—A soft binding break with a grace period will go into effect, allowing the license server to continue to serve licenses until the grace period expires. (The *n* seconds value shows the length of the grace period.) When the expiration occurs, a hard binding break goes into immediate effect, and licenses can no longer be served.

## Binding Status

The Binding Status property shows the current binding status on the license server:

- **ok**—No binding break is detected.
- **hard break**—A binding break is detected, and the license server is no longer able to serve licenses. If a grace period is defined, this status goes into effect when the grace period expires.
- **soft break**—A binding break is detected, but the license server continues to serve licenses. If a grace period is defined, the server continues to serve licenses until the grace period expires, at which time the status changes to hard.

## Repair a Binding Break

To repair the binding break, contact the producer for the correct repair procedure. You might be required to send a capability request to the back office to initiate the repair process.

# Summary of flexnetlsadmin Commands

The following describes the command options and associated arguments used by the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool.

## Usage

The following shows general command usage for the license server administrator and an enterprise user.

### For a License Server Administrator

The following is command usage for a license server administrator performing general administrative tasks:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL [-authorize adminName {adminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput}] -command_option [command_option_arguments] [-command_option...]
```

The following is the command usage for a license server administrator managing user accounts when administrative security is enabled:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -authorize adminName {adminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -users [-create|edit|delete]
```

### For an Enterprise User

The command usage for an enterprise user is the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL [-authorize userName {userPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput}] -command_option [command_option_arguments] [-command_option...]
```

## Additional Information

For additional assistance, see the following:

- For the license server's base URL (*licenseServer\_baseURL*) required for each command, see [License Server URL Designation](#).
- If administrative security is enabled on the license server, you are required to provide authorization credentials to perform certain flexnetlsadmin operations. For more information about providing these credentials, see [Use Credentials to Access Operations](#).


## Command Summary

The following table summarizes flexnetlsadmin command options and arguments.

**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options



Option	Arguments	Description
-help	(no argument)	Lists the syntax of all flexnetlsadmin commands.

Table 3-3 ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)


Option	Arguments	Description
-server	(no argument)	<p>Sets the license server base URL required in every command as the first option. For a local license server, use the following URL:</p> <pre>flexnetlsadmin.bat -server http:// LicenseServerURL/api/1.0/instances/instanceID</pre> <p>For a CLS instance, use the URL that the producer provides, similar to this:</p> <pre>https://siteID.compliance. flexnetoperations.com/api/1.0/instances/ instanceId</pre> <p>Alternatively, set this value as the environment user variable FLEXNETLS_BASEURL on your machine so that you no longer have to include this option in the commands. See <a href="#">License Server URL Designation</a> for more information.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Note</b> ■ Use of the HTTPS protocol on the local license is strongly recommended when administrative security is enabled on the license server.</p>




**Table 3-3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-authorize</b> <i>adminName</i> <i>{adminPassword  </i> <b>-passwordConsoleInput}</b>	The -authorize command option and its related options and arguments are in effect only when administrative security is enabled on the license server. Position the -authorize option after the -server option and before any other options. Administrators can choose to enter their password directly in the command or, for security reasons, use the -passwordConsoleInput option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input. The remaining options and arguments for -authorize are described next. See <a href="#">Using the Command-line Tool to Manage Administrative Security</a> for details.	
		
<b>Note</b> ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.		
	<b>[-users]</b>	Shows all current user accounts on the license server.
	<b>[-users -create</b> <i>userName</i> <i>{userPassword  </i> <b>-passwordConsoleInput}</b> <i>[roles]</i>	Creates a new user account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <i>userName</i> and <i>userPassword</i> must meet the criteria specified in <a href="#">Credential Requirements</a>.</li> <li>• To avoid exposing the password as a command-line argument, you can use the -passwordConsoleInput option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.</li> <li>• Roles are optional. If no role is specified, ROLE_READ is assigned by default. Valid roles include ROLE_READ, ROLE_RESERVATIONS, ROLE_ADMIN, ROLE_OFFLINE, ROLE_DROP_CLIENT, and ROLE_PRODUCER. Multiple roles can be combined using a plus sign (+) without any spaces in between (for example, ROLE_READ+ROLE_RESERVATIONS). See <a href="#">User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges</a> for details.</li> </ul>
		
<b>Note</b> ▪ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.		

**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-authorize <i>adminName</i></b> <b>{<i>adminPassword</i>}</b> <b>-passwordConsoleInput}</b> <b>(cont.)</b>	[-users -edit <i>userName</i> { <i>password</i>   <i>newPassword</i>   -passwordConsoleInput} [ <i>newRoles</i> ]]	Updates the password or role or both for the user account identified by <i>userName</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The password is not optional. Enter either the user's current password or, if changing the password, the new password (which must meet the criteria listed in <a href="#">Credential Requirements</a>).</li> <li>• To avoid exposing the password as a command-line argument, you can use the -passwordConsoleInput option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.</li> <li>• Assignment of new roles is optional. If one or more new roles are specified, they replace all current roles. If no roles are specified, the user's current role assignment remains in effect. For information about roles, see <a href="#">User Roles Defining Administrative Privileges</a>.</li> </ul>
		 <p><b>Note</b> ■ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.</p>
	[-users -delete <i>userName</i> ]	Deletes the user account specified by <i>userName</i>
	[ <i>any options listed below</i> ]	Authorizes your access, as needed, to operations specified by any of the options listed below.

**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-authorize</b> <i>userName</i> <b>{userPassword}</b> <b>-passwordConsoleInput</b>	[ <i>specific options listed below</i> ]	<p>Authorizes an enterprise user's access to the specific operations to which that user has privileges. Users can choose to enter their password (as defined for their account) directly in the command or, for security reasons, use the <code>-passwordConsoleInput</code> option, which then issues a prompt to enter the password as console input.</p> <p></p> <p><b>Note</b> ■ (Linux only) If you supply a password directly on the command line you may need to escape some characters with a backslash in order to prevent the shell from interpreting them. The safest approach is to surround the whole password with single quotes, and backslash any single quote that is part of the password.</p>
<b>-status</b>	[-suspend   -resume]	<p>Shows information about the license server, including its status (as active, inactive, or suspended), its build and version, the back-office URL, and other information.</p> <p>The <code>-suspend</code> option temporarily suspends the license server (that is, the license server is still running but does not accept capability requests from client devices).</p> <p>The <code>-resume</code> option ends the license server's suspended state so that the server can proceed with normal operations.</p>
<b>-hostid</b>	(no argument)	<p>Displays the license server's hostid value used to fulfill capability requests against a back-office server. If the server has multiple hostid values, the list contains the available hardware Ethernet addresses and dongle IDs. If virtual hosts are supported, the VM UUID will also be listed.</p>
	<b>-selected</b>	Returns the current "selected" hostid—that is, the hostid currently used by the license server.
	<b>-setactive</b> <i>hostIdValue</i> <i>hostIdType</i>	Designates a new "selected" hostid. The new hostid must be one of the hostids returned by the <code>-hostid</code> command.


**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-activate</b>	<code>-id <i>activation-id</i> [-count <i>value</i>]</code>	Activates licenses on the server by installing the specified number of copies of license rights (identified by the activation ID) from the back office. You can specify the <code>-activate</code> option multiple times to activate license rights from different activation IDs.
	<code>-activate -id <i>activation_id</i> -count <i>value</i> -O <i>filename</i></code>	(Part 1 of an offline activation) Generates a capability request containing the activation ID and saves the request as a binary file. To generate the request with multiple activation IDs, repeat the <code>-activate</code> option for each ID.
	<code>-load <i>filename</i></code>	(Part 2 of an offline activation) Processes the offline capability-response binary file from the back office to install licenses on the license server.
<b>-licenses</b>	<code>[-verbose]</code>	Retrieves summary information or details (with <code>-verbose</code> ) about current license distribution to client devices.
<b>-features</b>	(no argument)	Shows details about the features in the current license pool on the server.


**Table 3-3** ▪ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-config</b>	[-filter none   license-policy   sync   security   log   general   capability   failover]	<p>Lists all license-server policy settings.</p> <p>Use the -filter argument to list settings for only specific categories. The categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none: All categories</li> <li>• license-policy: Policies for license distribution and usage</li> <li>• sync: Policies for synchronization with back office</li> <li>• security: The policy enabling administrative security on the license server</li> <li>• log: Logging parameters</li> <li>• general: Attributes identifying the license server</li> <li>• capability: Policies for polling the back-office for license updates</li> <li>• failover: License server failover</li> </ul> <p>You can specify multiple categories for the -filter option. For example, <b>flexnetlsadmin -config -filter sync log</b> shows synchronization and logging settings. (Use -config or -config -filter none to list all settings.)</p> <p>Those settings that you can edit are listed with an asterisk.</p>




**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-config (cont.)</b>	<code>-set settingName=settingValue, settingName=settingValue...</code>	<p>Overwrites the current value for the specified policy setting. You can provide multiple value pairs separated by commas. For additional syntax formats, see <a href="#">Override Policy Settings</a>.</p> <p></p> <p><b>Note</b> ■ To determine which settings are editable, use “-config” to list the settings; editable settings are marked with an asterisk. Additionally, when you use “-o” to write settings to a file, only editable settings are written. Another way to apply edits to multiple settings is to use “-filter category -o &lt;filename&gt;” to write the editable settings to file, edit the settings as needed, and then use “-load &lt;filename&gt;” to apply the edits.</p>
	<code>-reset settingName,settingName...</code>	Resets one or more policy settings back to their original default values set by the producer. Separate multiple setting names by commas. For additional syntax formats, see <a href="#">Override Policy Settings</a> .
	<code>-o filename</code>	Writes the current, editable policy settings (except those in the general category) to the specified file in JSON format. This argument can be used with the -filter none option to write all editable settings to file or with the -filter category option (except for the general category) to limit the scope of editable settings written to the file.
	<code>-load filename</code>	<p>Applies the edits to policy settings from the specified file to the existing policy settings. The contents of the file you are loading must be in JSON format.</p> <p>In a typical scenario, first run <code>-filter category -o filename</code> to write current editable settings to a file, edit the values as needed, and then apply the edits using the <code>-load filename</code> option.</p>

**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-model</b>	(no argument)	Displays the model definition that is currently active, showing the license pools and rules of access.
	-load <i>filename</i>	<p>Uploads the model definition to the license server. The contents of the file you are loading must be written according to the grammar in <a href="#">Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF</a>.</p> <p>Only one model definition can be active for each license server instance. You cannot upload a model definition with the name reservations or default, because these names are reserved.</p>  <p><b>Important</b> ■ If you were previously using reservations, you must delete all reservation groups. Otherwise, uploading a model definition will fail.</p>
	-delete	Deletes the model definition that is currently applied to the license server. The default model definition is automatically applied to the license server.
<b>-partitions</b>	(no argument)	Displays all license pools (named and default) for the license server. The output lists information about every feature and every feature slice in each license pool (feature slices are portions of feature counts allocated to a license pool).
<b>-reservations</b>	[-group <i>group_id</i> ] [-o <i>filename</i> ]	<p>Provides a summary of the reservation groups, including each group's ID, currently available to the license server.</p> <p>The -group <i>group_id</i> option shows details—at the reservation (hostid) and reservation-entry (feature) levels—for the specified reservation group.</p> <p>The -o <i>filename</i> option writes the reservation information in JSON format (for all groups or for the specified group ID) to a file.</p>
	-genjson <i>filename</i>	Generates a template file for reservations in JSON format.

**Table 3-3** ■ FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool Options (cont.)

Option	Arguments	Description
<b>-reservations (cont.)</b>	<code>-load filename</code>	<p>Creates a reservation group and its reservation entries via a file containing the reservation definitions in JSON format.</p>  <p><b>Note</b> ■ To make changes to a reservation group, delete the group and recreate it with the changes to the reservation definitions.</p>  <p><b>Important</b> ■ If you were previously using named license pools, you must delete the active model definition before creating reservations.</p>
	<code>-delete -group group_id</code>	Deletes the entire reservation group with all its reservations and reservation entries.
	<code>-delete -group group_id -reservation reservation_id</code>	Deletes the specified reservation within the specified reservation group.
<b>-uploadPublicKey clientPublicKeyFileName</b>	(no argument)	Uploads a file containing a client-side RSA public key (2048-bit DER-encoded) in octet-stream format to the license server. The producer will provide details about obtaining and uploading this key should such a key be required. License-server administrator credentials are required to use this option.
<b>-binding</b>	(no argument)	Shows both the current policy for a binding-break detection facility (enabled by the producer) and the current binding status as detected by this facility (ok, hard break, or soft break). If this facility is not enabled, the output indicates as such.
<b>-version</b>	(no argument)	Shows the version and build information for the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool.
<b>-json</b>	(no argument)	<p>Displays output in JSON format instead of the default table layout.</p>  <p><b>Note</b> ■ You can query the JSON output of flexnetlsadmin with an external tool like jq. For information about jq, see <a href="https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual/v1.6/">https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual/v1.6/</a>.</p>



# More About License Server Functionality

This chapter provides background information about certain functionality that can be enabled for your FlexNet Embedded license server and that requires you to perform additional set-up steps. Note that the functionality described in this chapter applies mainly to the local license server, except for functionality involving license reservations, which applies to both the local license server and a CLS (Cloud Licensing Service) instance. The following topics are discussed:

- [General Information](#)
- [License Borrowing](#)
- [Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools](#)
- [License Reservations](#)
- [Online Synchronization to the Back Office](#)
- [Offline Synchronization to the Back Office](#)
- [Status of Synchronization to the Back Office](#)
- [Synchronization From the Back Office](#)
- [License Server Failover](#)
- [Outgoing HTTPS](#)
- [Incoming HTTPS](#)
- [Proxy Support for Communication with the Back Office](#)
- [Trusted Storage Backup and Restoration](#)
- [Public Key Upload](#)

## General Information

The following provides some general information about using license server functionality

## About “licenseServer\_baseURL” Used in Commands

Some the commands referenced in this chapter use the license server’s base URL, indicated by `licenseServer_baseURL` in the command. For more information about this URL, see [Base URL for the License Server](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

## Authorization Credentials for Administrative Security

If administrative security is enabled for the license server, you might need to provide authorization credentials to perform certain functions described in this chapter. For more information about administrative security and setting up authorization credentials, see [Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

# License Borrowing

The borrow interval can be used to specify an early expiration date for a feature. In other words, the borrow interval is the maximum amount of time that a client can borrow a feature from the license server. Once the borrow interval expires, the feature is no longer available for acquisition on the client. The client must send another capability request to the license server to borrow the feature again. By setting a borrow interval, a license administrator or producer can control the use of licenses more efficiently and ensure that unused licenses are returned to the license pool so that they are available to users who need them.

A borrow interval can be set at different levels:

- **In the back office**—By default, the producer specifies the borrow interval at feature-level. This borrow interval is also referred to in this documentation as the *feature borrow interval*.



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**Note** ▪ All current versions of FlexNet Operations require the feature borrow interval to be set.

- **In producer-settings.xml**—The property `licensing.borrowInterval` specifies the default borrow interval. The default interval is one week (1w). This value is only editable by the producer. This borrow interval is also referred to in this documentation as the *server borrow interval*.
- **In a client request**—The end user can define a borrow interval that is included in capability requests that a client sends to the license server. This borrow interval is also referred to in this documentation as the *client borrow interval*.
- **In a configuration parameter**—The license administrator can specify the configuration parameter `licensing.borrowIntervalMax` to restrict the borrow period of the clients and make more efficient use of their licenses where clients are significantly shorter lived than the borrow interval set at any of the levels mentioned in the preceding bullet points. This borrow interval is also referred to in this documentation as the *admin borrow interval*.



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**Note** ▪ The configuration parameter `Licensing.borrowIntervalMax` cannot be used for metered features.

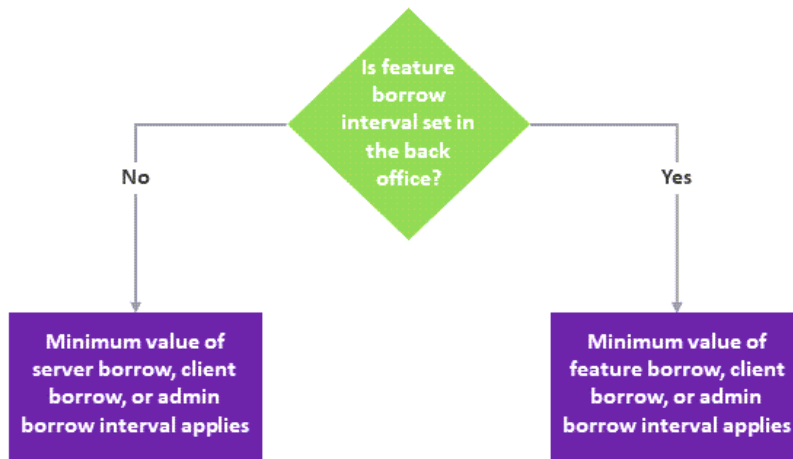
A feature’s current borrow expiration can never exceed the final expiration time for that feature. Should the borrow expiration be greater than the feature’s final expiration, the borrow interval is shortened to the final expiration time (including grace period, where applicable). In addition, a borrow-interval granularity is applied to the effective borrow interval. For more information, see [Borrow Granularity](#).

## Determining the Effective Borrow Interval

The following bullet points help you determine the borrow interval that will apply to a feature:

- **If the feature borrow interval has been set in the back office**, the effective borrow interval is the lowest of the following values:
  - feature borrow interval (set in the back office)
  - client borrow interval (set in a client capability request)
  - admin borrow interval (set using the configuration parameter `licensing.borrowIntervalMax`)
- **If the feature borrow interval has not been set in the back office**, the effective borrow interval is the lowest of the following values:
  - server borrow interval (defined in `producer-settings.xml` by the property `licensing.borrowInterval`)
  - client borrow interval (set in a client capability request)
  - admin borrow interval (set using the configuration parameter `licensing.borrowIntervalMax`)

The following diagram illustrates the behavior:



**Figure 4-1:** Borrow interval precedence

The expiration date that is calculated through the borrow interval can never exceed the feature expiry date (including grace period, where applicable).

## Setting the Admin Borrow Interval

Users require the `ROLE_ADMIN` role to set the admin borrow interval. The configuration parameter `licensing.borrowIntervalMax` can be set in the following ways:

- Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, `flexnetlsadmin`
- Using the FlexNet License Server Manager

When setting the admin borrow interval, note the following:

- Take into account that the borrow-interval granularity (if set) can affect the effective borrow interval. For more information, see [Borrow Granularity](#).
- Consult with your software producer to ensure that their software's license renewal mechanism can adapt to borrow intervals shortened by the `licensing.borrowIntervalMax` parameter.
- Do not set an excessively short admin borrow period which could result in the license server being overloaded by client requests.

## Setting the Admin Borrow Interval Using flexnetlsadmin

To set the admin borrow interval in `flexnetlsadmin`, use the `-authorize` option (to provide your credentials that authorize you for the task) with the `-config -set` option.



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### Task To set the admin borrow interval in flexnetlsadmin

Enter a command similar to this:

```
flexnetlsadmin -server licenseServer_baseURL -authorize yourAdminName {yourAdminPassword|  
-passwordConsoleInput} -config -set licensing.borrowIntervalMax value
```

where *value* is the borrow interval in seconds.

## Setting the Admin Borrow Interval Using the FlexNet License Server Manager

You set the admin borrow interval in the FlexNet License Server Manager user interface.



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### Task To set the admin borrow interval using the FlexNet License Server Manager

1. In the FlexNet License Server Manager, click **License Server Setup** and select **Properties**.
2. In the **License Generation** section, locate the **Borrow Interval Maximum** setting and enter the required value.

For more information about the License Server Manager, see the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

## Borrow Granularity

A borrow-interval granularity is applied to the effective borrow interval. The granularity is the time unit (day, hour, minute, or second) by which the license server rounds up the borrow interval.

For example, if the borrow interval is 60 seconds, and the borrow granularity is **day**, then a license issued at 5:05:01 PM expires at 11:59:59 PM—which is the borrow interval (5:06:01 PM) rounded to the end of the nearest day. Likewise, if granularity is **minute**, expiration is at 5:06:59 PM. If the granularity is **second**, expiration is 5:06:01 PM.

By default, the granularity is set by the producer on the license server, and the default is **second**. In addition, a capability request can specify a granularity, which will override the granularity set on the license server.

## Renew Interval

The renew interval can be used to specify how often—if ever—the client may attempt to recontact the local license server. Successful contact extends the expiration based on the effective borrow interval (in other words, the timer for the effective borrow interval is restarted).

The producer can set the renew interval at feature level in the back office, or at server level using the property `licensing.renewInterval` in `producer-settings.xml`. The renew interval is set as a percentage of the effective borrow interval. The default value is **15**. For information on how the effective borrow interval is calculated, see [Determining the Effective Borrow Interval](#).



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**Important** ▪ This specification by itself does not lead to enforcement. The client-side APIs must extract this value from the license server capability response and take appropriate action.

### Example

The following example illustrates how the renew interval might be used:

Settings: Effective borrow interval = 604800s (1 week); renew interval = 15

Suppose the device initially obtains its license on January 1. The 7-day effective borrow interval results in a license that is valid until January 8. The 15% renew interval indicates that the device should attempt to recontact the server after 90720 seconds, that is, on January 2 (15% of 604800 seconds = 90720 seconds = approx. 1 day). If successful, the license is now valid until January 9. If unsuccessful, the license remains valid until the end of the original borrow period, which is still January 8.

## Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools



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**Important** ▪ You can use either reservations or named license pools for license allocation. Reservations and named license pools cannot coexist alongside each other. If currently no license reservations are defined for your license server, review the information in [Comparison of Named License Pools and Reservations](#) to decide which approach is best for you. In general, reservations are conceptually similar to named license pools, but named license pools offer significantly more flexibility in controlling a server's license estate. For more information, see [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#).



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**Note** ▪ In previous releases of the FlexNet Embedded license server, named license pools used to be referred to as “partitions”.

In a generic setup, each license server has a license pool which contains all the licenses available to its client devices. The license server distributes licenses from this license pool on a first-come-first-served basis to client devices requesting them. This license pool is also referred to as the *default license pool*.

However, in addition to the server's default license pool you can create *named license pools*, which divide your license estate into groups of licenses. By defining rules of access, you can allocate licenses to a group of client devices or users to help ensure that these entities have access to the features they need.

Thus, a license server serves licenses from its default license pool and any named license pools that you create. Each named license pool contains license counts for one or more features, which can be allocated to client devices or users. It is important to note that in a named license pool, licenses are not assigned to individual client devices or users. Instead, counts allocated to a named license pool can be accessed by a number of devices or users that meet certain criteria, such as, for example, be member of a particular business unit or have a certain hostid. Allocated license counts can be checked out by any device or user that fulfills the specified criteria.

As the license server administrator, you can choose to allocate the entire pool of licenses, a portion of the licenses, or none of the licenses. Any license that is not allocated to a named license pool remains in the default license pool and is available to any device on a first-come-first-served basis.

The following sections provide information about named license pools on the FlexNet Embedded license server:

- [Named License Pool Terminology](#)
- [Introduction to the Model Definition](#)
- [Model Definition Components](#)
- [Server Behavior When Distributing Feature Counts to Named License Pools](#)
- [Server Behavior when Assigning Features to Clients](#)
- [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#)
- [Limitations of Named License Pools](#)

## Named License Pool Terminology

The following table provides brief definitions for the terminology used around the named license pool functionality:

**Table 4-1** ■ Named License Pool Terminology

Name	Definition
<b>License Pool</b>	<p>When no named license pools have been defined, “license pool” means the license estate from which the license server serves licenses to its client devices.</p> <p>In setups where named license pools have been defined, the term “license pool” is used to refer to a nondescript license pool, that is, it can refer to a <i>default license pool</i> and/or <i>named license pool</i>.</p>
<b>Default License Pool</b>	<p>Every server has a default license pool which cannot be deleted. If no <i>named license pools</i> have been defined, the <i>default license pool</i> holds all licenses on the server.</p> <p>If one or more named license pools have been defined, the default license pool holds any licenses that have not been allocated to a named license pool.</p>
<b>Named License Pool</b>	<p>A pool that holds any licenses that have been allocated to it by rules of access. A named license pool is separate from the default license pool.</p>

Table 4-1 ■ Named License Pool Terminology

Name	Definition
<b>Model Definition</b>	The model definition specifies the license pools and the rules of access that define how licenses are allocated to license pools (named or default).
<b>Rules of Access</b>	Rules of access define the criteria that allow or block certain client devices or users from obtaining licenses from specified license pools (named or default).
<b>Conditions</b>	Criteria used in rules of access that allocate licenses to license pools (named or default).

## Introduction to the Model Definition

Named license pools are defined using a *model definition*. The model definition is configured and uploaded per local license server instance or Cloud Licensing Service (CLS) instance. You can use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool to view or delete named license pools and license count allocations on the license server.

A model definition specifies the following:

- **License pools**—Named license pools are optional. If a model definition does not include any named license pools, all counts are placed in the default license pool, and rules of access can only allow or deny access to the default license pool.

If a model definition contains named license pools, each named license pool will hold one or more features. Within the license pools (named or default), counts are arranged in *feature slices* based on their feature ID, meaning each slice contains only counts from a single feature (which has a unique feature ID). For each feature, the license pool specifies the name of the feature, its version, and its feature count. The feature count can either be specified as a number or as a percentage of the total of the available feature count.

- **Rules of access allowing access to licenses**—Rules allow client devices or users that fulfill certain conditions access to counts in specified license pools (named or default), in a given order. For example, you could specify that only clients of a specific host type can receive licenses from a certain named license pool.
- **Rules of access denying access to licenses**—You can define criteria that block certain client devices or users from obtaining licenses. This means that no licenses will be allocated to entities meeting those criteria, even if sufficient licenses are available on that license server.

After the model definition has been uploaded to the license server, the definition is saved in the database. Named license pools and rules of access defined in the model definition persist even if the license server is restarted.



**Note** ■ On the local license server, the size of the model definition must not exceed 900 KB.

Refer to the following section, [Model Definition Components](#), for information about how to create named license pools and building rules of access.

For detailed information about the format and grammar of the model definition, see [Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools](#). This section also contains some sample definitions that help you write your own definition.

For information about managing (uploading, deleting, and viewing) the model definition, see [Managing Named License Pools](#).

## Model Definition Components


A model definition typically contains the following entities:

- [Model](#)
- [Named License Pools](#)
- [Rules of Access and Conditions](#)

A full description of the grammar and valid values can be found in the appendix, [Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools](#). This appendix also includes a number of use cases and sample model definitions that help you write your own model definition.

The following example shows a simple model definition. The individual components are described in the following sections.

```
model "test" {  
  partitions {  
    partition "techcomm" {  
      "f1" 1.0 10%  
      "f1" 2.0 5  
      "f2" 1.0 3  
    }  
  
    partition "marketing" {  
      "f1" 1.0 4  
      "f1" 2.0 1  
      "f2" 1.0 1  
    }  
  }  
  
  on hostname("ABC") {  
    deny  
  }  
  
  on hostid("ETHERNET/F01898AD8DD3") {  
    use "techcomm"  
    continue  
  }  
  
  on hostid("ETHERNET/5E00A4F17201") {  
    use "marketing"  
    continue  
  }  
  
  on any() {  
    use "default"  
    accept  
  }  
}
```



Model definition name

Named license pools containing features (including feature version and count)

Rules of access defining the conditions that must be met to be granted licenses from particular named license pools

## Model

The top line of the model definition specifies the model name. The model name cannot be “default” or “reservations”, because these names are reserved.



### Example

```
model "test"
```

## Named License Pools

You can define one or more named license pools under the optional `partitions` element. If you do not specify a named license pool, all feature counts are placed in the default license pool. (The naming of the element stems from previous releases of the FlexNet Embedded license server, where named license pools were referred to as “partitions”.)

Each named license pool is introduced by a `partition` element, followed by the name of the license pool. You then specify one or more features that the named license pool should contain. For each feature, you need to specify the feature name, feature version, and feature count. The feature count can be expressed as a number or as a percentage of the overall feature count that is available on the license server.

### Example

```
partitions {
  partition "p1" {
    "f1" 1.0 50
    "f1" 2.0 25
    "f2" 1.0 100
  }
}
```

The following section, [Rules of Access and Conditions](#), describes the syntax and condition types used in rules of access.

For information about how the license server allocates feature counts to license pools, see [Server Behavior When Distributing Feature Counts to Named License Pools](#).

## Rules of Access and Conditions

Rules of access define criteria that allow or block certain client devices or users from obtaining licenses from specified license pools. This section covers the following topics:

- [Syntax for Rules of Access](#)—Explains the syntax for building rules, covering operators and their precedence and common keywords.
- [Condition Types](#)—Introduces the conditions you can use to allow or deny access to feature counts.
- [Advanced Keywords and Directives](#)—Covers how to use advanced keywords to build more sophisticated rules of access.

For detailed information about the format and grammar of the model definition, see [Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools](#). This section also contains some sample definitions that help you write your own definition.

### Syntax for Rules of Access

Rules of access are defined using the following simplified syntax:

```
on <condition> {
  [use "<license-pool-name>"]
```

```
    [accept|deny|continue]  
  }
```

where <condition> specifies one or more conditions that must be matched.

### Example

If the condition dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") evaluates to true—that is, the capability request's vendor dictionary contains the business-unit:engineering key-value pair—access to the named license pool engineering is granted:

```
on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {  
  use "engineering"  
  accept  
}
```

The following subsections provide more information about configuring rules of access:

- [Conditions Syntax](#)—Describes how to configure a condition in simple terms.
- [AND, OR, and NOT Operators](#)—Describes how to combine conditions within a rule of access.
- [Basic Keywords and Their Actions](#)—Explains the keywords accept, deny, and continue.
- [Default Behavior](#)—Describes how feature counts are served when a feature request does not meet any of the conditions in the model definition.

## Conditions Syntax

This section describes the syntax for defining conditions in simple terms. For detailed information, see [Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF](#).

The following shows a simplified conditions syntax:

```
[NOT]<condition_type>(<parameter_list>) [AND|OR [NOT] <condition_type>(<parameter_list>)]
```

where <condition\_type> is replaced with a [condition type](#) (hostid, hostname, hosttype, dictionary, or any), followed by a value or value/type pair that qualifies the condition.

Optionally, additional conditions—<condition\_type>(<parameter\_list>)—can be chained on using an AND, OR, or optional NOT [operator](#).

## AND, OR, and NOT Operators

The syntax supports the AND, OR, and NOT operators to combine conditions within a rule of access to create a more complex rule. The operators have synonyms that are familiar to C and Java programmers:

Table 4-2 ■

Operator	Synonym
AND	&&
OR	
NOT	!

The syntax for combining conditions within a rule of access using these operators is illustrated in detail in section [Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF](#). You may also find it helpful to review the provided [sample rules of access](#).

### Precedence Considerations

The AND and OR operators have left-to-right associativity; NOT has right-to-left associativity. NOT has a higher precedence than AND and OR.

Parentheses are not supported. An expression like this:

```
on hosttype("tv") and not hostname("xyz") || hostid("h1")
```

is interpreted as :

```
OR(
  AND(hosttype("tv"), NOT(hostname("xyz"))),
  hostid("h1")
)
```

### Sample Rules Of Access

The following sample rules of access in the appendix [Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools](#) illustrate the use of operators:

- [Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit With Exception of Specific Clients](#)
- [Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit and Specified Clients from other Business Units](#)
- [Use Case: Assigning Features Based on Combined hosttype and hostname Properties](#)

### Basic Keywords and Their Actions

The following table explains the keywords `accept`, `continue`, and `deny` and their actions. For additional keywords and directives, see [Advanced Keywords and Directives](#).

**Table 4-3** ■ Basic Keywords

Keyword	Action
<code>accept</code>	If the conditions of the rule of access are met and the rule ends with <code>accept</code> , the feature request is granted. No further rules of access are evaluated.
<code>continue</code>	<p>The <code>continue</code> keyword causes rules of access on subsequent lines to be evaluated, allowing multiple rules of access that match a single request. The <code>continue</code> keyword therefore allows clients to accumulate counts from more than one license pool. For a use case example, see <a href="#">Use Case: Accumulating Counts from Multiple Named License Pools (“Continue” Action)</a>.</p> <p>This is the default behavior if no other keywords are present.</p> <p>The lack of an <code>accept</code> or <code>deny</code> action also means that the <code>on any</code> clause (see <a href="#">Default Behavior</a>, below) will be in scope to be matched.</p>

Table 4-3 ■ Basic Keywords

Keyword	Action
deny	<p>If the conditions of the rule of access are met and the rule ends with <b>deny</b>, the feature request is refused. No counts are acquired and any previously held counts are returned to the server. No further rules of access are evaluated.</p> <p>If the conditions of the rule of access are not met and the rule ends with <b>deny</b>, the next rule is evaluated.</p>

## Default Behavior

When a feature request does not satisfy any of the rules of access in the model definition, an `on any()` condition is expected that either denies or allows access to a license pool. If no such `on any()` condition is provided, the default is that the feature will be served from the default license pool (if features are available). This behavior is equivalent to the following code:

```
on any() {  
    use "default"  
    accept  
}
```

The examples in this book generally do not explicitly show this final `on any()` condition.

## Condition Types

This section describes the following condition types:

- **Hostid Condition**
- **Hostname (Device Name) Condition**
- **Hosttype (Device Type) Condition**
- **Vendor Dictionary Condition**

These condition types can be combined using AND, OR, and NOT, to form more complex rules of access. For more information, see [AND, OR, and NOT Operators](#).

Note that in this section, the syntax describing each condition has been simplified. For a detailed syntax description, refer to [Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF](#).

### Hostid Condition

When a client requests a license from the license server, the client includes the unique hostid in the request to which the license server binds the licenses sent in the response. The hostid condition enables you to allocate licenses from a specified license pool to one or more client devices that are identified by a hostid.

The hostid is specified as a *value/type* pair (for example, 7200014f5df0/ETHERNET). If a hostid condition does not specify the hostid type, it is assumed that the hostid is of type string.

#### Syntax

```
hostid_condition = 'hostid', '(', parameter_list, ')' ;
```

## Example

The following `hostid` condition allows any feature requests with `hostid` `h1` or `h2` to use features from the named license pool `p1`.

```
on hostid("h1", "h2") {
    use "p1"
    accept
}
```

## Hostname (Device Name) Condition

Your software producer can set a host name on a client device. (This host name is also sometimes referred to as a device name.) A host name is a human-readable “alias”—in contrast to the `hostid`—which can optionally be included in a capability request. For information about host names that might be available, contact your software producer.

### Syntax

```
hostname_condition = 'hostname', '(', parameter_list, ')' ;
```

## Example

The following host name condition allows any feature requests with host name `ABC` to use features from the named license pool `p2`.

```
on hostname("ABC") {
    use "p2"
    accept
}
```

Note that the host name is case sensitive.

## Hosttype (Device Type) Condition

Your software producer can set a host type on a client device. (This host type is also sometimes referred to as a device type.) A host type can optionally be included in a capability request. For information about host types that might be available, contact your software producer.

### Syntax

```
hosttype_condition = 'hosttype', '(' parameter_list, ')' ;
```

## Example

The following host type condition allows any feature requests with host type `device` to use features from the named license pool `p3`.

```
on hosttype("device") {
    use "p3"
    accept
}
```

Note that the host type is case sensitive.

## Vendor Dictionary Condition

The vendor dictionary enables the software producer to send custom data in a capability request (in addition to the FlexNet Embedded-specific data) to the license server and vice-versa. Basically, the vendor dictionary provides a means to send information back and forth between the client and server for any producer-defined purposes, as needed; FlexNet Embedded does not interpret this data.

Vendor dictionary data is stored as key-value pairs. The key name is always a string, while a value can be a string or a 32-bit integer value. (In certain cases, the value can also be an array of a string and/or 32-bit integer.) Keys are unique in a dictionary and hence allow direct access to the value associated with them.

For information about whether the vendor dictionary supports arrays and the data that might be available, contact your software producer.

### Syntax

```
vendor_dictionary_condition = 'dictionary', '(', keyword_parameter_list, ')' ;
```

### Example

The following vendor dictionary condition allows any feature requests from the engineering business unit (as defined in the vendor dictionary) to use features from the named license pool p4.

```
on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {  
    use "p4"  
    accept  
}
```



**Tip** ▪ For an example that demonstrates a vendor dictionary condition that uses an array, see [Use Case: Making Feature Counts Available to Multiple Business Units](#).

## Advanced Keywords and Directives

The following table introduces advanced keywords and directives and their usage. For a description of the keywords accept, continue, and deny, see [Basic Keywords and Their Actions](#).

**Table 4-4** ▪ Keywords and Directives for Rules of Access

Keyword or Directive	Description	Refer to Section
<code>remainder</code>	Allocates any remaining license counts to a specified license pool. Useful in scenarios where integer rounding could cause left-over counts to remain in the default license pool when trying to configure license pools summing up to a count of 100%.	<a href="#">Allocating Remaining License Counts</a>
<code>vendor string matches</code>	Allocates feature counts to license pools based on variables specified in the vendor string.	<a href="#">Allocating Counts Based on Vendor String Property</a>

**Table 4-4** ■ Keywords and Directives for Rules of Access

Keyword or Directive	Description	Refer to Section
<code>max</code>	Limits the number of feature counts that a single user or device can consume.	<a href="#">Limiting Checkout of Feature Counts per User or Device</a>
<code>without requested features</code>	Lets the license server specify the features that should be served to a client when a capability request lists no desired features.	<a href="#">Letting Server Specify Counts</a>
<code>[regular expressions]</code>	Match patterns to reduce the number of license pools and conditions.  Syntax: ~/REGEX/	<a href="#">Using Regular Expressions</a>

## Allocating Remaining License Counts

The `remainder` keyword can be used to allocate any remaining license counts to a specified named license pool. This keyword is particularly useful in preventing the situation where integer rounding would cause left-over counts to remain in the default license pool when trying to configure named license pools summing up to a count of 100%.

Using the `remainder` keyword is equivalent to specifying 100%, which allocates all available license counts. Any license pool later in the model definition than the one specifying the `remainder` keyword (or 100%) in the model definition (including the default license pool) receives zero counts for that feature. For an example demonstrating its use, see the [Use Case: Named License Pool Receiving Entire Remaining Feature Count](#).

### Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "p1" {
      "f1" 1.0 33%
    }

    partition "p2" {
      "f1" 1.0 33%
    }

    partition "p3" {
      "f1" 1.0 remainder
    }
  }
}
```

## Allocating Counts Based on Vendor String Property

The directive `vendor string matches` enables license administrators to allocate feature counts to license pools based on variables specified in the vendor string. After use, feature counts are returned to their original license pool.

To use the directive, the producer must define a vendor string in the license model when they create a line item in the back office. The vendor string can hold arbitrary producer-defined license data. Data can range from feature selectors to pre-defined substitution variables.

The directive **vendor string matches** is located in the partitions section of the model definition. This directive is evaluated when the license server loads the model definition.

#### Syntax Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      f1 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Premium"
      f2 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Premium"
    }
    partition "sales" {
      f1 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Basic"
      f2 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Basic"
    }
  }
}
```

For a use case example, see [Use Case: Assigning Features Based on Vendor String Property](#).

## Limiting Checkout of Feature Counts per User or Device

Use the **max** keyword to limit the number of feature counts that a single user or device can consume.

**max** is used in the partitions section of the model definition. The following shows an example model definition which limits the consumption of features f1 and f2 to 10 and 1 counts, respectively:

#### Syntax Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 100 max 10
      "f2" 1.0 100 max 10
    }
    partition "sales" {
      "f1" 1.0 5 max 1
      "f1" 1.0 5 max 1
    }
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {
    use "engineering"
    accept
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "sales") {
    use "sales"
    accept
  }
}
```

If **max** is set to 0, access to that feature from the license pool is denied.



If a client requests a feature count that is greater than the value of `max`, the request is denied with the error `FEATURE_COUNT_INSUFFICIENT`.

To allow a partial checkout, set the “partial” attribute to true. In that scenario, a client is granted access to the requested number of features up to the value of `max`, even if a feature count exceeding `max` is requested.

## Letting Server Specify Counts

There might be scenarios when you want the license server to specify the features that should be served to a client. The server cannot override a capability request containing desired features coming from the client. However, if a capability request lists no desired features, the `without requested features` directive lets the server allocate feature counts.

You can use the `without requested features` directive to do the following:

- **Allocate specific feature counts.** To achieve this, list the feature counts that should be served. The following example shows the syntax:

```
on hostname("myhost") {
    use "p1", "default"
    without requested features {
        "f1" 1.0 1
    }
    accept
}
```

For a use case example, see [Use Case: Letting Server Specify Counts](#).

- **Allocate the entire feature count from a license pool.** To achieve this, combine `without requested features` with the `all from "License_pool_name"` instruction. Replace `License_pool_name` with the name of the license pool whose entire list of features, as specified in the model definition, should be allocated. Note that if the specified license pool does not have sufficient counts to satisfy the request, counts are allocated from subsequent license pools listed in the rules of access (provided that the client has access to those license pools). The following example shows the syntax:

```
on hostname("myhost") {
    use "p1", "default"
    without requested features {
        all from "p1"
    }
    accept
}
```

For a use case example, see [Scenario: Server-specified Counts](#).

## Using Regular Expressions

Rules of access can include regular expressions to match patterns in conditions. This means that the number of license pools and conditions can be greatly reduced, simplifying management of license pools.

Regular expressions can be included in conditions using the following syntax: `~/REGEX/`

For a list of supported expressions, see <https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/docs/api/java.base/java/util/regex/Pattern.html>.

### Full vs Partial Equality

The regular expression is generally matched against the whole value of the property on which the condition is based (that is, `hostid`, `hostname`, `hosttype`, or `vendor dictionary string`). It is not necessary to add the `^` and `$` meta characters to signify the beginning and end of the expression.

#### Example

The following expression...

```
on hostname("~/[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{3}/") {  
    ...  
}
```

... matches the hostname **AB123**, but not **ABCD1234**.

However, when a regular expression is used in combination with the `vendor string matches` directive, the expression is used as a “contains” match.

#### Example

The following expression...

```
... vendor string matches "~/%%ProductName:[A-Z]{3}[0-9]{3}%%/"
```

... matches **%%ProductName:AAA111%%** found anywhere inside the vendor string.

For a use case example, see [Use Case: Using Regular Expression to Allocate License Counts](#).

## Server Behavior When Distributing Feature Counts to Named License Pools

This section describes the distribution of feature counts to named license pools for these situations:

- [When a New Model Definition Is Uploaded](#)
- [When the Feature Count Changes on the License Server](#)
- [When Clients Return or Renew Counts to the Server](#)

### When a New Model Definition Is Uploaded

When the model definition is uploaded to the license server, feature counts are placed into license pools. Counts are allocated to named license pools in the order that is specified in the model definition, starting with the topmost named license pool.

The following rules of access apply when allocating feature counts of the same name, but with different versions and expiry dates:

1. Features that match the version specified in the model definition are allocated first. Features with longer expiry dates are allocated before features with a shorter expiry date.
2. If no features are available that match the version specified in the model definition, features of the next higher version are allocated. Features with longer expiry dates are allocated before features with a shorter expiry date. (Features of a lower version are not allocated.)

Features holding a start date in the future will not be allocated to named license pools but will remain in the default license pool. A feature with a future start date will stay in the default license pool even beyond its start date until the model definition is reapplied to the license server.

Within named license pools, counts are arranged in feature slices based on their feature ID, meaning each slice contains only counts from a single feature (which has a unique feature ID). Named license pools that have the exact feature counts, including the exact feature versions, as specified in the model definition are considered *fully satisfied*.

When the available number of counts has been distributed, any named license pool for which insufficient counts are available will remain empty or will only be partially filled.

When the model definition on the license server changes, any counts that are currently in use by clients are recorded as used against the named license pool the counts originate from. If a named license pool is deleted, it stays active until all used counts have been returned to it. Only after that is the named license pool removed. This enables the license administrator to maintain an overview of all used feature counts.

### Optimization Logic For Model Definition Changes

When the model definition changes, any named license pools that are already *fully satisfied* are skipped when feature counts are placed into named license pools. As a result, it is possible that existing features in fully satisfied named license pools are not replaced with newly available features that have a longer expiry date. Instead, these newly available features are placed into lower-ranked named license pools (provided that these are not fully satisfied) or the default license pool.

To ensure that higher-ranking named license pools receive features with longer expiry dates, it is recommended that you delete and re-upload the model definition. This forces a redistribution of feature counts across all license pools, regardless of the current allocation of feature counts.

## When the Feature Count Changes on the License Server

When feature counts are added, reduced or expire on the license server, the server reapplies the model definition. The server redistributes the counts across license pools as described in [When a New Model Definition Is Uploaded](#).

## When Clients Return or Renew Counts to the Server

When there have been no changes to the model definition or to the licenses held by the server, licenses returned by clients are returned to the original slice from which they were acquired.

However, in scenarios where clients were holding usage prior to a model change or a change to the licenses held by the server, counts returned by clients may need to be redistributed to reflect the new state of the server.

The following sections describe more about feature count redistribution:

- [Basic Redistribution Rules](#)
- [Order of Redistributing Counts](#)

In these sections, *slices in deficit* refers to slices that have fewer counts than they should have, according to the model definition and the number of counts the server has been provisioned with ( "slice" < "computedCount").

## Basic Redistribution Rules

When clients had counts in use prior to a model change or prior to a change of feature counts on the license server, the following basic redistribution rules apply:

- A client cannot renew counts that it could not have acquired, based on the current model definition that is in force on the license server.
- Counts can only be reallocated to slices with a matching feature ID.

## Order of Redistributing Counts

The server redistributes returned counts in the following order:

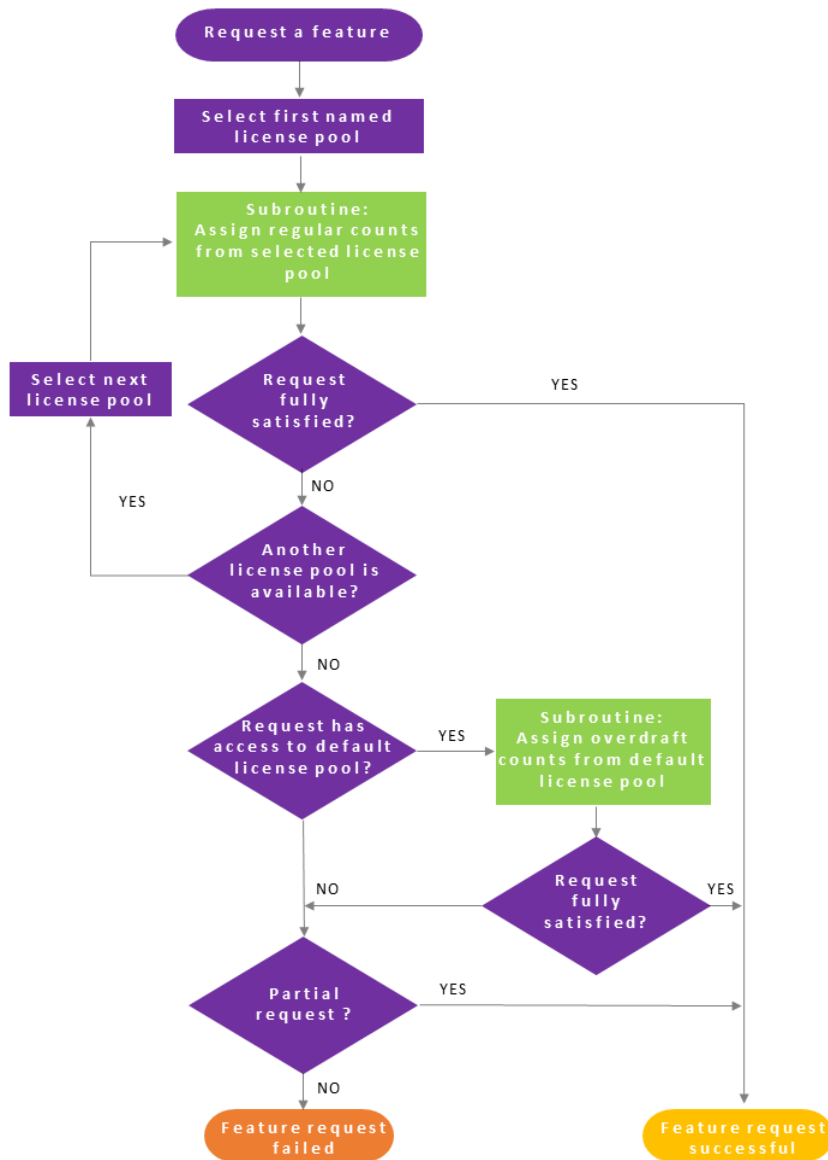
1. The server allocates feature counts to reduce or eliminate overage before redistributing counts.
2. Counts are redistributed to slices in deficit that are accessible to the client, in the order in which license pools that are accessible to the client are specified in the current model definition.
3. Counts are redistributed to slices in deficit, irrespective of whether these are accessible to the client. The server redistributes counts to license pools in the order in which they are specified in the current model definition.
4. Returned counts are only returned to overdraft after all slices in deficit have been adjusted to the counts they should have according to the model definition. Overdraft counts are only ever available from the default license pool.
5. Any remaining counts are returned to the default license pool.

## Server Behavior when Assigning Features to Clients

When the license server receives a capability request from a client, it tries to serve the feature counts matching the requested version from the first named license pool that is configured in the model definition. If the request cannot be fulfilled from the first named license pool, or can only be partially fulfilled, the server will try to serve any remaining counts to the client from further feature slices and license pools in a specific hierarchy. The following rules apply, in order, when fulfilling capability requests:

1. Regular counts take priority over overdraft counts (overdraft counts are only available from the default license pool).
2. Counts are served from accessible named license pools in the order license pools are specified in the model definition (starting from the top).
3. Counts that match the requested version are served before counts of a higher version (lower versions are not accepted).
4. Counts with the shorter expiry date are served before counts with a later expiry date.

The following diagrams illustrate this hierarchy. [Figure 4-2](#) shows the order in which feature counts are assigned from license pools.



**Figure 4-2:** Flow of feature allocation

Figure 4-2 includes a subroutine (highlighted in green) that explains how counts are assigned if the request is served from more than one slice. This subroutine—see Figure 4-3—also comes into play when regular (non-overdraft) counts are exhausted, but the request has access to the default license pool which includes overdraft counts:

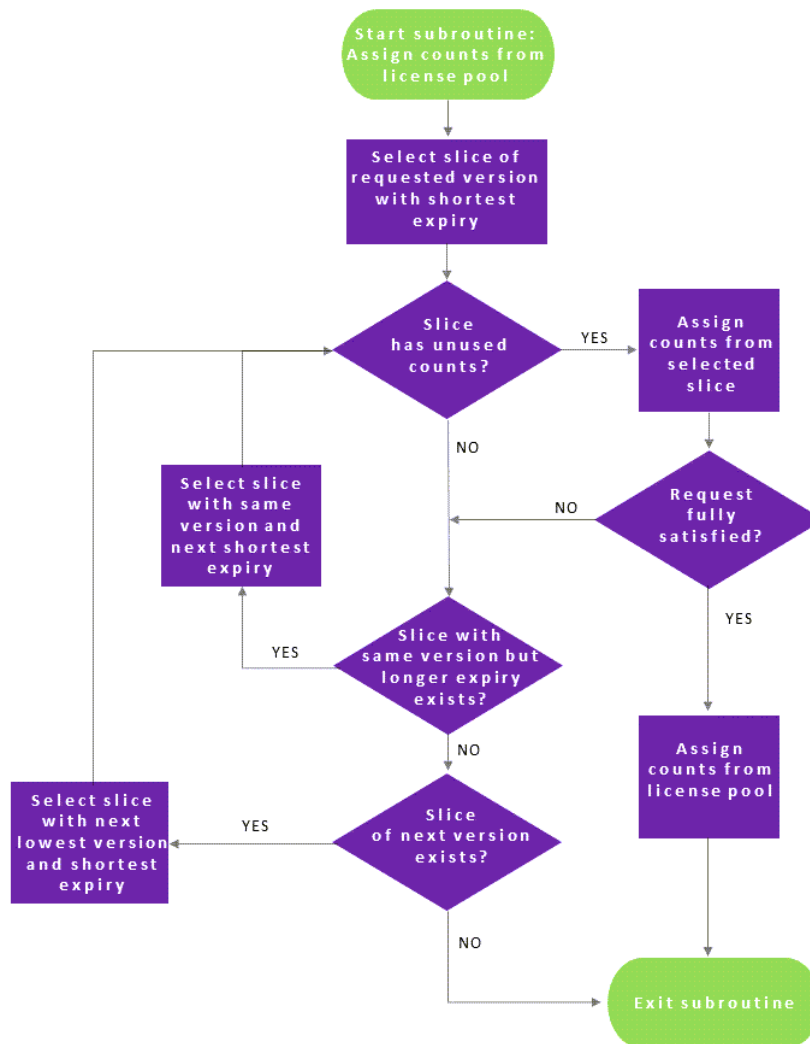


Figure 4-3: Flow of feature allocation in the subroutine

## Named License Pools vs. Reservations

Named license pools are conceptually similar to reservations but offer significantly more flexibility in controlling your server's license estate. If currently no license reservations are defined for your license server, Revenera strongly recommends to use the Named License Pools functionality to allocate licenses.

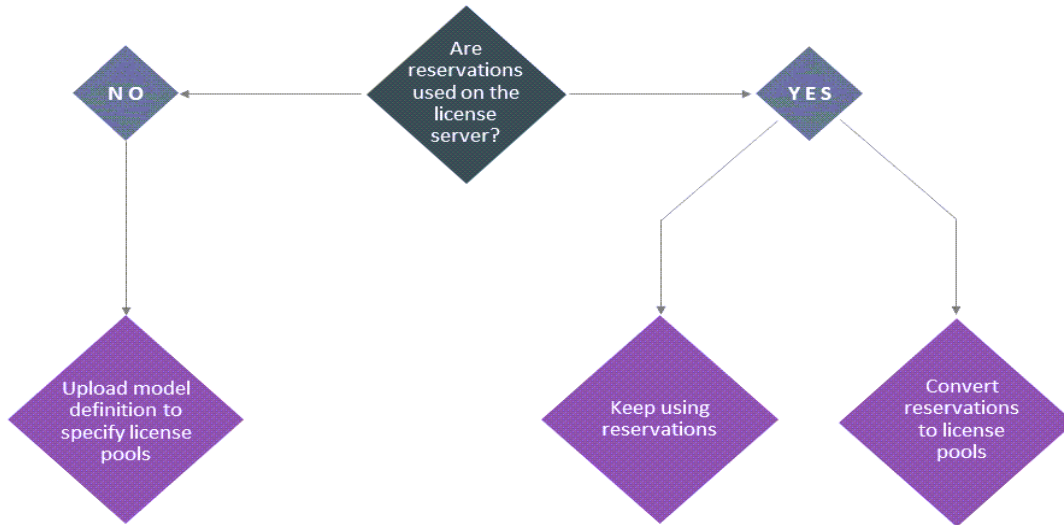
Read this section if one or more of the following statements apply to you:

- You want to know the pros and cons of using named license pools or reservations. See [Comparison of Named License Pools and Reservations](#).
- You are currently using reservations and would like to find out how named license pools affect the behavior of reservations. See [Impact of "Named License Pools" Functionality on Using Reservations](#).
- You have previously been using reservations and would like migrate to named license pools. See [Transitioning from Reservations to Named License Pools](#).

- You have migrated to named license pools but want to use reservations again. See [Returning to Reservations after Transitioning to Named License Pools](#).

If you have not been using reservations before and are now starting to use named license pools, you can skip this section.

The following diagram illustrates your options:



## Comparison of Named License Pools and Reservations

If reservation groups or entries change frequently, it is recommended to use reservations. Otherwise, it is recommended to use named license pools.

The following table lists the main differences between named license pools and reservations.

**Table 4-5** ■ Named License Pools vs. Reservations

Action	Named License Pools	Reservations
Counts are allocated based on...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hostid</li> <li>host name (device name)</li> <li>host type (device type)</li> <li>vendor dictionary data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hostid</li> </ul>
If the license server has been provisioned with less counts than are posted in a reservation or are specified in the model definition, respectively,...	...the license server allows access to feature counts based on the rules of access in the model definition until all available counts are in use by entitled clients.	...the license server rejects the entire reservation group.
Users' and devices' access to feature counts can be...	...allowed or denied.	...allowed.

**Table 4-5** ■ Named License Pools vs. Reservations

Action	Named License Pools	Reservations
Criteria that allow or block certain client devices or users from obtaining licenses can be configured using...	...an extensible model language.	...a file in JSON format or by adding reservation entries using the FlexNet License Server Manager.

## Impact of “Named License Pools” Functionality on Using Reservations

The introduction of the Named License Pools functionality has no impact on the reservations functionality. You can continue configuring reservations using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager, and the license server will distribute licenses according to the reservations that have been configured.

When reservations are configured, attempts to upload a model definition will fail.

## Transitioning from Reservations to Named License Pools

If you decide to move from using reservations to using named license pools, you need to perform the following steps:

1. Delete any reservation groups.
2. Create a new model definition which defines rules of access and named license pools (see [Define a Model Definition](#) and [Upload the Model Definition](#)).

The new model definition takes effect immediately after upload.

Before starting the migration, you might want to use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (`flexnetlsadmin`) to view information about the reservations currently active on your license server. See [Managing Reservations](#) in [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#).

### A Note on Reserved Counts in Use

If any reserved license counts are in use by clients while transitioning from reservations to named license pools, such used counts are recorded as used against the default license pool. They remain in the default license pool until the client renews or returns these counts, after which point the license counts are allocated to their named license pool according to the model definition.

## Returning to Reservations after Transitioning to Named License Pools

To return to using reservations, you must delete the active model definition. After that, you can configure reservations (using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager).

For information about deleting the active model definition, see [Delete the Model Definition](#).



# Limitations of Named License Pools

Note the following about named license pools:

- Named license pools support only concurrent features, but not metered features. Metered features will always remain in the default license pool. This matches the behavior of reservations, because metered features cannot be reserved.
- Using feature selectors in combination with named license pools may produce unexpected results. A feature selector is a key-value structure included as part of the feature's definition created in the back office.
- The license server failover configuration does not support named license pools. During a failover period, feature counts will only be distributed from the default license pool.

## License Reservations



**Important** • You can use either reservations or named license pools. Reservations and named license pools cannot coexist alongside each other. For more information, see [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#). For general information about named license pools, see [Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools](#).

If currently no license reservations are defined for a license server, review the information in [Comparison of Named License Pools and Reservations](#) to decide which approach is best for you. In general, reservations are conceptually similar to named license pools, but named license pools offer significantly more flexibility in controlling your server's license pool.



**Important** • Reservations can only be used if the policy setting **licensing.allowDuplicateClients** is set to false (the default).

The license reservation feature available with the FlexNet Embedded license server (the local license server or a CLS instance) enables you to control the distribution of the server's license pool within your enterprise.

With no reservations defined, the license server distributes licenses on a first-come-first-served basis to client devices requesting them. However, with the use of reservations, the server pre-allocates specific license counts to certain client devices or users to help ensure that these entities have access to the licenses they need. As the license server administrator, you can choose to pre-allocate the entire pool of licenses, a portion of the licenses, or none of the licenses. Any license not reserved remains in the shared pool of licenses and is available to any device on a first-come-first-served basis.

The following sections provide background information about reservations on the FlexNet Embedded license server:

- [Overview of Reservation Types](#)
- [Reservation Hierarchy](#)
- [Managing Reservations](#)
- [Disabled Reservations](#)
- [License Allocation on the Server](#)

- [Processing the Capability Request When Reservations Are Used](#)
- [Reservation Limitations](#)

## Overview of Reservation Types

The FlexNet Embedded license server supports two types of license reservations—device-based and user-based.

- A device-based reservation is assigned to the unique `hostid` identifying the client device on which the software producer's product is running.
- A user-based reservation is assigned to a unique user ID (also called a *hostid*). A user with reserved counts for a feature can access these counts from any client device. Thus, user-based reservations help to ensure that users who always need access to certain licenses can obtain them from any client device. (For example, users might need to access their licensed application from their laptop, tablet, or phone.)

For information about how the license server processes reservations to satisfy the feature count specified in a capability request, see [Processing the Capability Request When Reservations Are Used](#).



**Note** - A user-based reservation reserves feature counts exclusively for a given user, who can obtain partial counts of the reservation across multiple client devices. However, these feature counts are ultimately served to and returned from—and thus bound to—the client device from which they were requested.

### Reservation Setup

When setting up a license reservation on the license server, you must provide a `hostid` to identify the entity—client device or user—to which the reservation belongs. Obtain from the producer the specific `hostid` types (for example, `ETHERNET`, `STRING`, `USER`, or other) that you can use to define a device-based or user-based reservation. See [Managing Reservations](#) for more information about setting up reservations.

## Reservation Hierarchy

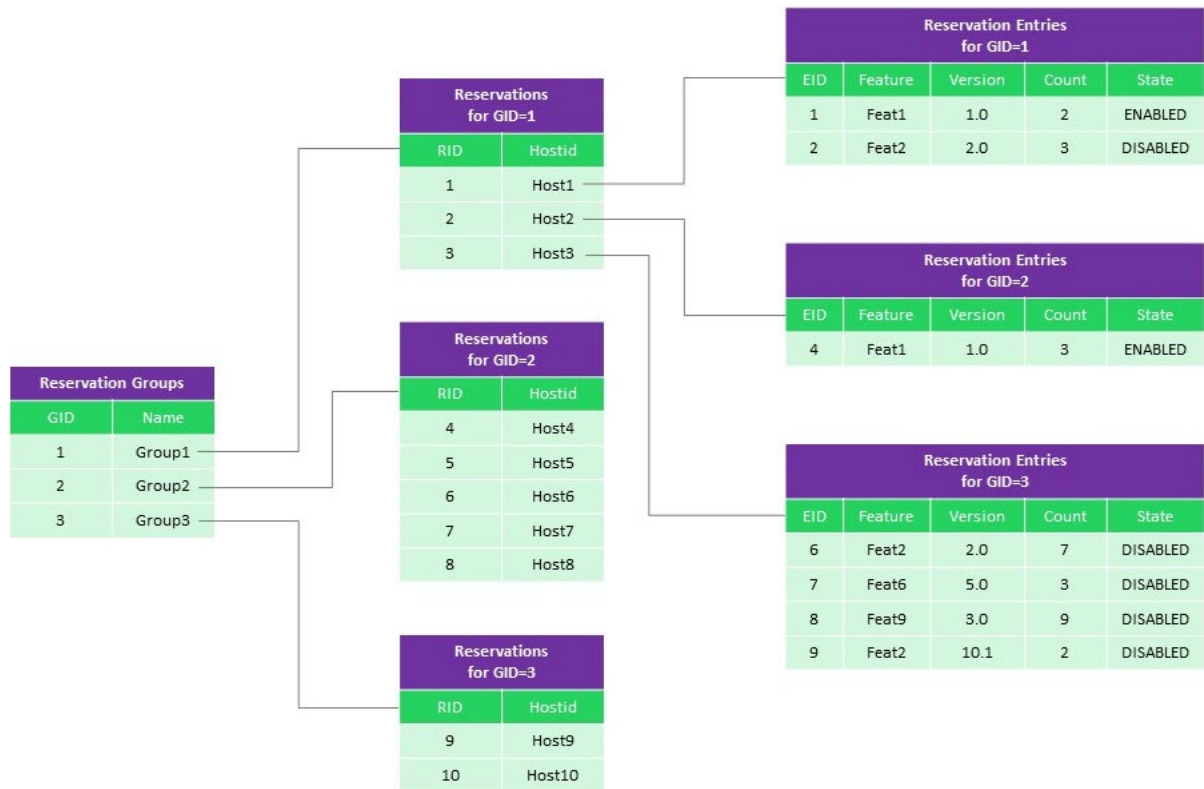
The reservations you post to the license server are ordered in a hierarchy, enabling more granularity in managing them. For example, *reservation entries* are the actual feature reservations that you define for a *reservation*, which is identified by the `hostid` for the specific client device or user to which the feature reservations apply. One or more reservations are assigned to a *reservation group*, which represents an entity to which the client devices and users identified by the reservations belong. This entity might be a department, a job role assigned to specific employees within the company, a physical location, or any other entity applicable to your company. This hierarchy enables you to view, add, or delete reservations at the group level, the reservation (`hostid`) level, or the reservation entry (feature) level.

When reservations are added to the license server, the following IDs are generated for the various hierarchical components that define a reservation:

- A *group ID* (GID) for a reservation group
- A *reservation ID* (RID) for the reservation, based on the `hostid` identifying a specific client device or user within the reservation group
- A *reservation-entry ID* (EID) for each reservation entry defined in a specific reservation

The following diagram illustrates the reservation hierarchy. For example, reading from right to left, trace the reservation entry **EID 1** for feature **Feat1**:

- **EID 1** belongs to the reservation **RID 1**, defined for the hostid **Host1**.
- **RID 1** is one of three reservations belonging to the reservation group **GID 1**, also named **Group1**.



## Managing Reservations

Both the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool and the FlexNet License Server Manager provide mechanisms for managing reservations on the license server:

- The License Server Administrator command-line tool adds or updates reservations by loading an input file (that you provide) containing the reservation definitions, including updates. The tool provides commands that delete reservations at the reservation group and reservation levels. For more information, see [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#).
- FlexNet License Server Manager allows you to create and post individual reservations one at a time or import reservations from a file. All reservations are managed from a single internally created reservation group. For more information, see the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

The next sections describe what happens “behind the scenes” when reservations are managed on the license server:

- [Definitions in JSON Format](#)
- [Add a New Reservation Group](#)
- [Add or Delete Reservations in an Existing Group](#)



**Important** • If you were previously using named license pools, you must delete the active model definition before creating reservations. See [Delete the Model Definition](#).

## Definitions in JSON Format

When you provide an input file that contains reservation definitions, the file contents must be in JSON format. The reservation entries for a given reservation (identified by a `hostid`) use the following format:

```
{ "name" : "groupName", "reservations" :  
  
  [  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "hostid", "type" : "hostidType" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "name", "featureVersion": "version", "featureCount": count },  
        { "featureName": "name", "featureVersion": "version", "featureCount": count } ]},  
  ]
```

Then “name” field is optional. If omitted, the license server simply generates the group ID.

## Add a New Reservation Group



**Important** • If you were previously using named license pools, you must delete the active model definition before creating reservations. See [Delete the Model Definition](#).

The following shows an example of reservation definitions (in JSON format) that might be posted to define a new reservation group—in this case, a group named **support**, containing reservation entries for two reservations, one for `hostid 7A7A77AAA77A` and one for `hostid Joe`:

**Table 4-6** • Contents of Sample License Reservations File

```
{ "name" : "support", "reservations" :  
  [  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "7A7A77AAA77A", "type" : "ETHERNET" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f1", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 },  
        { "featureName": "f2", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 2 } ]},  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "Joe", "type" : "USER" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f3", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 3 } ]}  
  ]}
```

When this reservation information is processed without any errors, the license server does the following:

- Creates the reservation group **support** if it does not yet exist. If it does exist, an attempt to add another group named **support** will fail.
- Adds the two new reservations—one for `hostid 7A7A77AAA77A` (RID **193**) and one for `hostid JOE` (RID **196**)—to the reservation group **support**.



**Note** - A given *hostid* can be used only once not only within a given reservation group but within the entire reservation posting. An attempt to add a reservation group that includes a *hostid* already existing in another group will fail.

- Creates two reservation entries for *hostid* **7A7A77AAA77A**—a reservation for **1** count of feature **f1** and a reservation for **2** counts of feature **f2**.
- Creates one reservation entry for **3** counts of feature **f3** for *hostid* **JOE**.

## Errors that Cause Rejection of New Reservation Groups

When a new reservation group is processed during the posting phase, the *entire* group is rejected if any of following errors exist.

- A group name is repeated within the reservation posting. A group name must be unique within the *entire* reservation posting.
- A *hostid* is used in more than one reservation group. A given *hostid* can be used only once, not only within a given group, but within the entire reservation posting.
- A *hostid* is missing. A group reservation cannot be created without at least one reservation, defined by a *hostid* and its reservation entries. Additionally, reservation entries not associated with a reservation cause the entire reservation group to be rejected.
- A reservation has no reservation entries associated with it.
- A reservation entry is invalid. For example, the entry might be missing a feature name, version, or reserved count, or the specified reserved count is less than or equal to zero.
- The feature or feature version specified in a reservation entry is not found in the license pool.
- The feature specified in a reservation entry is expired or has not yet started.
- The feature specified in a reservation entry is a metered feature.
- The license server has an insufficient count of a given feature to fulfill the *total* requested count for that feature across all reservation entries within the entire group. For more explanation, see the later section [License Allocation on the Server](#).

## Add or Delete Reservations in an Existing Group

Currently, the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool lets you add or update reservations at the reservation-group level only. Therefore, if you want to add reservations to an existing group or reservation entries to an existing reservation, you must delete the entire reservation group and then re-create it with the changes. The input file used to recreate the group should contain the reservation group, reservations, and reservation entries used to create the group initially, plus the updates.

Likewise, the License Server Administrator command-line tool provides commands that let you delete reservation groups or reservations only. To remove a reservation entry from a specific reservation, you must drop the entire reservation group and recreate it without the specific reservation entry.

On the other hand, the FlexNet License Server Manager deletes the current reservation group and creates a new one every time a reservation list is submitted to the license server (that is, every time you add, edit, or delete reservations from the **Reservations** view).

## Disabled Reservations

The “disabled” state for a reservation entry means that the entry is currently not active due to an insufficient feature count. A new reservation entry is never added with a “disabled” status. However, when license rights on a the license server change, reservation entries can become disabled due to an insufficient feature count on the license server. Should sufficient counts on the license server become available again, you can delete and recreate the reservation group to re-enable the reservation entries.

## License Allocation on the Server

When reservations are posted for a new group, the license server determines the total feature counts required by all the reservations within the group. If the totals cannot be satisfied by the available feature counts on the license server, the entire new group is rejected. Additionally, the license server re-allocates reservations when license counts on the server change. See the following sections:

- [When Adding a Reservation Group](#)
- [When Feature Counts Change on the Server](#)

### When Adding a Reservation Group

In the attempt to add a new reservation group, the license server determines the total feature counts required by all the reservation entries within the new group. If the totals cannot be satisfied by counts not reserved to other reservation groups on the license server, the entire new group is rejected.

#### Example Allocations When Adding a New Reservation Group

The examples described in this section use the following reservations to pre-allocate the licenses in the server's license pool. All these reservations are being created in the single new reservation group **payroll**.

**Table 4-7** • Sample Allocations When Adding a Reservation Group

```
{ "name" : "payroll", "reservations" :  
  [  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "111A11AAA11A", "type" : "ETHERNET" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f1", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 },  
        { "featureName": "f3", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 2 } ]},  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "222A22AAA22A", "type" : "ETHERNET" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f3", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 1 } ]},  
    { "hostId": { "value" : "Joe", "type" : "USER" },  
      "reservationEntries": [  
        { "featureName": "f3", "featureVersion": "1.0", "featureCount": 3 } ]}  
  ]  
}
```

### Example 1: Sufficient Feature Counts

In this example, a license server is allocated 1 count of f1 and 8 counts of feature f3 from the back office. When processing the new reservation group, the license server does the following:

- Determines that a total of 1 count of f1 is required (for device 111A11AAA11A).
- Determines that a total of 6 counts of f3 is required—2 counts for device 111A11AAA11A, 1 count for device 222A22AAA22A, and 3 counts for user Joe.
- Reserves 6 counts of f3 and 1 count of f1.
- Keeps 2 unreserved counts of f3 available for any request on a first-come-first-served basis.

### Example 2: Insufficient Feature Counts

If a license server is allocated 1 count of f1 and 4 counts of f3, it does the following when the reservations are posted:

- Determines that a total of 1 count of f1 is required (for device 111A11AAA11A).
- Determines that a total of 6 counts of f3 are required—2 counts for device 111A11AAA11A, 1 count for device 222A22AAA22A, and 3 counts for user Joe.
- Rejects the entire reservation group since only 4 counts of f3 are available.

### Example 3: Features Not in the License Pool

If a license server is allocated no (0) counts of f1 but is allocated 8 counts of f3, it rejects the entire reservation group since f1 is not available in the license pool.

## When Feature Counts Change on the Server

When features counts are reduced or expire on the license server, the server automatically disables certain reservation entries to adjust to the new feature count. The server uses no particular order as it processes the reservation groups, reservations, or reservation entries to determine which reservation entries to disable.

## Processing the Capability Request When Reservations Are Used

The following sections describe how the license server processes capability requests to fulfill licenses when reservations are available:

- [Basic Process for Granting Licenses](#)
- [Example Scenarios of the Basic Process for Granting Licenses](#)

## Basic Process for Granting Licenses

When reservations have been added and the license server receives a capability request from a client device, the server uses the following basic process in its attempt to grant the license count requested.



**Note** - The process described here assumes that the capability request is defined with no special capability request options that can control aspects of the license server's behavior in determining which licenses are sent in the capability response. Consult the software producer for information about any such options that client code includes in the request and their effect on the basic fulfillment process.

1. Validates that the capability request contains the appropriate content for processing.
2. Returns all licenses currently served to the client device. (Reserved licenses remain reserved. Shared licenses are returned to the pool.)
3. Searches for reservations assigned to the client device and to the user sending the request from that client.
4. Determines whether desired features are specified in the request.

If no desired features are requested, the server grants the client device whatever licenses have been reserved for it through device-based reservations and through user-based reservations. If no reservations exist, no licenses are granted.

If a desired feature is specified, the server determines whether the specified feature is available through a reservation. If not, it determines whether any shared counts are still available. In summary, the server does the following:

- a. Checks for the device-based reserved count first.
- b. If device-based reserved count is not sufficient, checks the user-based reserved count for an additional count.
- c. If the sum of device-based and user-based reserved counts is not sufficient, checks the available shared counts to fulfill the remaining requested count.
- d. If enough reserved and shared counts are available, grants the licenses.

## Example Scenarios of the Basic Process for Granting Licenses

The following scenarios illustrate instances of the basic process (described in the previous section) that the license server uses to grant licenses when reservations are involved. The sections describing the scenarios include the following:

- [Feature Allocation on the License Server](#)
- [Starting State for Each Scenario](#)
- [Scenario 1—No Device or User Reservations Available](#)
- [Scenario 2—Device Reservations But No User Reservations Available](#)
- [Scenario 3—User Reservations But No Device Reservations Available](#)
- [Scenario 4—Device and User Reservations Available](#)

For the sake of simplicity, the feature version is omitted in these scenarios. Anytime feature F1 is mentioned, assume that its version is 1.0.



## Feature Allocation on the License Server

The license server has 10 counts of feature F1:

- 3 reserved counts for device D1
- 2 reserved counts for user U1
- 5 shared counts available

## Starting State for Each Scenario

The starting state for each scenario is as follows:

- Device D1 has been served 4 counts (all 3 reserved counts, 1 shared count).
- Device D2 has been served 3 counts (3 shared counts).
- User U1 currently has no served counts.
- 1 shared count remains available.

## Scenario 1—No Device or User Reservations Available

When user U7 (who has no reservations) sends a capability request from device D2 (which also has no reservations), the 3 counts of F1 currently served to D2 are returned to the shared counts. (Four shared counts are now available.)

The following describes possible scenarios of what happens next:

- If the request has no desired features, no counts are served since neither D2 nor U7 has reserved counts.
- If the request specifies 4 counts of F1, the remaining 4 available shared counts are served.
- If the request specifies 5 counts of F1, no counts of F1 are sent in the response since only 4 shared counts are available.

## Scenario 2—Device Reservations But No User Reservations Available

When user U7 (who has no reservations) sends a capability request from device D1, the 4 counts of F1 currently served to D1 (3 reserved counts for D1 and 1 shared count) are returned. (Two shared counts are now available.)

The following describes possible scenarios of what happens next:

- If the request has no desired features, the 3 counts of F1 reserved for D1 are served.
- If the request specifies 4 counts of F1, the 3 counts reserved for D1 plus 1 shared count are served.
- If the request specifies 6 counts of F1, the 3 counts reserved for D1 and the remaining 2 shared counts are insufficient to fulfill the request, so no counts of F1 are sent in the response.

## Scenario 3—User Reservations But No Device Reservations Available

If user U1 sends a capability request from device D2 (which has no reservations), the 3 counts of F1 currently served to D2 are returned to shared counts. (Four shared counts are now available.)

The following describes possible scenarios of what happens next:

- If the request has no desired features, the 2 counts of F1 reserved for U1 are served.

- If the request specifies 4 counts of F1, the 2 counts reserved for U1 plus 2 shared counts are served.
- If the request specifies 7 counts of F1, the two counts reserved for U1 and the remaining 4 shared counts are not sufficient to fulfill the request, so no counts of F1 are sent in the response.

### Scenario 4—Device and User Reservations Available

If user U1 sends a capability request from device D1, the 4 counts of F1 currently served to D1 (3 reserved and 1 shared) are returned. (Two shared counts are now available.)

The following describes possible scenarios of what happens next:

- If the request has no desired features, all reserved features—3 counts of F1 for D1 and 2 counts for U1—are served.
- If the requests specifies 4 counts of F1, the 3 counts reserved for D1 and 1 of the 2 counts reserved for U1 are served.
- If the request specifies 8 counts of F1, the 3 counts reserved for D1, the 2 counts reserved for U1, and the 2 remaining shared counts are not sufficient to fulfill the request, so no counts are sent in the response.

## Reservation Limitations

Note the following about reservations:

- A license server administrator can use either reservations or named license pools on a license server. Reservations and named license pools cannot coexist alongside each other. For more information, see [Named License Pools vs. Reservations](#). For general information about named license pools, see [Allocating Licenses Using Named License Pools](#).
- Reservations support only concurrent features; metered features cannot be reserved.
- The license server failover configuration does not support reservations.

## Online Synchronization to the Back Office

When synchronization to the back office is enabled, the FlexNet Embedded local license server automatically sends a synchronization message to the back office on a periodic basis through an active internet connection with the back office. The type of data submitted in the synchronization message depends on the value specified for the policy setting `lfs.syncTo.IncludeAll` (see [Data Synchronized During Online Synchronization](#) for more information). When the back office receives and processes the synchronization message, it sends back a synchronization acknowledgment. The synchronization acknowledgment contains status information and any error information regarding the processing. Additionally, the server log records the event, along with any related errors or warnings.

After a successful synchronization session, information about device clients that have been served licenses is accessible to the back office.



**Note** - This synchronization process described here is “online”—that is, it uses direct internet access as a means of transmitting data to and from the back office. As an alternative to this type of data transmission, the FlexNet

*Embedded license server supports an offline synchronization process that does not require the server to have direct internet access. See [Offline Synchronization to the Back Office](#).*

The following sections describe synchronization to the back office:

- [Enablement](#)
- [Configuring the Synchronization](#)

## Enablement

Your license server's ability to synchronize to the back office is enabled by the software producer. If you need to change your license server's current policy about synchronization, contact the software producer.

## Data Synchronized During Online Synchronization

Your software producer determines the type of data that is collected during online synchronization using the policy setting `lfs.syncTo.includeAll`. If you need to change your license server's current policy about the type of data that is synchronized, contact the software producer.

- `lfs.syncTo.includeAll=false`: This mode collects only the current state for each active client device at the point of synchronization and uploads this data to the back office.
- `lfs.syncTo.includeAll=true`: This mode collects all historical client actions (license distribution and metered usage on client devices, based on the server's deduction records) in the synchronization history and uploads this data to the back office as part of the synchronization.

Note that `lfs.syncTo.enabled` (not editable) must be set to `true` for online synchronization.

## Configuring the Synchronization

Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or FlexNet License Server Manager, whichever tool is available to you, you can edit certain producer-defined settings that control synchronization:

- If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- If using the FlexNet License Server Manager, see "License Server Properties View" in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

You can override the default for any of the editable `lfs.syncTo...` settings to control the synchronization process.

For a description of these settings and a list of those you can edit, see the appendix [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

## Offline Synchronization to the Back Office

The traditional process of synchronizing license data from the FlexNet Embedded local license server to the back office relies on the license server having direct internet access to transmit data to the back office. For security reasons, such as data privacy, local license servers might have limited or no external network connections, making it difficult to synchronize data about concurrent-license distribution and metered usage on the server to

the back office. The offline synchronization feature supports the ability to download this data from the license server on to another device that has an external network connection and then transmitting the data to the back office.

The following sections describe offline synchronization to the back office:

- [Configuring Synchronization Page Size](#)
- [Synchronization Tools](#)
- [Offline Synchronization Process](#)

## Configuring Synchronization Page Size

Offline synchronization uses the producer-defined `lfs.syncTo.pagesize` setting to control the maximum number of transaction records allowed in a single synchronization message sent to the back office. If the amount of accumulated data is larger than the number of records allowed in a single synchronization message, multiple messages are sent during the synchronization session until all data is communicated to the back office.

You can review and edit the current value for this setting by using the license server's FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or FlexNet License Server Manager, whichever tool is available to you:

- If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- If using the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “License Server Properties View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

For more information about the `lfs.syncTo.pagesize` setting itself, see [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

## Synchronization Tools

The license server provides these two tools to perform the offline synchronization operations.

- `“serverofflinesynctool.bat”` (or `“serverofflinesynctool.sh”`)
- `“backofficeofflinesynctool.bat”` (or `“backofficeofflinesynctool.sh”`)

### `“serverofflinesynctool.bat”` (or `“serverofflinesynctool.sh”`)

This utility downloads the client records to be synced to the back office to a temporary storage location on (or accessible by) the device that has direct internet access to the back office. It is also used to upload and process the synchronization acknowledgment sent by the back office, purge old downloaded records, and force a download of all synchronization records when necessary.

If administrative security is enabled for the license server, the utility command (shown in the steps that follow) must include an `-authorize` option to specify the credentials needed to run the utility, as shown:

```
serverofflinesynctool.bat -authorize name password -url http://LicenseServerHostName:port/api/1.0/  
...
```

For more information about administrative security and setting up authorization credentials, see [Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

## “backofficeofflinesynctool.bat” (or “backofficeofflinesynctool.sh”)

This utility uploads the client records to be synchronized from the temporary location to the back office. It also receives and saves the synchronization acknowledgment received from back office.



**Note** - As an alternative to the `backofficeofflinesynctool`, you can also synchronize the records to the back office using the **Upload synchronization history** option in FlexNet Operations. For more information, see [Uploading Synchronization History](#) in the *FlexNet Operations User Guide* (available on the [Revenera Product Documentation site](#)).

# Offline Synchronization Process

Perform the offline synchronization process as described here.

## Step 1: Download Records

The first step is to download the transaction records to be synchronized from the license server using the `serverofflinesynctool.bat` (in Windows) or `serverofflinesynctool.sh` (in Linux) tool:

```
serverofflinesynctool.bat -url http://LicenseServerHostName:port/api/1.0/sync_message/offline  
-generate path
```

where:

- `LicenseServerHostName:port` is the server name and port for the license server URL from where the records are being downloaded (default port is 7070)
- `path` is the path on the local machine where the records will be temporarily stored (for example, `offline_sync`)

The following shows an example command:

```
serverofflinesynctool.bat -url http://localhost:7070/api/1.0/sync_message/offline  
-generate offline_sync
```

Additionally, if administrative security is enabled, you must include your authorization credentials in the command. See [“serverofflinesynctool.bat” \(or “serverofflinesynctool.sh”\)](#) for details.

This command can be run on a system with an external network connection or on the hosting license server. If you run the command on the hosting license server, the files containing the data to be synchronized need to be copied to a machine with external network connectivity.

Once the download completes, a message stating the number of transaction records downloaded is displayed:

```
OfflineSync utility started.  
Sync completed for 3 device records.
```

A file with a name such as `20190112T144552.fnesync` will be created in the path you specified (for example, `offline_sync\20190112T144552.fnesync`)

If there are no new records to download, the message displays the following:

```
OfflineSync utility started.  
No new data is available.
```

## Step 2: Synchronize to the Back Office



**Note** ■ As an alternative to the `backofficeofflinesynctool`, you can also synchronize the records to the back office using the **Upload synchronization history** option in FlexNet Operations. For more information, see [Uploading Synchronization History](#) in the *FlexNet Operations User Guide* (available on the [Reverera Product Documentation](#) site).

Next, use the `backofficeofflinesynctool.bat` (in Windows) or `backofficeofflinesynctool.sh` (in Linux) tool to synchronize the records to the back office:

```
backofficeofflinesynctool.bat -url https://siteID.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/  
deviceservices -out filename path
```

The following describes the parameters used in the command:

- `siteID` is the specific site ID—supplied by Reverera—for the back-office URL.
- `filename` is the name and path of the file to which the synchronization acknowledgment will be written to (for example, `offline_sync\syncack.bin`).
- `path` is the path on the local machine where the transaction records to be synchronized were stored by the `serverofflinesync` tool (for example, `offline_sync`). To specify a specific file, provide the path and file name.

The following shows an example command:

```
backofficeofflinesynctool.bat -url https://flex1234-uat.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/  
deviceservices -out offline_sync\syncack.bin offline_sync
```

A synchronization acknowledgment message is returned:

```
Successfully sent sync data and received a sync acknowledgment.
```

The synchronization acknowledgment received from the back office is written to the output file (default is `syncack.bin` in the current directory).

```
MessageType="Server sync acknowledgment"  
MessageTime="Jan 13, 2019 10:53:46 AM"  
LastSyncTime="Jan 13, 2019 10:52:45 AM"  
SourceIDType=String  
SourceID=BACK_OFFICE  
SourceIds=BACK_OFFICE  
TargetID=A088B436F208  
TargetIDType=Ethernet
```

## Step 3: Update the Synchronization Time

The synchronization acknowledgment needs to be processed on the license server to update the last time of synchronization so that it knows that the data has been synchronized to the back office. When executing the tool, use the same `path` value used to download and synchronize the data to the back office so that the tool can remove the old synchronized data file after it processes the response. (Additionally, if administrative security is enabled, you must include your authorization credentials in the command, as described in [“serverofflinesynctool.bat”](#) (or [“serverofflinesynctool.sh”](#))).

```
serverofflinesynctool.bat -url http://LicenseServerHostName:port/api/1.0/sync_ack/offline  
-process filename path
```

The following describes the parameters used in the command:

- `LicenseServerHostName:port` is the server name and port for the license server URL.
- `filename` is the path and name of the acknowledgment file (for example, `offline_sync\syncack.bin`) on the local machine.
- `path` is the path on the local machine where the transaction records to be synchronized were stored by the `serverofflinesync` tool (for example, `offline_sync`).

The following shows an example command:

```
serverofflinesync tool.bat -url http://localhost:7070/api/1.0/sync_ack/offline -process
offline_sync\syncack.bin offline_sync
```

The server responds with the following message:

```
OfflineSync utility started.
Purging file 20140613T105312.fnesync
```

## Force a Download of All Synchronization Records

The `-force` option can be used with the `serverofflinesync` tool if you encounter an error similar to the following:

```
"Mismatched or out of order time stamp in sync message": "Expected sync time Jan 24, 2019 11:04:09
AM, got Jan 24, 2019 11:05:00 AM")
```

Checking the synchronized records in the back office reveals that those records processed after a mismatch are not synchronized. To correct the problem, you must force a download of all transaction records to account for any records missed during synchronization. The `-force` option allows you to start the record collection and download from the last successful synchronization time.



### Task

#### To force a download of all records since the last time of synchronization

1. Process the synchronization acknowledgment on the license server (as described in [Step 3: Update the Synchronization Time](#)). This will update the records up to the point of the mismatch. Only those records that were synchronized to the back office are deleted.
2. Recover the records missing from synchronization. However, if you try to download the records again, the server thinks it has already downloaded all the records and responds with `No new data is available`. To remedy the problem, use the `-force` option with `serverofflinesync tool`. (If administrative security is enabled, you must also include your authorization credentials in the command, as described in `"serverofflinesync tool.bat"` (or `"serverofflinesync tool.sh"`))

```
serverofflinesync tool.bat -url http://LicenseServerHostName:port/api/1.0/sync_message/offline
-generate path -force
```

This will dump *all* the records since the `lastSyncTime` specified in the last synchronization acknowledgment.

3. Run the `backofficeofflinesync tool` to upload the data to the back office, or use the **Upload synchronization history** option in FlexNet Operations (see [Uploading Synchronization History](#) in the [FlexNet Operations User Guide](#)).
4. Once the data has been successfully synchronized, process the acknowledgment on the server to update the synchronization date and delete the synchronized data.

## Status of Synchronization to the Back Office

You can periodically check your synchronization status to view the last time synchronization was run and the number of transaction records that need to be synchronized. This information is especially helpful when you are using offline synchronization because you can determine whether a synchronization is due based on back-office policies or general maintenance needs. For example, you might be late in reporting metered usage to the back office, causing you to be out of compliance with the producer; or you might have a large volume of client transaction records that need to be synchronized, increasing disk space requirements on the server machine.



### Task

#### To check your synchronization status

Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, run the `-status` command, as shown in this example:

```
flexnetlsadmin.bat -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status
```

(See the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter for details about the `-status` command.)

The output includes the `RecordsPendingSync` and `Time elapsed since last sync` items to provide a synchronization status. (In this case, two records are pending synchronization, and the last synchronization occurred 23 hours previously.)

```
Copyright (c) 2015-2017 Flexera. All Rights Reserved.
```

```
(version) Version           : 2017.02  
(buildVersion) Build Version : 198983  
...
```

```
RecordsPendingSync : 2
```

```
Time elapsed since last sync: 23 hours
```

The `RecordsPendingSync` item might indicate that you have exceeded a metered-usage count or an unsynchronized-record limit. The `Time elapsed since last sync` item (the lowest unit of time for which is “hours”) might indicate that you have missed a scheduled synchronization.

## Synchronization From the Back Office

Another type of synchronization is synchronization of license data *from* the back office to the FlexNet Embedded local license server. Synchronization from the back office enables a server’s license-distribution and metered-usage state to be restored from the back office after catastrophic server failure.

The following sections describe synchronization from the back office:

- [Enablement](#)
- [Synchronization Process](#)
- [Viewing Restored Data](#)
- [Reviewing Synchronization Settings](#)



## Enablement

Your license server's ability to synchronize from the back office is enabled by the software producer. If you need to change your license server's current policy about synchronization, contact the software producer.

## Synchronization Process

Once the license server is up and running, if trusted storage is not present, the server first sends a capability request to the back office to obtain its pool of licenses. The server then sends a *synchronization request* message to the back office to obtain the server's license-distribution and metered-usage data required to restore the deduction records on the server. (If synchronization from the back office is enabled, the server log contains an entry stating as such.)

Once the synchronization from the back office is complete, the license server can start responding to capability requests from client devices. Moreover, server's transaction records will be reflected in the back office with updated timestamps the next time synchronization to the back office is performed. These updated records indicate a successful restoration of the server's license-distribution and metered-usage state.

## Viewing Restored Data

When the synchronization from the back office is complete, use your license-server administrator tool to review the restored license pool and usage data.

- If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Viewing Features Installed on the License Server](#) and [Monitoring License Distribution to Clients](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- If using the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “Devices View” and “Features View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

## Reviewing Synchronization Settings

Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or FlexNet License Server Manager, whichever tool is available to you, you can review the producer-defined settings that control synchronization from the back office:

- If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- If using the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “License Server Properties View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

For a description of these settings, see [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#). For the restoration of the server's license pool, see the capability-polling settings (beginning with `lfs.capability...`). For the synchronization from the back office, see the regular synchronization setting `lfs.syncFrom.enabled`.

# License Server Failover

The FlexNet Embedded local license server includes support for *license server failover*. Failover involves two local license servers—the *main license server* and the *back-up license server*—that work together to ensure that licenses in the enterprise remain available for serving to client devices should the main license server fail.

The two license servers in a failover configuration must be of the same version.

In a failover configuration, the main FlexNet Embedded local license server periodically sends synchronization messages to the back-up license server and the back-up license server uses this information to mirror the state of the main server.

If a client device determines that the main license server has failed—by a failure to respond to the client's capability request, for example—it can communicate with the back-up license server, which then takes over responsibility for serving the pool of licenses until the main license server is restored, or until the configured maintenance interval (as defined by the software producer) has elapsed.

The back-up license server does not synchronize to the back office or to the main license server. Therefore, data about clients served by the back-up license server during a failover period is not stored in the back office. However, once the main license server has come back online, license-distribution data collected from that point on is once again synchronized to the back office.

The following sections describe license server failover:

- [Configuring Server Failover](#)
- [Editing Failover Configuration Settings](#)
- [\(Optional\) Automatic Registration of the Failover Pair](#)
- [Additional Failover Considerations](#)

## Configuring Server Failover

Failover configuration is actually set up on the back-up license server. Follow these procedures to complete the configuration.

### Step 1: Install and Configure the License Servers

Install both the main and back-up license servers. As part of the installation process, configure both servers with basically the same local settings, with some allowable differences. For example, you can specify different PORT values for the license servers. Additionally, if specifying the BACKUP\_SERVER\_HOSTID setting, do so only on the main license server (see [\(Optional\) Automatic Registration of the Failover Pair](#)).

For more information about installing a license server and editing its local settings file—flexnetls.settings on Windows or /etc/default/flexnetls-producer\_name on Linux, see [Getting Started](#).

### Step 2: Register the Main and Backup License Servers

Using the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal, register the main license server with the back-up license server as a failover pair on the back-office server. (This registration is performed by specifying the hostid of the back-up license server on the portal's **Create Server** page for the main license server.) The hostid for each the main and the back-up license server must be of the same type.



**Note** - It may be necessary to enable support for server failover in FlexNet Operations.

For more information about registering the failover pair from the **Create Server** page for the main license, see the online help system for the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal.

This step can be replaced with an automatic registration of the failover pair through the capability request sent from the main license server. See [\(Optional\) Automatic Registration of the Failover Pair](#) for details.

### Step 3: Start Up the License Servers

Start up the license servers. Any license rights already mapped to the failover pair through the main license server are automatically activated on the both license servers. If you need to activate licenses manually, see [Step 6: Activate Licenses on the Servers](#).

You can now use the administrator tool provided with the license server to update policy settings, as described next in Steps 7 and 8.

### Step 4: Enable Failover Support on the Back-Up Server

Update policy settings on the back-up license server, using the provided license-server administrator tool, such as the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager:

1. Set the following license server policy settings on the back-up license server:
  - `fne.syncTo.mainUri` - Set to the URI of the main license server (in the format `http://LicenseServerHostName:port/fne/bin/capability`).
  - `fne.syncTo.enabled` - Set to `true`.
2. (Optional) Set other failover-related policy settings, such as other `fne.syncTo...` settings or the `licensing.backup.uri` and the `licensing.main.uri` settings. (Use the format `http://LicenseServerHostName:port/fne/bin/capability` for URI settings.)

See [Editing Failover Configuration Settings](#) for information about editing these license-server policies.

### (Optional) Step 5: Edit Producer Settings on the Main Server

Configure one or both of the following license server policy settings on the main license server to include these URIs as reference information sent in capability responses to client devices. Use the format `http://LicenseServerHostName:port/fne/bin/capability` for either URI.

- `licensing.backup.uri`
- `licensing.main.uri`

See [Editing Failover Configuration Settings](#) for information about editing these license-server policies.

## Step 6: Activate Licenses on the Servers

If no license rights were activated on the license servers at startup, perform these steps to provision the servers with licenses:

1. Start up both license servers.
2. Send one or more rights IDs in a capability request to activate identical license rights on both license servers via the current (main) license server. For information about activating license rights, see the appropriate information:
  - If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Activating License Rights on the Server](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
  - If using the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “Offline Server Updates View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide chapter.

## Step 7: Verify Failover Roles

Verify the failover role of each license server after the servers receive their license rights. (The roles are determined by the back office and included in the capability response.)

Verification can be performed by using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (for example, `flexnetlsadmin -server LicenseServer_baseURL -status`). Additionally, the primary server log will state the failover role of the given license server.

## Editing Failover Configuration Settings

Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or FlexNet License Server Manager, whichever tool is available to you, you can edit the policy settings used to configure the main and back-up servers, as described in the previous section:

- If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool, see [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- If using the FlexNet License Server Manager, see “License Server Properties View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide.

For a description of these settings, see the appendix [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

## (Optional) Automatic Registration of the Failover Pair

As described in [Step 2: Register the Main and Backup License Servers](#), the license server administrator must register the main and back-up license servers as a failover pair in FlexNet Operations. One way to perform this registration is to do so manually through the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal.

Another way to perform this registration is to use the capability request sent to FlexNet Operations by the main license server at startup as a means of conveying the back-up license server’s hostid to the back-office server. FlexNet Operations then uses the hostid information in the capability request to automatically register both license servers as a failover pair, thus avoiding the extra step of having to access the End-User Portal to perform the registration.

**Task****To set up this automatic registration process**

1. Shut down both the main and back-up license servers.
2. On the main license server, update the local license-server settings to include the BACKUP\_SERVER\_HOSTID setting. This value identifies the hostid of the back-up license server. It must be the same hostid type (such as “ETHERNET”) as the type of hostid used by the main (current) license server. See [Getting Started](#) for details about updating local settings.
3. Start up the main license server first.

The main license server sends a capability request containing the back-up license server’s hostid to FlexNet Operations, where both servers are then registered as a failover pair.

4. Start up the back-up license server once the main license server has successfully communicated with FlexNet Operations. Both servers can now obtain license rights either through a rights ID sent in a capability request or through capability polling if licenses rights are subsequently mapped in FlexNet Operations to the registered failover pair.



**Note** ▪ You must wait until the main license server has successfully started and communicated with FlexNet Operations before starting the back-up license server. Otherwise, FlexNet Operations might assign the back-up license server to the “main server” role, generating an error when FlexNet Operations then attempts to register the actual main license server.

5. Configure the license servers as described in [Step 4: Enable Failover Support on the Back-Up Server](#) and [\(Optional\) Step 5: Edit Producer Settings on the Main Server](#).

You can view details for the main and back-up server by searching for the main license server (from the **Search Servers** page) in the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal. The **View Server** page for the main license server shows both license servers registered as a failover pair.

## Additional Failover Considerations

The following lists additional considerations when enabling failover configuration:

- Since the back-up license server does not synchronize to the back office or the main license server, data about clients served by the back-up server during a failover period is permanently missing in the back office. Once the main server has come back online, the new license-distribution data can be synchronized to the back office.
- Metered-usage data is currently not supported in a failover scenario.
- The failover process might be incompatible with the type of FlexNet Embedded licensing with which your purchased product is enabled and secured. Contact the producer for details.
- Failover functionality is dependent on the clocks of the main license server and back-up license server being accurate, synchronized with each other, and in the same time zone. If any of these requirements are not met, unpredictable behavior can occur.
- The failover configuration does not support reservations.

- The failover configuration does not support named license pools. During a failover period, feature counts will only be distributed from the default license pool.

## Outgoing HTTPS

The FlexNet Embedded local license server is capable of HTTPS communication with FlexNet Operations—that is, *outgoing* HTTPS.

For a secure connection, a truststore file containing root and intermediate certificates is required.

- If the back-office server certificate is signed by a known certificate authority (as is the case for Revenera-hosted back offices), then little or no configuration is needed on the server. See [Default Server Configuration](#).
- If the producer has provided their own truststore, or has changed the password found in the Java cacerts file, you need to perform some configuration steps. See [Server Configuration When Another Certificate Is Used](#) for instructions. Typically, a producer provides their own truststore file when the back office is an “on-premises” version of FlexNet Operations and the server certificate has been signed by an unknown (private) certificate authority.

## Default Server Configuration

In most scenarios, HTTPS will work “out of the box”. A secure connection to the back office requires access to the appropriate root and intermediate certificates for connection validation. The default behavior is to use the truststore shipped with the Java runtime environment (JRE). This is the “cacerts” file found in the `lib/security` directory of the JRE installation. The file is encrypted, and is installed with a password of “changeit”.

No additional configuration should be needed for Revenera-hosted FlexNet Operations instances and instances where FlexNet Operations is hosted on AWS, provided that a version of Oracle Java SE 8, OpenJDK 8, or OpenJDK 11 or later is used.

If any SSL-related errors appear in the server log, refer to the following section, [Server Configuration When Another Certificate Is Used](#).

## Server Configuration When Another Certificate Is Used

You need to override the default server configuration if either of these conditions are true:

- The producer has changed the password for cacerts.
- You need to connect to an “on-premises” installation of FlexNet Operations that is using a private certificate authority whose root certificates are not found in the cacerts file.

As always, consult the producer if you need to determine the name and location of the truststore file.

There are different ways to override the default server configuration, depending on whether you are newly installing the local license server or whether you have an older installation.

## New Installations

Update the `local-configuration.yaml` file to override the default server configuration. On Linux systems, this file is generated in the `/opt/flexnetls/producer` directory during installation. On Windows, it is located in the same directory as `flexnetls.jar`.

You might need to change the password or the path to the truststore file, or both.

Edit the following settings in `local-configuration.yaml` so that they look similar to this:

```
https-out:
  # Set to true to enable
  enabled: true
  # Path to truststore containing server certificate.
  truststore-path: path-to-your-truststore
  # Truststore password. You can obfuscate this with java -jar flexnetls.jar -password your-
  password-here
  truststore-password: your-password-here
  # Switch off if you're having host validation problems (not recommended)
  host-verify: true
  # Set to true if you're using self-signed certificates (not recommended)
  self-signed: false
```

The password is not required to be stored in plain text; you can obfuscate it first. The following shows an example session to obfuscate the password:

```
$ java -jar flexnetls.jar --password=abracadabra
abracadabra => OBF:1ri71v1r1v2n1ri71shq1ri71shs1ri71v1r1v2n1ri7
```

Be sure to set the `truststore-password` value to the entire obfuscated string, including the `OBF:` prefix.

For detailed instructions about editing the `local-configuration.yaml` file, see [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Windows\)](#) and [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Linux\)](#).

## Existing Installations

If you are using an older version of the local license server, which provides access to the truststore file using a “client” configuration file, you can do either of the following:

- Update the existing “client” configuration file to use the new values. See [Update the “client” Configuration File](#).
- Transfer the HTTPS values from the “client” configuration file to `local-configuration.yaml`. See [Transferring HTTPS Values from “client” Configuration File to YAML File](#).

### Update the “client” Configuration File



#### Task

#### To update the “client” configuration file

1. Update the following values in the existing “client” configuration file:

```
truststore.path=path-to-client-certificate
truststore.password=password
```

2. If required, use the appropriate step to tell the license server where the “client” configuration file is located:

- In Windows, edit the flexnetls.settings file to include this option to specify the path to the configuration file:

```
HTTPS_CLIENT_CONFIG=path-to-configuration-file
```

In Linux, edit following variable in the /etc/default/flexnetls-producer\_name file, replacing the comment with the path to the configuration file:

```
HTTPS_CLIENT_FILE=      #empty, can replace by -https-client-configuration path
```

See [Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter for complete instructions on editing this local settings file.

### Transferring HTTPS Values from “client” Configuration File to YAML File

Instead of using the “client” configuration file, you can use the https-out setting in local-configuration.yaml. The following table shows how to transfer the values from the “client” configuration file to local-configuration.yaml. Note that the settings truststore-path and truststore-password in local-configuration.yaml use a hyphen instead of a dot.

Table 4-8 ▪

“client” Configuration File Content	local-configuration.yaml File Content
truststore.path=path-to-client-certificate truststore.password=password	<pre>https-out:  # Set to true to enable enabled: true  # Path to truststore containing server certificate. truststore-path: path-to-your-truststore  # Truststore password. You can obfuscate this with # java -jar flexnetls.jar -password your-password-here truststore-password: your-password-here  # Switch off if you're having host validation # problems (not recommended) host-verify: true  # Set to true if you're using self-signed # certificates (not recommended) self-signed: false</pre>

## Incoming HTTPS

The following sections help you set up the license server for incoming HTTPS and configure the license server to use a self-signed certificate:

- [Configure HTTPS Connection for Incoming License Server Communication](#)
- [Self-Signed Certificate for the Local License Server](#)



# Configure HTTPS Connection for Incoming License Server Communication

In most cases, communication between client devices and the FlexNet Embedded local license server need not be secure. However, in deployments where Internet security is required, the local license server can be configured to support exchanges with the client devices over a secure HTTPS connection.

Best practice is to offload this HTTPS protocol work to a separate device that specializes in this type of processing. However, if this practice is not feasible or desirable, perform these steps to enable the license server to support incoming HTTPS connections.

## Step 1: Obtain Certificate

You will require a “server” certificate from a certificate authority (CA) such as Verisign. This certificate must be in Java keystore format (not a PEM text file) and secured by a password. Your certificate provider will have instructions on how to request it in this format (or convert to it.)

## Step 2: Enable Access to “server” Certificate

Access to the “server” certificate can be provided in different ways, depending on whether you are newly installing the local license server or whether you have an existing installation.

### New Installations

For new installations of the local license server, specify the location of the keystore file holding the “server” certificate in the `local-configuration.yaml` file using the `https-in` parameter. On Linux systems, the `local-configuration.yaml` file is generated in the `/opt/flexnetls/producer` directory during installation. On Windows, it is located in the same directory as `flexnetls.jar`.

You might need to change the password or the path to the truststore file, or both.

Edit the following settings in `local-configuration.yaml` so that they look similar to this:

```
https-in:
  # Set to true to enable
  enabled: true
  # HTTPS listening port
  port: 1443
  # Path to keystore
  keystore-path: path-to-your-keystore
  # Keystore password. You can obfuscate this with
  java -jar flexnetls.jar -password your-password-here
  keystore-password: your-password-here
```

Note the following:

- The password is not required to be stored in plain text; you can obfuscate it first. The following shows an example session to obfuscate the password:

```
$ java -jar flexnetls.jar --password=abracadabra
abracadabra => OBF:1ri71v1r1v2n1ri71shq1ri71shs1ri71v1r1v2n1ri7
```

Be sure to set the `keystore-password` value to the entire obfuscated string, including the `OBf:` prefix.

- The standard HTTPS port is 443 (as defined by the HTTPS protocol)
  - Best practice on Linux is to use a port number greater than 1024 to avoid issues with possibly having to obtain extra privileges to use a lesser port number. Should port 443 be required at a customer enterprise, you can always use iptables to redirect the port from 443.
- Ensure that a firewall is not blocking the license server.

For detailed instructions about editing the `local-configuration.yaml` file, see [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Windows\)](#) and [Edit “local-configuration.yaml” \(Linux\)](#).

## Existing Installations

If you are using an existing installation of the local license server, which provides access to the “server” certificate using a “server” configuration file, you can do either of the following:

- Update the existing “server” configuration file to use the new values. See [Update the “server” Configuration File](#).
- Transfer the HTTPS values from the “client” configuration file to `local-configuration.yaml`. See [Transferring HTTPS Values from “server” Configuration File to YAML](#).

### Update the “server” Configuration File



#### Task

#### To update the “server” configuration file

1. Update the following values in the existing “server” configuration file:

```
keystore.path=path-to-server-certificate
keystore.password=password
https.port=1443
```

2. If required, use the appropriate step to tell the license server where the “server” configuration file is located:

- In Windows, edit the `flexnetls.settings` file to include this option to set the path to the configuration file:

```
HTTPS_SERVER_CONFIG=path-to-configuration-file
```

- In Linux, edit following variable in the `/etc/default/flexnetls-producer_name` file, replacing the comment with the path to the configuration file:

```
HTTPS_SERVER_FILE= #empty, can replace by -https-server-configuration path
```

See [Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter for complete instructions on editing the local settings file.

## Transferring HTTPS Values from “server” Configuration File to YAML

Instead of using the “server” configuration file, you can use the `https-in` setting in `local-configuration.yaml`. The following table shows how to transfer the values from the “server” configuration file to `local-configuration.yaml`. Note that the settings `keystore-path` and `keystore-password` in `local-configuration.yaml` use a hyphen instead of a dot.

Table 4-9 ■

“client” Configuration File Content	local-configuration.yaml File Content
<code>keystore.path=path-to-server-certificate</code> <code>keystore.password=password</code> <code>https.port=1443</code>	<code>https-in:</code>  # Set to true to enable <code>enabled: true</code>  # HTTPS listening port <code>port: 1443</code>  # Path to keystore <code>keystore-path: path-to-your-keystore</code>  # Keystore password. You can obfuscate this with <code>java -jar flexnetls.jar -password your-password-here</code> <code>keystore-password: your-password-here</code>

## Step 3: Define Scope of HTTPS Communications

At this point, you should have a license server that is operating in both HTTP and HTTPS modes. The final step is to define the scope of HTTPS usage for your license server. For example, maybe you want to run the FlexNet Embedded local license server entirely in HTTPS mode. To enable this scope, switch off the HTTP listening port by changing the `PORT` value to zero (0) in the `local-configuration.yaml` file (Windows and Linux), the `flexnetls.settings` file (in Windows) or the `/etc/default/flexnetls-producer_name` file (in Linux). See [Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter for complete instructions on editing the local settings file.

## Self-Signed Certificate for the Local License Server

When evaluating the local license server, you may not wish to acquire a proper server certificate. It's possible to use a self-signed certificate instead, although this is not recommended for production use.

This section explains how to set up the server to communicate with the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (`flexnetlsadmin`) using a self-signed certificate.

The following procedure uses the **keytool** utility to generate the certificate; other tools are available.



**Task** *To configure communication between the local license server and `flexnetlsadmin` using a self-signed certificate*

1. Use a command similar to the following to create a self-signed PKCS#12 certificate:

```
# HTTPS server mode
$ keytool \
```

```
-genkeypair \  
-ext san=dns:yourhost.yourcompany.com \  
-storetype PKCS12 -keystore self-signed.p12 \  
-storepass self-signed-password \  
-alias self-signed \  
-keyalg RSA \  
-keysize 4096 \  
-validity 360 \  
-dname "C=,S=,L=,O=,OU=,CN=yourhost.yourcompany.com"
```

2. Specify the certificate that you just created in local-configuration.yaml:

```
# HTTPS server mode  
https-in:  
  
# Set to true to enable  
enabled: true  
  
# HTTPS listening port  
port: 1443  
  
# Path to keystore  
keystore-path: self-signed.p12  
  
# Keystore password. You can obfuscate this with  
java -jar flexnetls.jar -password your-password-here  
keystore-password: self-signed-password
```

3. Export the certificate in PEM format for flexnetlsadmin:

```
$ keytool -exportcert -alias self-signed -keystore self-signed.p12 -rfc -file self-signed.pem
```

4. Start the local license server.

5. Use a command such as the following to test the communication between the server and flexnetlsadmin:

```
$ flexnetls-admin --partitions -custom-trust self-signed.pem  
[ {  
  "id" : 1,  
  "name" : "default",  
  "activeFeatureSlices" : [ ],  
  "lastModified" : "2023-02-13T11:31:53.622Z"} ]
```

## Proxy Support for Communication with the Back Office

For security purposes, your corporate network might require a networking proxy as an intermediary between your internal systems and the Internet. To address this requirement, the FlexNet local license server supports communication with FlexNet Operations through an HTTP proxy. The local license server depends on Java Runtime to provide networking services.



**Note** - The FlexNet Embedded local license server supports both authenticating and non-authenticating HTTP proxies.

The following sections help you set up the license server to use this proxy:

- [Configuring the License Server for Proxy Support](#)
- [Obfuscating the Proxy Password](#)

## Configuring the License Server for Proxy Support

Use this information to configure the license server for HTTP communications with the back office through a networking proxy:

- [Proxy Configuration Basics](#)
- [Supported Proxy Parameters](#)
- [Parameter Format](#)

### Proxy Configuration Basics

To configure the license server to use a networking proxy when communicating with the back office, you must define a set of proxy parameters in the server's local settings file on the server (`flexnetls.settings` on Windows or `/etc/default/flexnetls-producer_name` on Linux). These parameters are passed to the Java Runtime system to identify the HTTP proxy.

You specify these parameters for the `EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES` setting, which you must “uncomment” if it is currently “commented” in this file.

For complete instructions on editing the local settings file, refer to the [Configuring, Installing, and Starting the Local License Server](#) and [Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation](#) sections in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

### Supported Proxy Parameters

The following proxy parameters are supported:

- `http.proxyHost`
- `http.proxyPort`
- `http.proxyUser`
- `http.proxyPassword`

Consider the following:

- If not included, the `http.proxyPort` parameter defaults to 80.
- The `http.proxyUser` and `http.proxyPassword` parameters are optional. They are required only if the proxy requires authentication.
- Best practice is to use an obfuscated password instead of a plain-text value for `http.proxyPassword`. See [Obfuscating the Proxy Password](#) for encryption details.

## Parameter Format

Follow these instructions when adding the proxy parameters to the EXTRA\_SYSPROPERTIES setting in the local settings file:

- Each parameter specified for EXTRA\_SYSPROPERTIES must use the following Java system syntax:  
`-Dproperty=value`
- The parameters are separated from each other with a space, and the entire set of parameters are enclosed in double quotations. The following shows an example EXTRA\_SYSPROPERTIES setting with proxy parameters specified:

```
EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133 -Dhttp.proxyPort=3128 -Dhttp.proxyUser=user1a  
-Dhttp.proxyPassword=user1apwd35"
```

Even if you specify only a single parameter, it must be enclosed in double quotations:

```
EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133"
```

## Obfuscating the Proxy Password

Best practice is to obfuscate the proxy password and use this encrypted value for the http.proxyPassword parameter.

The following is an example session showing both the command used to obfuscate a plain-text password (in this case, user1apwd35) and the resulting obfuscated string:

```
$ java -jar flexnetls.jar --password=user1apwd35  
user1apwd35 => OBF:1ri71v1r1v2n1ri71shq1ri71shs1ri71v1r1v2n1ri7
```

Use the entire obfuscated string, including its OBF: prefix, for the http.proxyPassword value, as shown in this example:

```
-Dhttp.proxyPassword=OBF:1ri71v1r1v2n1ri71shq1ri71shs1ri71v1r1v2n1ri7
```

## Trusted Storage Backup and Restoration

If the producer has enabled your local license server to perform backups of trusted storage, you can restore the last backup copy, should trusted storage become corrupted, without having to contact FlexNet Operations. The following sections describe the trusted-storage backup and restoration process:

- [Overview of the Backup Process](#)
- [Running a Trusted Storage Restoration](#)

## Overview of the Backup Process

You can restore trusted storage from a backup copy only if the producer has enabled trusted-storage backups to occur on the license server. If you need information about enabling these backups, contact the producer.

The following provides an overview of the backup process for trusted storage on the license server:

- **One.** The license server automatically initiates a trusted-storage backup whenever the following events occur:
  - A capability response from the back office is processed
  - A quantity of capability requests from FlexNet Embedded clients have been processed (based on producer-defined thresholds for the license server)
- **Two.** Once the backup is initiated, the license server suspends the processing of capability responses and requests until the backup completes.
- **Three.** If the backup is successful, the backed-up trusted storage data is stored in the file `tsBackup/flexnetls_licenses.mv.db.ts`, located in the directory containing trusted storage. (A failed backup can be an indicator that trusted storage is corrupt.)

The license server maintains only one copy of the backed-up data at any given time.

## Running a Trusted Storage Restoration

If trusted storage is determined to be corrupt, you can restore the last successful backup of trusted storage.



### Task

#### To restore trusted storage from the backup

1. Stop the license server.
2. Use the `-restore-database` or `-restore-service-database` argument with the command that runs the license server script to restore trusted storage.

The *path* value used in this command is the path to the trusted-storage backup file `flexnetls_licenses.mv.db.ts`, located under `tsBackup` in the trusted storage directory. Note that the explicit path values listed in this step use the default value (`${base.dir}`) for the license server policy `server.trustedStorageDir`, which defines the trusted storage directory. You might need to adjust the path based on this policy definition on your license server. (See [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).)

If more than one user log-in will be doing a restore, `server.trustedStorageDir` should be set to a path other than `${base.dir}`. See the producer for updating this policy.

On Windows

- In console mode, enter:

```
flexnetls.bat -restore-database path
```

where *path* is `C:\Users\user_name\flexnetls\producer_name\tsBackup\flexnetls_licenses.mv.db.ts`.

- As a service, enter:

```
flexnetls -restore-service-database path
```

where *path* is

```
C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\flexnetls\producer_name\tsBackup\flexnetls_licenses.mv.db.ts.
```

On Linux

- In console mode, enter:

```
./flexnetls -restore-database path
```

where *path* is `/var/opt/flexnetls/producer_name/tsBackup/flexnetls_licenses.mv.db.ts`.

- As a service (Systemd or SysV), use the same command as used for console mode. Note that the database can be restored only if a custom installation location is defined.

3. Restart the license server.

Best practice is *never* to delete any files in directory containing the corrupted trusted storage; allow the restoration process handle the fix. However, if for some reason you need to remove the corrupted data, delete only `flexnetls_licenses.mv.db`.

One basic method you can use to verify that trusted storage has been restored to its previous uncorrupted state is to check the feature counts in trusted storage, using the license server administrator tool provided by the producer.

## Public Key Upload

Depending on the type of FlexNet Embedded licensing with which your purchased product is enabled, you might be required to upload a public key from the client to the license server. The producer will inform you whether this upload is necessary and will provide either the public key itself or the instructions on how to obtain it. You can upload this key using the FlexNet Embedded License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager or a tool or method provided by the producer. The producer will direct you as to which means to use.

In general, the public key is an RSA key (2048-bit DER-encoded) in an octet-stream format. You must have license-server administrator credentials to upload it.



# Managing a CLS Instance

If you are using a CLS instance (a Cloud Licensing Service license server), which is hosted in the Cloud, you must use the FlexNet Operations End-User Portal to manage the server. For management instructions, you can access the portal's help system, or refer to this chapter, which highlights important license-server administration procedures extracted from the portal's help system.

For more information about the CLS instance and its relationship to the FlexNet Embedded local license server, see [Local License Servers vs. License Servers Hosted in the Cloud](#) in the [Introduction](#) chapter.

This chapter covers the following procedures for managing the CLS instance:

- [Attributes of the CLS Instance](#)
- [Searching for a CLS Instance](#)
- [Working with CLS Instances](#)
- [Creating a CLS Instance](#)
- [Managing Administrative Security](#)

## Attributes of the CLS Instance

The following attributes are used when searching for, creating, and managing CLS instance.

**Table 5-1** ▪ CLS Instance Attributes

Attribute	Description
Deployment	The deployment type for the license server. For a CLS instance, this is <b>Cloud</b> .

Table 5-1 ■ CLS Instance Attributes (cont.)

Attribute	Description
<b>License Server ID</b>	The unique identity for the license server.  License Server ID is not shown when creating license servers with the <b>Cloud</b> deployment type. In this case, FlexNet Operations automatically generates a License Server ID. However, you can see this attribute on the <b>View Server</b> page for the CLS instance.
<b>Auto Provisioned</b>	Indicates whether the producer created the CLS instance through the auto-provision feature in FlexNet Operations.
<b>Model</b>	The device model used to create the CLS instance.
<b>Site Name</b>	A label used to distinguish between different license servers if your organization has multiple CLS instances.
<b>Organization</b>	The name of your organization specified as Organization ID (or Owner ID).
<b>Server Status</b>	The status of the license server as either ACTIVE, RETURNED, or OBSOLETE.


## Searching for a CLS Instance

An existing CLS instance is often most easily located by performing a quick search based on one or more attributes of the license server.



### Task

#### To search for a CLS instance

1. Click **Devices > Devices**. This opens the **Devices** page.
2. (Optional) To filter the devices list to show only CLS instances:
  - a. On the **Devices** page, hover the cursor over the  filter icon to display the filter selection list.
  - b. On the selection list, select **Cloud License Servers** for the device **Type**, and select one or more **Status** types.
  - c. Click **Apply** to filter the devices according to your selections.
3. Perform a simple or advanced search for the license server.

#### Simple search

- a. On the **Devices** page, click the drop-down list next to the filter icon, and select the search criterion.
- b. Type the search string in the text field next to the drop-down.
- c. Click **Search**.

#### Advanced search

- a. On the **Devices** page, click the **+** icon (next to the **Search** button) to open the Advanced Search window.
- b. Type the search criterion in the attribute text fields.
- c. Click **Search**.

When you select a CLS instance from the **Devices** list, its **View Server** page opens. From this page, you can view the server's attributes and access options to perform server management activities—such as viewing server history or moving a server. See [Working with CLS Instances](#) for further information.

## Working with CLS Instances

From the **View Server** page for a CLS instance, you can view the server's attributes or access options to manage the server. The following topics address the server-management activities you can perform.

For instructions on accessing a license server's **View Server** page, see the previous section [Searching for a CLS Instance](#).

**Table 5-2** ■ Overview of CLS Management Tasks

Topic	Description
<a href="#">View the History of a License Server</a>	Shows how to view a history of the license server's transactions.
<a href="#">View Served Clients of a CLS Instance</a>	Shows how to view the clients currently served by the license server.
<a href="#">Map Entitlements to a CLS Instance</a>	Explains how to map add-ons to the license server.
<a href="#">Remove Licenses from a CLS Instance</a>	Explains how to remove add-ons from the license server.
<a href="#">Move a CLS Instance</a>	Describes how to change the owner of the license server.

## View the History of a License Server

You can view the history of a specific CLS instance through its **View Server** page. The **Server History** page lists all the events that have occurred in the server's history—from its creation, to ownership changes, to activation requests.



### Task

#### **To view the history of a CLS instance**

From the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, click **View > View History**.

The End-User Portal opens the **Server History** page.

## View Served Clients of a CLS Instance

Through the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, you can view the client devices currently served by the instance.



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### Task To view the served devices of a license server

From the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, click **View > View Served Devices**.

The End-User Portal opens the **Devices** page, showing the a list of client devices currently served by the CLS instance.

## Map Entitlements to a CLS Instance

CLS instances are often provisioned with pre-built capabilities. However, these servers also permit the addition of new features or more capacity via additional entitlements.

When the current owner of a CLS instance is entitled to additional capabilities, you can manually map these entitlements to the server through the **View Server** page.



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### Task To map an entitlement

1. From the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, click **Action > Map Entitlements**. The End-User Portal opens the **Map Entitlements** page. The table on this page lists the entitlements that can be mapped to the current CLS instance.
2. In the table, enter a count in **Qty to Add** to specify the quantity for each entitlement you want to map.
3. (Optional) For any entitlement that is enabled, you can override the its **Expiration**, as shown in the table, with a shorter-term expiration. Click the pencil icon next to the expiration date, and select a new date from the displayed calendar. (After the change is saved, the new expiration appears in the **Licenses** table on the **View Server** page and is denoted by an asterisk in the table on the device's **Map Entitlements** page.)
4. Click **Save**.

The End-User Portal maps the entitlements to the current CLS instance and returns to server's **View Server** page.

## Remove Licenses from a CLS Instance

Licenses already mapped to a CLS instance can be manually removed through its **View Server** page.



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**Note** ▪ *Metered-model licenses cannot be removed.*



### Task

#### To remove licenses

1. From the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, click **Action > Remove Licenses**. The End-User Portal opens the **Remove Entitlements** page. The **Licenses on Device** table on this page lists licenses that can be removed from the current server.
2. In the **Licenses on Device** table, enter a count in **Qty to Remove** for those licenses you want to remove.
3. Click **Save**.

The End-User Portal removes the specified license counts for the current CLS instance and returns to the server's **View Server** page.

## Move a CLS Instance

A CLS instance that has not yet been assigned to a customer organization can be moved from your organization to a related organization. For example, the parent organization can move the license server from one of its child organizations (a regional division, for instance) to another child organization.

When a CLS instance is moved, any entitlements that belong to that license server are moved as well. The result of such a move on the receiving organization is that new entitlements are added or existing entitlements that match moved entitlements are incremented.

This action is preformed through the **View Server** page for the CLS instance.



### Task

#### To move a license server

1. From the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, click **Action > Move Server**. The End-User Portal opens the **Move Server** page.
2. For **To Organization**, select the organization to receive the CLS instance.
3. Click **Submit**.

The End-User Portal changes the owner of the license server and returns to the server's **View Server** page.

## Creating a CLS Instance

In some cases, if your enterprise is large, it might be desirable to have multiple CLS instances. You can define new CLS instances in the End-User Portal. And, once defined, a CLS instance can submit its own capability requests to FlexNet Operations and serve its own licenses to served clients.

For descriptions of the attributes used to create a CLS instance, see [Attributes of the CLS Instance](#).



### Task

#### To create a CLS instance

1. From the End-User Portal menu bar, click **Devices > Create Device**. The **Device | New Device** page opens.
2. Type a device **Name**.

3. Select the **Runs license server?** option. For **Deployment**, select **Cloud**.
4. Optionally, select a server **Model** from the drop-down list.
5. Optionally, select an **Organization** from the drop-down list. The organization identifies the customer or partner organization of the server.
6. Optionally, type a value for **Site Name**.
7. Click **Save**.

The End-User Portal creates the new CLS instance and opens its **View Server** page.

## Managing Administrative Security

If administrative security is enabled for your CLS instance, a default license-server administrator account is created for you when the CLS instance is created. This account gives you access to a full range of administrative functionality on the CLS instance, including privileges to create and manage other enterprise user accounts. For details, see [Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.

This section highlights basic tasks that you perform as the license server administrator:

- [Set Your Administrator Password](#)
- [Create and Manage Other User Accounts](#)
- [Manage the License Server](#)

## Set Your Administrator Password

You are responsible for setting the password for your default administrator account before you access the CLS instance. (The default administrator name for this account is “admin”, which is case-sensitive.)



### Task

#### *To set your password*

1. From the **View Server** page for the CLS instance, click **Action > Set Password**.
2. Provide your password and re-enter it to confirm. (The password must meet the criteria specified in [Credential Requirements](#) in the [Getting Started](#) chapter.)

## Create and Manage Other User Accounts

As a license server administrator, you can use your credentials to create other user accounts—either for enterprise users or for another administrator. You can perform these operations using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool (see [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#)) or the custom administrative tool provided by the producer.

## Manage the License Server

Use the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the producer's custom administrative tool to perform other administrative tasks such as creating and managing reservations, suspending the server, and querying features and information about licenses served to FlexNet Embedded clients. For instructions, see [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) or the producer's instructions.





# Reference: License Server Policy Settings

Use the following chart as reference to the license server policy settings provided by the producer to control the various operations that your local license server can perform, such as synchronization to and from the back office, licensing distribution, logging, license server failover, and others.

The **Editable?** column indicates whether the license server administrator can update the given policy.




**Note** ▪ These policies are of interest to the administrator of a local license server. The administrator of a CLS instance cannot edit license server policies.

For more information about the process of overriding settings, go to the appropriate section:

- [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.
- “License Server Properties View” in the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide. (As a reference, the chart shows the field name equivalents used in FlexNet License Server Manager for various policy settings in producer-settings.xml.)


**Table A-1** ▪ License Server Policy Settings

Setting	Description	Editable?
<b>database.backup-enabled</b>	<p>The property that determines whether the license server takes a backup of trusted storage at given times and stores it on the server. Should trusted storage become corrupt, the license server administrator can then restore it from the backup without contacting the back office. The default is false. See <a href="#">Trusted Storage Backup and Restoration</a> for details.</p>  <p><b>Note</b> ▪ Note that regular trusted-storage backups can negatively affect the license server performance.</p>	No

**Table A-1** ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>Licensing Policies</b>		
<b>licensing.allowDuplicateClients</b>	Changes the logic for processing capability requests. (Default is false.)	No
<b>licensing.clientExpiryTimer</b>	<p>The frequency of checks for expired features on clients. (An expired feature is one whose borrow interval has expired or that has reached its expiration date as defined in the back office.) Expired features found during a given check are returned to the license-server feature pool. The frequency value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds.</p> <p>The default frequency for these checks is 2s. Consider increasing this value if the current frequency is interfering with capability-request processing or with overall throughput, particularly when features have large borrow intervals. (The minimum value is 1s.)</p>	Yes
<b>licensing.dropClientEnforcedDelay</b>	<p>The delay that is enforced between client deletion requests. This value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds.</p> <p>This setting can also be used to disallow the deletion of clients; in this case, set the value DROP_CLIENT_DISALLOWED.</p> <p>(Default is 0s, meaning deleting client records is allowed and there is no enforced delay between deletions.)</p>	No
<b>licensing.responseLifetime</b>	The lifetime of a served-license response on the client. This value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. If this value is 0 (zero), the response has an unlimited lifetime. (Default is 1d.)	No
<b>licensing.allowVirtualClients</b>	The property that determines whether virtual client devices are allowed to obtain licenses. Default is true.	No
<b>licensing.allowVirtualServer</b>	The property that determines whether the license server is allowed to run on a virtual host. Default is true.	No

Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>licensing.defaultBorrowGranularity</b>	<p>The time unit to which the borrow interval used by the license server rounds up. Valid values include day, hour, minute, or second. (The default is second.)</p> <p>For example, if the borrow interval (which is always expressed in seconds) is 60 seconds, and the borrow granularity is <b>day</b>, then a license issued at 5:05:01 PM expires at 11:59:59 PM—the borrow interval (5:06:01 PM) rounded to the <i>end of the nearest day</i>. Likewise, if granularity is <b>minute</b>, expiration is at 5:06:59 PM. If the granularity is <b>second</b>, expiration is 5:06:01 PM.</p> <p>This setting is used for those client devices that do not specify one.</p>  <p><b>Note</b> ■ For FlexNet Embedded client SDKs released before version 4.0, the granularity is always “day”, regardless of this setting.</p>	No
<b>licensing.borrowInterval</b>	<p>The borrow interval for served licenses. This <i>server borrow interval</i> is only considered if the back office does not specify a borrow interval for a feature within the license model. The current version of FlexNet Operations mandates that a borrow interval (also referred to as the <i>feature borrow interval</i>) be specified for new license models.</p> <p>This value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. (Default is 1w.)</p> <p>For information on how to determine the effective borrow interval, see <a href="#">licensing.borrowIntervalMax</a>.</p>	No

**Table A-1** ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)


Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>licensing.borrowIntervalMax</b>	<p>Restricts the borrow period of the clients. This value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. Default is NOT_CONFIGURED (0). This is also referred to as the <i>admin borrow interval</i>.</p> <p>The following helps you determine the effective borrow interval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the feature borrow interval has been set in the back office, the borrow interval is the lowest of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feature borrow interval (set in the back office)</li> <li>• client borrow interval (set in a client capability request)</li> <li>• admin borrow interval (set using <code>licensing.borrowIntervalMax</code>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the feature borrow interval has <b>not</b> been set in the back office, the borrow interval is the lowest of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• server borrow interval (defined in <code>producer-settings.xml</code> by the property <code>licensing.borrowInterval</code>)</li> <li>• client borrow interval (set in a client capability request)</li> <li>• admin borrow interval (set using <code>licensing.borrowIntervalMax</code>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A feature's current borrow expiration can never exceed the final expiration time for that feature. In addition, a borrow-interval granularity may be applied to the effective borrow interval.</p> <p>This parameter cannot be used for metered features.</p>	Yes
<b>licensing.renewInterval</b>	<p>The default renew interval is set as a percentage of the effective borrow interval. This value specifies how often—if ever—the client may attempt to recontact the local license server. Successful contact extends the expiration based on the effective borrow period (in other words, the timer for the effective borrow interval is restarted).</p> <p>If set to zero, the renew interval is at client discretion. (Default is 15.)</p> <div>  <p><b>Important</b> ■ <i>This specification by itself does not lead to enforcement. The client-side APIs must extract this value from the license server capability response and take appropriate action.</i></p> <p>For information on how to determine the effective borrow interval, see <a href="#">licensing.borrowIntervalMax</a>.</p> </div>	No
<b>licensing.hostIdValidation Interval</b>	<p>The frequency with which the license server validates that its host ID has not changed. This value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If this value is 0 (zero), validation is disabled. Default is 2m.</p>	No

Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>licensing.defaultTimeZone</b>	<p>Defines the time zone that will be applied when determining a feature's expiry date, start date, and issue date.</p> <p>Valid values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UTC</b>— If UTC is set, a feature's start date is the start of the specified day in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Equally, a feature will expire at the end of the day of the configured expiry date in UTC time. This is the default value.</li> <li>• <b>SERVER</b>—If SERVER is set, a feature's start date is the start of the specified day in the server's default time zone. Equally, a feature will expire at the end of the day of the configured expiry date in the server's default time zone.</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">Editing the Local Settings Post-Installation</a> for additional information.</p>	No
<b>licensing.security.json.enabled</b>	The option that enables (true) or disables (false) security for JSON capability exchanges. Contact the producer to determine whether this policy applies to the licensed product you are using and whether the policy should be enabled. (Default is true.)	Yes
<b>licensing.backup.uri</b>	<p>(Defined on back-up or main license server in a failover configuration; optional) The URI of the back-up license server to be included as reference information in the capability response to the client device. Use the following format:</p> <p><code>http://server:port/fne/bin/capability</code></p> <p>where <i>server:port</i> is the back-up license server's name and port number, as in:</p> <p><code>http://22.22.2.222:7070/fne/bin/capability</code></p>	Yes
<b>licensing.main.uri</b>	<p>(Defined on back-up or main license server in a failover configuration; optional) The URI of the main server to be included as reference information in the capability response to the client device. Use the following format:</p> <p><code>http://server:port/fne/bin/capability</code></p> <p>where <i>server:port</i> is the main license server's name and port number, as in:</p> <p><code>http://11.11.1.111:7070/fne/bin/capability</code></p>	Yes
<b>License Server Settings</b>		
<b>server.trustedStorageDir</b>	The directory in which trusted storage resides. (Default is <code>\${base.dir}</code> , which points to the <code>flexnet1s/producer_name</code> folder in the service's or user's home directory.)	No

Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>server.accessLogPattern</b>	<p>This property has been deprecated and should no longer be used.</p> <p>It is currently not possible to change the naming pattern of the access log file.</p> <p><b>Access Log File Naming Pattern</b></p> <p>Name of current log file: <code>access_request.log</code>.</p> <p>Name of rolled over files: <code>access_yyyy-mm-dd.request.log</code>.</p> <p>When a new day starts, a new access log file named <code>access_request.log</code> is created and populated with new logs. The access log file from the previous day is renamed to <code>access_yyyy-mm-dd.request.log</code> (for example, <code>access_2022-12-02.request.log</code>).</p>	No
<b>server.publisherDefinedHostId.policy</b>	<p>The property that determines whether to enable support for the use of a producer-defined hostid to identify the license server. To enable support, use the value <b>STRICT</b>. (Default is <code>false</code>, meaning support for this feature is disabled.)</p> <p>If the property is set to <b>STRICT</b>, the <code>server.hostType.order</code> property (if set) is ignored.</p>	No
<b>server.extendedHostId.enabled</b>	<p>The property that enables support for the use of extended hostids to identify the license server. (Default is <code>true</code>.)</p>	No
<b>server.hostType.order</b>	<p>The property that enables the producer to specify the order in which the local license server picks the hostid type. The order of the hostid types is specified as a comma-separated list, for example:</p> <pre>server.hostType.order=ETHERNET,FLEXID9,FLEXID10,VM_UUID</pre> <p>Valid values are all hostid types, with the exception of producer-defined hostid types.</p> <p>The following settings override the <code>server.hostType.order</code> property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>server.publisherDefinedHostId.policy</b>—If a producer-defined hostid type is set using the <code>server.publisherDefinedHostId.policy</code> property, the <code>server.hostType.order</code> property is ignored.</li> <li>● <b>ACTIVE_HOSTID</b>—If <code>ACTIVE_HOSTID</code> is set either through the REST API or using a configuration file during server startup, the <code>server.hostType.order</code> property is ignored.</li> </ul>	No
<b>server.forceTSResetAllowed</b>	<p>The property that determines whether trusted storage can be reset when unsynchronized data still exists on the license server. (Default is <code>false</code>.)</p>	No

Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>server.backupMaintenance.interval</b>	(Defined on back-up license server in a failover configuration; required) The maximum amount of time that the back-up server can serve licenses in a failover event. This value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. If this value is set to 0, the back-up license server will serve licenses for an unlimited time while in failover mode. (Default is 3d.)	No
<b>server.syncCompatibility</b>	(Used for migration from the FlexNet Embedded server application) The property that enables proper conversion of time units used for synchronization to and from the back office during the migration from the FlexNet Embedded server application to the FlexNet Embedded local license server. (Default is false.)	No
<b>Back Office URL</b>		
<b>ifs.url</b>	The URL for back office to which the license server sends capability requests and synchronization data. The property is required for the online deployment model of the license server.	No
<b>Policies for Polling Back Office for License Updates</b>		
<b>ifs.capability.enabled</b>	The property that determines whether capability-request polling is enabled. If polling is enabled, a capability request is sent to the back office periodically to update the license server's license rights.  This property is used for the online deployment model of the license server. (Default is true.)	No
<b>ifs.capability.repeats</b>	The amount of time between polling sessions to the back office. The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. (Default is 1d; minimum is 10s.)	Yes
<b>ifs.capability.retryCount</b>	The number of polling attempts allowed if the initial attempt fails. (Default is 3.)	Yes
<b>ifs.capability.retryRepeats</b>	The amount of time between polling attempts, if the initial attempt fails. The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. (Default is 30s; minimum is 1s.)	Yes
<b>Policies for Synchronizing to Back Office</b>		

**Table A-1** ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>lfs.syncTo.enabled</b>	<p>The property that determines whether synchronization to the back office is enabled. This property should be viewed in combination with <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll</code>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=true</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=true</code>: (Online synchronization) This mode collects all historical client actions in the synchronization history and uploads this data to the back office as part of the synchronization.</li> <li><code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=true</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=false</code>: (Online synchronization) This mode collects only the current state for each active client device at the point of synchronization and uploads this data to the back office</li> <li><code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=false</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=true</code>: (Offline synchronization) This mode collects all historical and current client actions. This data is retained on the license server until the offline synchronization tools are run (see <a href="#">Offline Synchronization to the Back Office</a>).</li> <li><code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=false</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=false</code>: No synchronization data is collected (synchronization is disabled). Client data is deleted from the license server as soon as the client expires.</li> </ul> <p>(Default is false.)</p>	No
<b>lfs.syncTo.pagesize</b>	The maximum number of client records to include in a synchronization message to the back office. A smaller page size limits the memory overhead at the expense of having multiple synchronization transactions. (Default is 100; minimum is 10; maximum is 256.)	Yes
<b>lfs.syncTo.threads</b>	The number of parallel threads allocated to handle the synchronization of metered-usage and license-distribution data to the back office. (Default is 1.)	Yes
<b>lfs.syncTo.repeats</b>	The amount of time between synchronization sessions to the back office. The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. (Default is 5m; minimum is 10s.)	Yes
<b>lfs.syncTo.retryCount</b>	The number of synchronization attempts to the back office allowed when an initial attempt fails. (Default is 4.)	Yes
<b>lfs.syncTo.retryRepeats</b>	The amount of time between synchronization attempts when an initial attempt fails. The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. (Default is 5m; minimum is 1s.)	Yes
<b>lfs.syncTo.delay</b>	At license server startup, the amount of time the server should wait before initiating a synchronization session to the back office. (Default is 2s; minimum is 2s.)	Yes



Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>lfs.syncTo.includeAll</b>	<p>The property that determines whether historical license-distribution data for concurrent features is collected and sent to the back office as part of the synchronization. This property should be viewed in combination with <code>lfs.syncTo.enabled</code>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=true</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=true</code>: (Online synchronization) This mode collects all historical client actions in the synchronization history and uploads this data to the back office as part of the synchronization.</li> <li>• <code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=true</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=false</code>: (Online synchronization) This mode collects only the current state for each active client device at the point of synchronization and uploads this data to the back office</li> <li>• <code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=false</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=true</code>: (Offline synchronization) This mode collects all historical and current client actions. This data is retained on the license server until the offline synchronization tools are run (see <a href="#">Offline Synchronization to the Back Office</a>).</li> <li>• <code>lfs.syncTo.enabled=false</code> and <code>lfs.syncTo.includeAll=false</code>: No synchronization data is collected (synchronization is disabled). Client data is deleted from the license server as soon as the client expires.</li> </ul> <p>(Default is true.)</p>	No
<b>Policies for Synchronizing from Back Office</b>		
<b>lfs.syncFrom.enabled</b>	<p>The property that determines whether license-recovery from the back office is enabled. If recovery is enabled, the metered-usage data and license-distribution state for concurrent features is recovered from the back office when the license server initially starts up with a new or reset trusted storage. (Default is false.)</p>	No
<b>Policies for License Server Failover</b>		
<b>fne.syncTo.enabled</b>	<p>(Defined on back-up license server only; required) The property that determines whether to enable “license server to license server” synchronization in a failover configuration. (Default is false.)</p>	Yes
<b>fne.syncTo.mainUri</b>	<p>(Defined on back-up license server only; required) The URI of the main license server in a failover configuration. Use the following format:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><code>http://server:port/fne/bin/capability</code></p> <p>where <i>server:port</i> is the main license server’s name and port number, as in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><code>http://11.11.1.111:7070/fne/bin/capability</code></p>	Yes

**Table A-1** ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>fne.syncTo.repeats</b>	(Defined on back-up license server only) The amount of time between synchronization sessions from the main server to the back-up server in a failover configuration. (The back-up server initiates the sessions.) The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. (Default is 300s; minimum is 5m.)	No
<b>fne.syncTo.pagesize</b>	(Defined on back-up license server only) The maximum number of client records to include in a synchronization message to the back-up server. A smaller page size limits the memory overhead at the expense of having multiple synchronization transactions. (Default is 100.)	Yes
<b>fne.syncTo.retryCount</b>	(Defined on back-up license server only) The number of synchronization attempts from the main server allowed when an initial attempt fails. (Default is 1.)	Yes
<b>fne.syncTo.retryRepeats</b>	(Defined on back-up license server only) The amount of time between synchronization attempts when an initial attempt fails. The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. The default is 60s.	Yes
<b>Security Policies</b>		
<b>security.enabled</b>	<p>The option that enables (<b>true</b>) or disables (<b>false</b>) administrative security on the license server.</p> <p>When administrative security is enabled, operations used to administer the license server are “secured” (that is, credentials are required to perform them). See <a href="#">Managing Administrative Security on a Local License Server or CLS Instance</a>.</p> <p>When this option is true, the remaining policies in this <i>Security Policies</i> section are in effect.</p> <p>(Default is false.)</p>	Yes
<b>security.token.duration</b>	<p>The duration of the JSON web token (generated when a user successfully authenticates credentials on the license server). When the token expires, credentials must be re-entered to re-authorize.</p> <p>The value can be specified with an optional unit-suffix letter—s, m, h, d, or w—indicating seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. If no suffix is used, the server assumes the value is in seconds. The default is 1d.</p> <p>This policy is not editable in the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p>	Yes

Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>security.http.auth.enabled</b>	<p>The option that enforces the use of HTTPS to perform secured administrative (and possibly licensing) operations on the license server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When false, the policy enforces the use of HTTPS to perform secured operations. (An error is generated for any attempt to perform a secured operation using HTTP.)</li> <li>When true, the policy allows either HTTP or HTTPS to perform secured operations. (This is the default.)</li> </ul> <p>This policy is not editable in the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p>	Yes
<b>security.ip.whitelist</b>	<p>The list of IP addresses for those components (devices) that you determine should have access to the license server without having to provide credentials. For example, you might want a machine in your IT department to have such access to the license server for fixing issues or performing maintenance.</p> <p>List only IP4 or IP6 addresses; and separate each address with a comma, as this example value shows:</p> <p><b>111.222.2.2,111.333.3.3</b></p> <p>This policy is not editable in the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p>	Yes
<b>security.anonymous</b>	<p>The option that determines whether or not users need credentials for “read” access to the license server’s endpoints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the value is <b>true</b>, all user accounts are automatically given “read” rights (ROLE_READ) and do not need to provide credentials for “read” access.</li> <li>When the value is <b>false</b>, a given user account must be explicitly assigned ROLE_READ in order to perform “read” operations. (The exception occurs when no role is assigned to an account, in which case ROLE_READ is assigned as the only role by default.) Credentials are then required to perform any “read” operation. If an account is not authorized for ROLE_READ, no “read” access is given. This setting provides additional protection against unauthorized queries on the license server.</li> </ul> <p>This policy is not editable in the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p> <p>(Default is false.)</p>	Yes
<b>Logging Policies</b>		
<b>logging.directory</b>	<p>The directory to which the license server writes the log for the license server. The default is <code>\${base.dir}/logs</code>, where <code>\${base.dir}</code> points to the <code>flexnetls/producer_name</code> folder in the service’s or user’s home directory.</p>	No

Table A-1 ■ License Server Policy Settings (cont.)

Setting	Description	Edit-able?
<b>logging.threshold</b>	<p>The lowest level of log-message granularity to record—FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, LICENSING, POLICY, or DEBUG. For example, if <b>FATAL</b> is set, only messages about fatal events are recorded. However, if <b>WARN</b> is set, fatal-event, error, and warning messages are recorded.</p> <p>(Default is INFO.)</p> <p><b>Logging categories</b></p> <p><b>FATAL</b>—Errors that prevent the server from starting up</p> <p><b>ERROR</b>—Serious errors</p> <p><b>WARN</b>—Warnings</p> <p><b>INFO</b>—Informational messages</p> <p><b>LICENSING</b>—Server responses such as, for example, capability responses and JSON replies</p> <p><b>POLICY</b>—Additional information for checkout filters (these are selective license filters customizable by the producer)</p> <p><b>DEBUG</b>—Additional debug-level information. The license server should not use a logging level of <b>DEBUG</b> for a long period, because it can have a negative impact on license server performance. It is not recommended to use <b>DEBUG</b> on production license servers.</p>	Yes
<b>graylog.host</b>	The host name of a Graylog server, if any, to which logging messages are sent.	Yes
<b>graylog.threshold</b>	The lowest level of log-message granularity to record—FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, LICENSING, POLICY, or DEBUG. For example, if <b>FATAL</b> is set, only messages about fatal events are recorded. However, if <b>WARN</b> is set, fatal-event, error, and warning messages are recorded. (Default is WARN.)	Yes

# SysV Alternative for Installation on Linux

As an alternative to installing the FlexNet Embedded local license server as a Linux service using systemd (described in [Getting Started](#)), you can use the SysV init runlevel system to perform the installation. This type of installation is an option only if your operating system supports SysV.

The following sections describe how to use SysV to install and run the license server as a Linux service:

- [Files Required for License Server Installation Using SysV](#)
- [Configure, Install, and Start the License Server](#)
- [Components Installed](#)
- [Edit Local Settings Post-Installation](#)
- [Uninstall the License Server Service](#)

## Files Required for License Server Installation Using SysV

The following files, distributed with the license server, support the installation and running of the license server service under SysV:

- `producer-settings.xml`
- `flexnetls`
- `configure`

Residing in the same directory as `flexnetls.jar`, these files work together to generate the components required to install and start the license server service in a SysV configuration.

For a list of all files (aside from the SysV installer files) that can be distributed with the license server, see [Components Installed](#).

# Configure, Install, and Start the License Server

The instructions in this section describe how to configure, install, and run the local license server as a Linux service using a SysV init runlevel system.



**Task**      **To install and start the license server as a service on Linux**

1. From the installation directory, execute `sudo ./configure` to generate the `/etc/default/flexnetls-producer_name` file, which defines license server settings for your local environment. Do either of the following:
  - To generate the file with the default settings, simply issue the `sudo ./configure` command.
  - To generate the file with settings specific to your environment, run the command with one or more of the options described in the following table to edit settings as needed. For example, to update the port and user name for the license server service, you might enter the following, where `7071` and `user1` are the new values to which you are updating the port and user name:

```
sudo ./configure --port 7071 --user user1
```



**Note** ▪ Any setting value that uses a space must be enclosed in double quotations (for example “user 1”).

**Table B-1** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Linux

Option	Description
<code>--program-dir dir</code>	The installation location of the license server service (default is <code>/opt/flexnetls/producer_name</code> ).
<code>--data-dir dir</code>	The location of trusted storage (default is <code>/var/opt/flexnetls/producer_name</code> ).
<code>--port port</code>	<p>The listening port used by the license server (default is <code>7070</code>).</p> <p>If the machine on which the license server is running uses multiple network interfaces, you can use the port option to specify the interface that you want the license server to use. Simply include the IP address for the interface in square brackets, as shown in this example:</p> <pre>--port [127.0.0.1].1443</pre>
<code>--user user_name</code>	The user name under which the license server service runs (default is <code>flexnetls</code> ).
<code>--group group_name</code>	The group name under which the license server service runs (default is <code>flexnetls</code> ).

**Table B-1** ▪ Local Settings for the License Server on Linux (cont.)

Option	Description
<b>--java_home path</b> or <b>--jre_home path</b>	The path for JDK or JRE installation that the license server should use.  By default, the license server uses the value of your JAVA_HOME or JRE_HOME system environment variable, whichever is defined on your machine, to determine the Java installation location. However, if you want the license server to use different Java installation on your system, provide the installation's explicit path for either the java_home or jre_home setting. (This override pertains to the license server only; your system continues to use the Java installation defined by the system environment variable.)

2. Execute **sudo ./flexnetls install** to install the license server as a service. If the server service is installed properly, you receive the message `Service flexnetls-producer_name installed`, where `flexnetls-producer_name` is the name of the service.
3. Execute **sudo service flexnetls-producer\_name start** to start the service. You should receive a message stating that the service has started.
4. To confirm that the service is running, execute **sudo service flexnetls-producer\_name status**. You should receive the message `flexnetls is running`. (To stop the service, execute **sudo service flexnetls-producer\_name stop**.)
5. To view the license server log, navigate to the server's logging directory (by default, `/var/opt/flexnetls/producer_name/logs`), and review the contents of the appropriate `.log` file.



**Note** ▪ Once you install the license server as service, you cannot use any of the “flexnetls” non-service command-line options, such as “console” or “install”.

## Components Installed

These components are included in the license server installation on Linux.

**Table B-2** ▪ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components Using SysV on Linux

Component	Description
<b>flexnetls.jar</b>	The Java executable file for the FlexNet Embedded local license server.
<b>producer-settings.xml</b>	The configuration file, generated by the producer, that defines policies for license server operations. Some of these settings can be overridden using the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool or the FlexNet License Server Manager.
<b>flexnetls</b>	The shell script used to start the FlexNet Embedded local license server when the service is installed under a SysV init runlevel system.

**Table B-2** ▪ FlexNet Embedded Local License Server Components Using SysV on Linux (cont.)

Component	Description
<b>configure</b>	A utility used to generate and edit a local settings file that contains information needed to run the license server in your local environment. This file is used only when the service is installed under a SysV init runlevel system.
<b>Truststore file provided by producer</b>	<p>Optional file containing root and intermediate certificates used to validate an HTTPS connection to FlexNet Operations.</p> <p>If the producer is using the Revenera-hosted version of FlexNet Operations, no truststore file is required.</p> <p>If the producer is using the “on-premises” version of FlexNet Operations and the server certificate has been signed by an unknown (private) certificate authority, then the truststore file is required.</p>
<b>regid.2009-06.com(...).swidtag</b>	The software ID tag file for use with software asset management tools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>backofficeofflinesynctool</b></li> <li>• <b>serverofflinesynctool</b></li> </ul>	<p>(Optional) The set of tools allowing the license server to perform offline synchronization to the back office. The software producer determines whether to provide these tools.</p> <p>The tools also require the flxPublicTools.jar, EccpressoAll.jar, and commons-codec-1.9.jar files.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>flexnetlsadmin.sh</b></li> <li>• <b>flexnetlsadmin.jar</b></li> </ul>	(Optional) Files used to run the FlexNet License Server Administrator command-line tool. The software producer determines whether to provide this tool.
<b>FlexnetLicenseServerManager-&lt;version&gt;.zip</b>	<p>(Optional) The FlexNet License Server Manager is provided as a separate package. The package is a Docker container which holds the image revenera/flsm. The software producer determines whether to provide this tool.</p> <p>For more information, see the FlexNet License Server Manager Guide, available from the <a href="https://docs.revenera.com">Revenera Product Documentation</a> site (<a href="https://docs.revenera.com">https://docs.revenera.com</a>).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>bin</b> directory</li> <li>• <b>install-vm-only.sh</b></li> <li>• <b>Readme.text</b></li> </ul>	(Optional) Special set of files needed to run FNLicensingService, a service used to capture the VM UUID on those Linux virtual platforms that do provide an appropriate mechanism for retrieving this ID. If you intend for your local license server to run on such a virtual Linux platform and require it to use the VM UUID as its hostid, consult the software producer for further instructions.



# Edit Local Settings Post-Installation

As part of the installation process, the license server package generates a local settings file that configures the license server for your local environment, as described in the previous section, [Configure, Install, and Start the License Server](#). The installation process provides a facility that lets you change default settings before settings file is generated.



Once the license server is installed, you can edit the local settings at any time, using the following instructions.




**Task**      **To modify local settings after installing the license server as a service on Linux**

1. Using sudo privileges, open the `/etc/default/flexnetls-producer_name` file in a text editor, and edit the settings as needed. (For example, you can uncomment settings or change existing values.) See the previous section [Configure, Install, and Start the License Server](#) for a description of the base settings.

Note that the following additional settings, which you can also edit, are created in the file at the time it is generated with the configure tool:

Setting	Description
<b>ACTIVE_HOSTID=value/type</b>	<p>The hostid to use for the license server.</p> <p>The hostid can only be set using a configuration file if no hostid has yet been specified for the license server. Once a hostid has been set, it can only be changed using the FlexNet License Server Administrator or the FlexNet License Server Manager.</p> <p>The syntax is <i>value/type</i> (for example, <code>7200014f5df0/ETHERNET</code>). If no value is specified for this setting and no active hostid has yet been set for the license server, the license server uses, by default, the first available Ethernet address on the machine. If using a dongle ID or a hostid other than the first available Ethernet address, specify it here. For more information about hostids, see <a href="#">Understanding Hostids</a>.</p> <div></div> <p><b>Important</b> ▪ <i>It is not recommended to change the hostid of a license server that has licenses mapped in the back office (FlexNet Operations). If the hostid is changed to a value that is different to that specified for the license server in the back office, any existing licenses mapped to the license server that is locked to the old hostid in the back office will be orphaned.</i></p> <p><i>To prevent this from happening, it is best practice to return the license server in the back office. During the return operation, the producer can transfer the licenses to a different device; this can be the same machine with the desired hostid. After the transfer, wait for the license server to synchronize with the back office (server synchronization occurs based on synchronization policies or on-demand).</i></p> <div></div> <p><b>Important</b> ▪ <i>If a server hostid has been set using <code>ACTIVE_HOSTID</code>, the <code>server.hostType.order</code> property (if set) is ignored.</i></p>
<b>HTTPS_SERVER_FILE=path</b>	<p>The path to the HTTPS “server” configuration file used to support <i>incoming</i> HTTPS from client devices. For details on how to create this configuration file and set up the license server for HTTPS, see <a href="#">Incoming HTTPS</a> in <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a>.</p>

Setting	Description
<b>HTTPS_CLIENT_FILE=</b> <i>path</i>	<p>The path to the HTTPS “client” configuration file used to support <i>outgoing</i> HTTPS communication to FlexNet Operations.</p>  <p><b>Note</b> ▪ The “client” configuration file is being deprecated and will be removed in a future release. Instead of the “client” configuration file, specify parameters to access the truststore file in the <i>https-out</i> setting in <i>Local-configuration.yaml</i>. For more information about HTTPS setup on the license server, see <a href="#">Outgoing HTTPS</a>.</p>
<b>SERVER_ALIAS=</b> <i>alias</i>	<p>A user-defined name (sometimes called <i>host name</i>) for the license server. This name is added to server’s capability requests to the back office, where it is then saved and used to identify the license server in the FlexNet Operations Producer and End User portals.</p> <p>One important use for this setting is that the alias can be included in the initial capability request sent at server registration, providing a helpful name by which users can identify the new server in the portals. If no alias is sent at registration, the server is identified by its <i>hostid</i>.</p>
<b>EXTENDED_SUFFIX=</b> <i>suffix</i>	<p>The suffix used for the Extended Host ID feature. This value is not set by default. Contact the software producer for details.</p>
<b>EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES=</b> <b>-</b> <i>property1=value1</i> <b>[</b> - <i>property2=value2...</i> <b>]</b>	<p>One or more system properties (each in <i>-Dkey=value</i> format) used by the license server to support different types of functionality. If entering multiple properties, enclose the entire set of properties in double quotations.</p> <p>For example, if you plan to have the license server communicate with the back office through an HTTP proxy, use this setting to identify the proxy parameters needed to configure the server. (For details, see <a href="#">Proxy Support for Communication with the Back Office</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.) The following shows example proxy parameters listed as <i>-D</i> system properties for this setting:</p> <pre>EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133 -Dhttp.proxyPort=3128 -Dhttp.proxyUser=user1a -Dhttp.proxyPassword=user1apwd35"</pre> <p>The entire set of parameters must be enclosed in double quotations, even if you specify only a single parameter, such as <code>EXTRA_SYSPROPERTIES="-Dhttp.proxyHost=10.90.3.133"</code>.</p>

Setting	Description
<b>BACKUP_SERVER_HOSTID</b>	<p>The hostid of the back-up license server in a failover configuration with the current license server (as the main server), if the back-up server is “unknown”—that is, not registered—in FlexNet Operations. This setting adds the back-up server’s hostid to the capability request sent by the current license server to the back office. The back office then automatically registers the back-up server in a failover configuration with the main server. This process saves the extra step of having to manually register the failover pair in FlexNet Operations. For more information, see <a href="#">License Server Failover</a> in the <a href="#">More About License Server Functionality</a> chapter.</p> <p>Make sure the back-up server’s hostid is the same type (for example, “ETHERNET”) as the hostid type of the current (main) license server.</p> <p>You might need to include this setting manually if it is not automatically generated in the settings file.</p>

2. Execute `sudo service flexnetls-producer_name restart` to restart the license server service.

## Uninstall the License Server Service

Use these steps to uninstall the local license server service installed with SysV.



### **Task** *To uninstall the license server service*

1. Execute the following command: `sudo service flexnetls-producer_name stop`.
2. Delete the `/opt/flexnetls/producer_name` folder.
3. Delete the `/etc/init.d/flexnetls-producer_name` and `/etc/default/flexnetls-producer_name` files.
4. Optionally, delete these files (listed here with their default locations):
  - The trusted storage files in `/var/opt/flexnetls/producer_name`
  - The log files in `/var/opt/flexnetls/producer_name/logs`

Trusted storage and log locations are defined by the license server policies `server.trustedStorageDir` and `logging.directory`, respectively, the defaults for which are based on `${bases.dir}`. Depending on the values set for these policies on your server, your trusted storage and log files might be in locations different from those mentioned in this step. See [Reference: License Server Policy Settings](#).

# Model Definition Grammar for Named License Pools

The model definition defines named license pools and conditions for rules that allow or deny access to features.

The following sections provide information and examples for creating model definitions:

- [Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF](#)
- [Use Case Examples and Their Model Definitions for Named License Pools](#)
- [Model Definition Examples for Reservations Converted to Named License Pools](#)

## Model Definition Grammar and Syntax—EBNF

The following section shows all possible grammar structures of the language used to write a model definition. The syntax representation is based on the Extended Backus–Naur Form (EBNF), which is a formal notation that can be used to describe other languages. It is grouped into the [Parser](#) and the [Lexer](#). Both can be used with ANTLR (for more information, see [antlr.org](http://antlr.org)).




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**Important** • Each definition can have only one model. Reserved model names are *reservations* and *default*.

## Parser

```
parser grammar model;
options { tokenVocab=modelLexer; }

// Parser
model: MODEL model_name LBRACE partitions? modelRule* RBRACE EOF;

model_name: QUOTEDSTRING ;
partitions: PARTITIONS LBRACE partition* RBRACE ;

partition: PARTITION partition_name LBRACE feature_spec* RBRACE ;
partition_name: QUOTEDSTRING ;
```

```
feature_spec: feature_name feature_version amount vendor_match? ;
feature_name: QUOTEDSTRING ;
feature_version: major_version ( DOT minor_version )? ;
major_version: DIGIT+ ;
minor_version: DIGIT+ ;
amount: integer_amount | percentage_amount | REMAINDER ;
integer_amount: DIGIT+ ;
percentage_amount: DIGIT+ PERCENT ;

vendor_match: VENDOR STRING MATCHES match_string;
match_string: QUOTEDSTRING ;

modelRule: ON compound_matcher LBRACE rule_body RBRACE ;

compound_matcher: negatable_matcher compound_rhs* ;

compound_rhs: compound_and_rhs | compound_or_rhs ;

compound_and_rhs: (AND | C_AND) negatable_matcher ;
compound_or_rhs: (OR | C_OR) negatable_matcher ;

negatable_matcher: negated_matcher | simple_matcher ;

negated_matcher: (NOT | C_NOT) simple_matcher ;

simple_matcher: hostid_matcher | hostname_matcher | hosttype_matcher | vendor_dictionary_matcher |
any_matcher ;

hostid_matcher: HOSTID LPAREN parameter_list RPAREN ;
hostname_matcher: HOSTNAME LPAREN parameter_list RPAREN ;
hosttype_matcher: HOSTTYPE LPAREN parameter_list RPAREN ;
vendor_dictionary_matcher: DICTIONARY LPAREN keyword_parameter_list RPAREN ;
any_matcher: ANY LPAREN RPAREN ;

parameter_list: parameter (COMMA parameter)* ;
parameter: QUOTEDSTRING ;
keyword_parameter_list: keyword_parameter (COMMA keyword_parameter)* ;

keyword_parameter: keyword_key COLON keyword_value ;
keyword_key: QUOTEDSTRING ;
keyword_value: WILDCARD | QUOTEDSTRING ;

rule_body: use_statement? server_specified? action? ;
use_statement: USE partition_name_list ;

server_specified: WITHOUT REQUESTED FEATURES LBRACE partition_server_specified |
feature_server_specified RBRACE ;

partition_server_specified: ALL FROM partition_name_list ;
feature_server_specified: feature_spec* ;

partition_name_list: partition_name (COMMA partition_name)* ;

action: ACCEPT | DENY | CONTINUE ;
```

# Lexer

```
lexer grammar modelLexer;

MODEL : 'model';
ON : 'on';
PARTITIONS : 'partitions';
PARTITION : 'partition';
REMAINDER : 'remainder';
ANY : 'any';
HOSTID : 'hostid';
USE : 'use';
ACCEPT : 'accept';
DENY : 'deny';
CONTINUE : 'continue';
WITHOUT : 'without';
REQUESTED : 'requested';
FEATURES : 'features';
ALL : 'all';
FROM : 'from';
HOSTNAME : 'hostname';
HOSTTYPE : 'hosttype';
DICTIONARY : 'dictionary';
VENDOR : 'vendor';
STRING : 'string';
MATCHES : 'matches';

LPAREN : '(';
RPAREN : ')';
LBRACE : '{';
RBRACE : '}';
COMMA : ',';
COLON : ':';
WILDCARD : '*';
PERCENT : '%';
DOT : '.';
AND : 'and';
OR : 'or';
NOT : 'not';
C_AND : '&&';
C_OR : '||';
C_NOT : '!';

DIGIT : '0'..'9' ;
QUOTEDSTRING : '"' (~('"' | '\\' | '\r' | '\n') | '\\ ('"' | '\\'))* '"';

// Whitespace, comments
WS : [ \t\r\n\u000C ]+ -> skip;
COMMENT : '/*' .*? '*/' -> skip ;
LINE_COMMENT : '//' ~[\r\n]* -> skip ;

UNKNOWN_CHAR : . ;
```

# Use Case Examples and Their Model Definitions for Named License Pools

The following examples illustrate possible use cases for sharing feature counts between license pools:

- Use Case: Simple Allow List
- Use Case: Simple Block List
- Use Case: Sharing Counts Between Business Units
- Use Case: Assigning Extra Counts To Business Unit
- Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit
- Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit With Exception of Specific Clients
- Use Case: Assigning Features Based on Combined hosttype and hostname Properties
- Use Case: Assigning Features Based on Vendor String Property
- Use Case: Device-specific Handling—Sharing Feature Counts Based On Hosttype
- Use Case: Named License Pool Receiving Entire Remaining Feature Count
- Use Case: Using Regular Expression to Allocate License Counts
- Use Case: Making Feature Counts Available to Multiple Business Units
- Use Case: Letting Server Specify Counts
- Use Case: Accumulating Counts from Multiple Named License Pools (“Continue” Action)

## Background Information for Use Cases

The following is information to keep in mind when reading the information in this section.

### Vendor Dictionary Data

Many of the following use cases use vendor dictionary data to define conditions for license allocation.

The vendor dictionary enables the software producer to send custom data in a capability request (in addition to the FlexNet Embedded-specific data) to the license server and vice-versa. Basically, the vendor dictionary provides a means to send information back and forth between the client and server for any producer-defined purposes, as needed; FlexNet Embedded does not interpret this data.

Vendor dictionary data is stored as key-value pairs. The key name is always a string, while a value can be a string or a 32-bit integer value. (In certain cases, the value can also be an array of a string and/or 32-bit integer.) Keys are unique in a dictionary and hence allow direct access to the value associated with them.

A common theme across the use cases in this appendix is that feature counts are shared between business units called Sales and Engineering. These business units would be identified by "business-unit" : [ "engineering", "sales" ] entries in the vendor dictionary.



For information about whether the vendor dictionary supports arrays and the data that might be available, contact your software producer.



**Tip** ▪ For an example that demonstrates a vendor dictionary condition that uses an array, see [Use Case: Making Feature Counts Available to Multiple Business Units](#).

## Default Behavior If No Conditions Are Met

When a feature request does not meet any of the conditions in the model definition, an `on any()` condition is expected that either denies or allows access to a license pool. If no such `on any()` condition is provided, the default is that the feature will be served from the default license pool (if features are available). This behavior is equivalent to the following code:

```
on any() {  
    use "default"  
    accept  
}
```

The examples in this chapter generally do not explicitly show this final `on any()` condition.

## Use Case: Simple Allow List

**Requirement:** Allow access to specific hostids

In this scenario, only declared hostids are allowed access. Note that no named license pools are needed in this scenario.

Instead of specifying all hostids in one condition within a rule of access, you can also include multiple rules with the “on hostid” condition in the model definition.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {  
    on hostid("F01898AD8DD3/ETHERNET", "5E00A4F17201/ETHERNET") {  
        use "default"  
        accept  
    }  
  
    on any() {  
        deny  
    }  
}
```



**Note** ▪ The `hostid` is specified as a `value/type` pair (for example, `7200014f5df0/ETHERNET`). If a `hostid` condition does not specify the `hostid` type, it is assumed that the `hostid` is of type `string`.

## Use Case: Simple Block List

**Requirement:** Deny access to specific hostids

In this scenario, all users except a declared few are allowed access.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  on hostid("user1@example.com/USER", "user2@example.com/USER") {
    deny
  }

  on any() {
    use "default"
    accept
  }
}
```



---

**Note** ▪ The *hostid* is specified as a *value/type* pair (for example, *7200014f5df0/ETHERNET*). If a *hostid* condition does not specify the *hostid* type, it is assumed that the *hostid* is of type *string*.

## Use Case: Sharing Counts Between Business Units

**Requirement:** Share feature counts between two business units.

This scenario features two business units called Sales and Engineering, which have been defined by entries in the vendor dictionary.

The model definition defines two named license pools, one for the Engineering business unit and another for the Sales business unit. The definition shares the total feature count of 10 for feature f1 equally between both business units, meaning each business unit gets 5.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 5
    }
    partition "sales" {
      "f1" 1.0 5
    }
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {
    use "engineering"
    accept
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "sales") {
    use "sales"
  }
}
```

```
        accept
    }
}
```

## Use Case: Assigning Extra Counts To Business Unit

**Requirement:** Make specified number of features accessible only to one particular business unit.

This scenario features the same business units as before—Sales and Engineering.

For this demonstration, let's assume that the total feature count for f1 is 10. Of the total count, 3 licenses are allocated exclusively to the named license pool called engineering. In addition, engineering is allowed access to the remaining 7 licenses (on a first-come-first-served basis) from the default license pool.

The Sales business unit (which has no pre-allocated counts in this scenario) only has access to the default license pool.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 3
    }
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {
    use "engineering", "default"
    accept
  }
}
```

## Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit

**Requirement:** Grant exclusive use of features to a specified business unit

This scenario uses the same business units and named license pools as the previous example: the default license pool, and a named license pool called engineering for the Engineering business unit. Other business units also exist (for example, the Sales business unit).

Let's assume that the total feature count for a feature called "cad" is 10. The entire count (expressed here as 100%) is allocated to the named license pool engineering, for exclusive use by the Engineering business unit. This effectively denies access to feature "cad" for any capability request that comes from a different business unit (that is, any request that does not include the vendor dictionary entry "business-unit" : "engineering").

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "cad" 1.0 100%           // entire feature count
    }
  }
}
```

```
    }

    on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") {
        use "engineering"
        accept
    }
}
```

## Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit With Exception of Specific Clients

**Requirement:** Grant exclusive use of features to a specified business unit, with the exception of specified clients.

This scenario uses the same framework as the previous use case, [Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit](#), but adds a filter that blocks specified clients.

Capability requests are granted for all clients from the business unit Engineering, except for requests coming from clients with the `hostid` "5e00a4f17204/ETHERNET" or "5e00a4f17205/ETHERNET".

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
    partitions {
        partition "engineering" {
            "cad" 1.0 100%                                // entire feature count
        }
    }

    on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") and not hostid("5e00a4f17204/ETHERNET",
"5e00a4f17205/ETHERNET") {
        use "engineering"
        accept
    }
}
```



**Note** ▪ The `hostid` is specified as a `value/type` pair (for example, `7200014f5df0/ETHERNET`). If a `hostid` condition does not specify the `hostid` type, it is assumed that the `hostid` is of type `string`.

For information about the operators `AND` and `NOT` used in this example, see [AND, OR, and NOT Operators](#).

## Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit and Specified Clients from other Business Units

**Requirement:** Grant exclusive use of features to a specified business unit and to a number of specified clients.

This scenario uses the same framework as the use case described in [Use Case: Exclusive Use of Feature Counts for Business Unit With Exception of Specific Clients](#). However, instead of filtering out specified clients, it also grants access to a number of select clients that are not part of the Engineering business unit.

Capability requests are granted for all clients from the business unit Engineering, and for clients with the hostid "5e00a4f17204/ETHERNET" or "5e00a4f17205/ETHERNET" (which may well be part of other business units).

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "cad" 1.0 100% // entire feature count
    }
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit" : "engineering") or hostid("5e00a4f17204/ETHERNET", "5e00a4f17205/ETHERNET") {
    use "engineering"
    accept
  }
}
```



**Note** ▪ The hostid is specified as a value/type pair (for example, 7200014f5df0/ETHERNET). If a hostid condition does not specify the hostid type, it is assumed that the hostid is of type string.

For information about the operators AND and NOT used in this example, see [AND, OR, and NOT Operators](#).

## Use Case: Assigning Features Based on Combined hosttype and hostname Properties

**Requirement:** Allow only clients that match specified hosttype and hostname properties access to a named license pool.

This scenario uses the same Engineering business unit and named license pool that you already know from previous examples.

In this example, a producer wants to allow client devices that match both a particular host type and host name access to the named license pool engineering. This can be achieved by combining the hosttype and hostname conditions using the AND operator. Requests from devices that match only the host type or host name, or none of these, are served from the default license pool.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 100
    }
  }

  on hosttype("tv") and hostname("device-1"){
    use "engineering"
    accept
  }
}
```

## Use Case: Assigning Features Based on Vendor String Property

**Requirement:** Allocate feature counts to named license pools based on the product name (specified through the vendor string property), and return counts to their original named license pool after use.



**Note** ▪ This use case illustrates how to allocate feature counts to named license pools based on the product name. However, the vendor string can be used to allocate counts on the basis of any of the substitution variables that FlexNet Operations supports. For more information on the vendor string, see the Tip, below.

In this scenario, feature counts come from a product for which two different versions exist: an Evaluation version and a Permanent version. The Evaluation version includes three features (f1, f2, f3), and the Permanent version includes four features (f1, f2, f4, f5).

As a prerequisite, the product names Eval and Permanent must be defined in the vendor string {EntitlementLineItem.productName} for the respective product version.



**Tip** ▪ The producer defines the vendor string in the license model when they create a line item in the back office. The vendor string can hold arbitrary producer-defined license data. Data can range from feature selectors to pre-defined substitution variables.

The model definition defines four named license pools. The **vendor string matches** directive is used to allocate counts—expressed in percent—from the Evaluation and Permanent product versions to different named license pools. The directive is evaluated when the license server loads the model definition.

Requests for feature counts are accepted or denied based on vendor dictionary data. In this scenario, the following vendor dictionary key-value pairs must be set up:

```
business-unit:engineering
business-unit:sales
PartNumber:Eval
PartNumber:Permanent
```

The model definition's rules of access only allow access to a particular named license pool if a capability request satisfies both conditions in the rule: it must match the dictionary entry for PartNumber and for business-unit. Capability requests that only satisfy one of the conditions or none are rejected, and access to the named license pool is blocked.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "eval-engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Eval"
      "f2" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Eval"
      "f3" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Eval"
    }

    partition "permanent-engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
      "f2" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
    }
  }
}
```

```
        "f4" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
        "f5" 1.0 75% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
    }

    partition "eval-sales" {
        "f1" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Eval"
        "f2" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Eval"
        "f3" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Eval"
    }

    partition "permanent-sales" {
        "f1" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
        "f2" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
        "f4" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
        "f5" 1.0 25% vendor string matches "ProductName:Permanent"
    }
}

on dictionary("PartNumber":"Eval") and dictionary ("business-unit" : "engineering") {
    use "eval-engineering"
    accept
}

on dictionary("PartNumber":"Permanent") and dictionary ("business-unit" : "engineering") {
    use "permanent-engineering"
    accept
}

on dictionary("PartNumber":"Eval") and dictionary ("business-unit" : "sales") {
    use "eval-sales"
    accept
}

on dictionary("PartNumber":"Permanent") and dictionary ("business-unit" : "sales") {
    use "permanent-sales"
    accept
}

on any() {
    deny
}
}
```

The following diagram illustrates the allocation of features to the four named license pools:

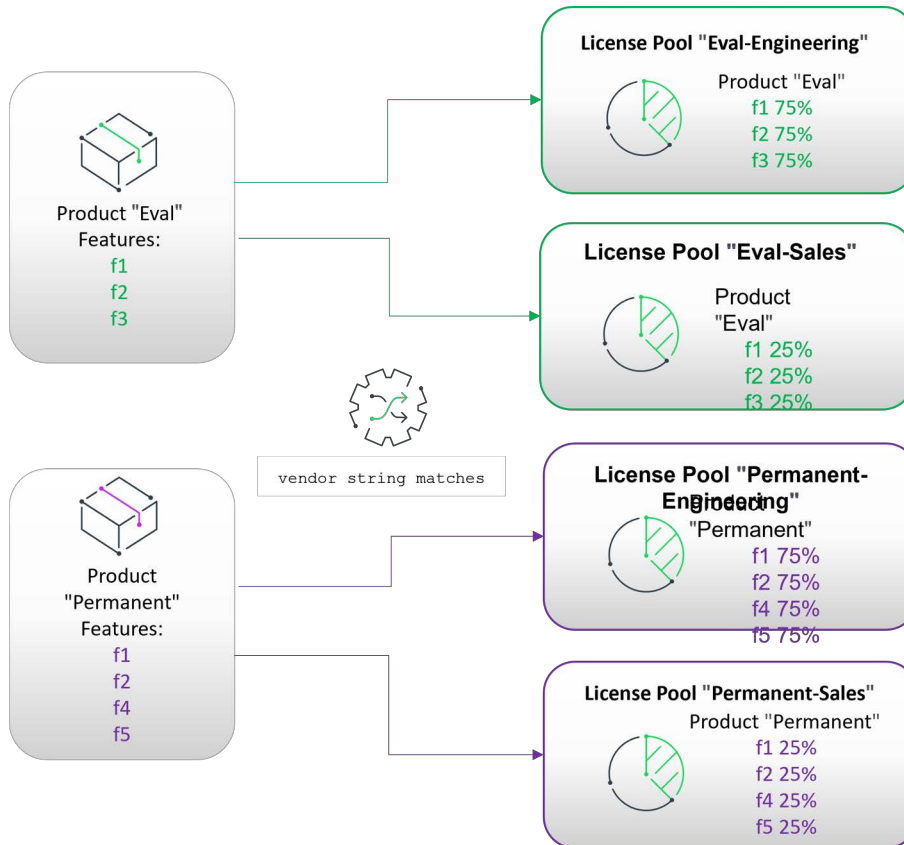


Figure C-1: “vendor string matches” Directive

## Use Case: Device-specific Handling—Sharing Feature Counts Based On Hosttype

**Requirement:** Use the `hosttype` property to route the capability request to the appropriate named license pool.

In this scenario there are three different models of routers, which are distinguished through the `hosttype` property in the capability request. Counts of the “router” feature are split between three different named license pools—called `small`, `medium`, and `large`—and the “on `hosttype`” condition is used to route the request to the appropriate named license pool.

The `hosttype` is a value that is optionally set by the software producer on a client device. (This `hosttype` is also sometimes referred to as a device type.) A `hosttype` is a human-readable “alias”—in contrast to the `hostid`—which can optionally be included in a capability request. Contact your software producer to find out about `hosttypes` that are available to you.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "small" {
      "router" 1.0 5
    }
    partition "medium" {
      "router" 1.0 10
    }
  }
}
```



```

    }
    partition "large" {
        "router" 1.0 20
    }
}

on hosttype("small") {
    use "small"
    accept
}
on hosttype("medium") {
    use "medium"
    accept
}
on hosttype("large") {
    use "large"
    accept
}
}

```

## Use Case: Named License Pool Receiving Entire Remaining Feature Count

**Requirement:** Distribute all counts of a feature between three named license pools as equally as possible, with none in the default named license pool.

If you declare three named license pools, two with a count specifier of 33% and one with 34%, integer rounding might cause some counts to slip into the default license pool. You can avoid this by replacing the last count specifier with the **remainder** keyword, which will match all available remaining counts.

Note that any license pool lower than the one specifying the **remainder** keyword in the model definition receives zero counts for that feature.

### Model Definition Example

```

model "exampleModel" {
    partitions {
        partition "p1" {
            "f1" 1.0 33%           // Total feature count of f1: 10
                                   // Feature count in p1: 3
        }
        partition "p2" {
            "f2" 1.0 33%           // Feature count in p2: 3
        }
        partition "p3" {
            "f3" 1.0 remainder     // Feature count in p3: 4
        }
    }
}

```

## Use Case: Using Regular Expression to Allocate License Counts

**Requirement:** Allow clients that match a specific hosttype pattern access to a specified named license pool. Allow clients from business units whose name matches a specific pattern access to two specified named license pools.

As before, this scenario features two business units called Sales and Engineering, which have been defined by entries in the vendor dictionary. Using a regular expression in each condition means that the rule can be simplified—instead of creating a separate condition for every valid hostname or vendor dictionary string, a regular expression defines the pattern that a hostname and string must match to gain access to feature counts.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "engineering" {
      "f1" 1.0 50%
    }
    partition "sales" {
      "f1" 1.0 50%
    }
  }

  on hostname("~/[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{3}/") {
    use "engineering"
    accept
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit":"~/Eng[0-9]+/") {
    use "engineering", "sales"
    accept
  }

  on any() {
    deny
  }
}
```

### Interpreting the Regular Expression

- Requests from clients with a hostname matching the following pattern get access to the engineering license pool:

[A-Z] any uppercase letter  
{2} matched exactly twice  
[0-9] any number  
{3} matched exactly three times

Examples for valid hostnames: AB123, CD789

- Requests from the engineering business unit (as defined in the vendor dictionary) matching the following pattern get access to the engineering and sales license pools:

Eng must start with “Eng” (matching capitalization)  
[0-9] followed by any number

Examples for valid vendor dictionary entries: Eng123, Eng456789

# Use Case: Making Feature Counts Available to Multiple Business Units

**Requirement:** Make feature count from multiple named license pools available to users that belong to more than one business unit.



**Important** - This use case is only applicable to scenarios where the vendor dictionary value can be an array. For information about whether the vendor dictionary supports arrays and the data that might be available, contact your software producer.

Previous use cases showed how the model definition could allocate feature counts based on a business unit named in the vendor dictionary. However, these only catered for scenarios where a user belongs to a single business unit.

This use case demonstrates a simple way of allocating feature counts to multiple business units—called DevOps and Engineering in this example—that are specified in an array in the vendor dictionary.

The vendor dictionary entry would look similar to this:

```
"vendorDictionary": {  
  "business-unit": [  
    "Engineering",  
    "DevOps",  
    "Security"  
  ],  
  "Region": "EMEA"  
}
```

Consider the following capability request that contains an array of strings associated with the business-unit key in the vendor dictionary:

```
{  
  "features": [  
    {  
      "count": 20,  
      "name": "cad",  
      "version": "1.0"  
    }  
  ],  
  "hostId": {  
    "type": "string",  
    "value": "h1"  
  },  
  "vendorDictionary": {"Region": "EMEA", "business-unit" : ["Engineering", "DevOps"]},  
  "borrow-interval": "300"  
}
```

The vendor dictionary will match any of these clauses:

- on dictionary("business-unit", "Engineering")
- on dictionary("business-unit", "DevOps")
- on dictionary("Region", "EMEA")

If the vendor dictionary element contains a simple value (string, 32-bit integer) an equality match is done.

If the vendor dictionary element contains an array, a "contains" match is done, meaning that it is sufficient if only one matching element exists in the array.

The conditions in the following model would grant such a capability request—coming from a client device that belongs to multiple business units—access to features in both named license pools, EngDevOps and EngSecurity.

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "EngDevOps" {
      "cad" 1.0 30%
    }
    partition "EngSecurity" {
      "cad" 1.0 30%
    }
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit":"Engineering") and dictionary("Region":"EMEA"){
    use "EngDevOps"
    accept
  }

  on dictionary("business-unit":"Security") and dictionary("Region":"EMEA"){
    use "EngSecurity"
    accept
  }

  on any() {
    use "default"
    accept
  }
}
```

## Use Case: Letting Server Specify Counts

**Requirement:** Let the server specify the desired counts, instead of the client

The following model definition demonstrates how to let the server specify the features that should be assigned to a client device. The model uses the **without requested features** directive in combination with a feature specification. Note that the server cannot override a capability request containing desired features coming from the client.

The following rule of access assigns a count of feature f1 to each capability request with the hostname "myhost".

### Model Definition Example

```
model "exampleModel" {
  partitions {
    partition "p1" {
      "f1" 1.0 10
    }
  }

  on hostname("myhost") {
```

```

    use "p1", "default"
    without requested features {
        "f1" 1.0 1
    }
    accept
}

```

You can also combine the `without requested features` directive with `all from "License_pool_name"`. This variation will result in the first capability request receiving all counts from the specified named license pool. For a scenario where `all from "License_pool_name"` might be used, see [Scenario: Server-specified Counts](#).



**Note** - Server-specified desired feature counts should be marked with the "partial" attribute, indicating that partial checkout is allowed if the feature's count falls short of the desired count.

## Use Case: Accumulating Counts from Multiple Named License Pools (“Continue” Action)

**Requirement:** Allow a capability request to collect feature counts from more than one license pool

This use case defines two named license pools for feature counts. If a capability request comes from Europe (containing the key-value pair "region"/"Europe", defined by the producer using vendor dictionary data), it gets access to named license pool p1. If the request comes from a device labeled “10A” (containing the key-value pair "model" : "10A", defined by the producer using vendor dictionary data), it gets access to named license pool p2. If both conditions are true, the request gets access to both p1 and p2.

### Model Definition Example

```

model "exampleModel" {
    partitions {
        partition "p1" {
            "f1" 1.0 5
        }
        partition "p2" {
            "f1" 1.0 5
        }
    }

    on dictionary("region" : "Europe") {
        use "p1"
        continue
    }

    on dictionary("model" : "10A") {
        use "p2"
        continue
    }
}

```

# Model Definition Examples for Reservations Converted to Named License Pools

The following examples show model definitions that might result from manually converting reservations to named license pools. Conversion involves creating and uploading a model definition that reproduces the allocation achieved previously through reservations.



**Important** • You must delete any existing reservation groups before uploading the model definition.

## Scenario: Counts Reserved By Hostid

The original reservation model consists of per-hostid reserved counts, together with the ability to get counts from the default shared pool. Reservations might look like this when expressed in a model definition:

```
model "model-1" {
  partitions {
    partition "reservation-1" {
      "f" 1.0 1
    }
  }

  on hostid("F01898AD8DD3/ETHERNET") {
    use "reservation-1", "default"
    accept
  }

  on any() {
    use "default"
    accept
  }
}
```

Note that creating rules of access based on hostids is possible, but generally not recommended. Maintaining large lists of rules of access with the hostid condition is tedious and prone to error. Instead, consider basing the rules of access on hostname or hosttype properties or vendor dictionary key/value pairs.



**Note** • The hostid is specified as a value/type pair (for example, 7200014f5df0/ETHERNET). If a hostid condition does not specify the hostid type, it is assumed that the hostid is of type string.

## Scenario: Server-specified Counts

Sometimes, a capability request does not contain any desired features. In this case, the server can be configured to specify the features that should be assigned to a client device. If a reservation exists for the client that sent the capability request, the reserved counts are acquired. The following model reservation example demonstrates how this behavior is replicated with named license pools. The **without requested features** directive replicates the server-specified count, and **all from "License\_pool\_name"** allocates all feature counts from the specified named license pool to the first client sending a capability request that fulfills the conditions defined in the rule of access.

The `all from "License_pool_name"` instruction essentially acts as a shortcut to the feature counts specified for the relevant named license pool in the model definition. If the specified named license pool does not have sufficient counts to satisfy the request, counts are allocated from subsequent named license pools listed in the rules of access (provided that the client has access to those named license pools).

Let's assume that the original reservation model consists of per-hostid reserved counts, together with the ability to get counts from the default shared pool. An equivalent model definition and rule of access might look like this:

```
model "reservations" {
  partitions {
    partition "reservation-1" {
      "f1" 1.0 1
    }
  }

  on hostid("F01898AD8DD3/ETHERNET") {
    use "reservation-1", "default"
    without requested features {
      all from "reservation-1"
    }
    accept
  }
}
```

The `without requested features` directive can also be combined with a feature specification to produce more fine-grained rules of access. For a use case example, see [Use Case: Letting Server Specify Counts](#).

As noted in the previous scenario, creating rules of access based on hostids is generally not recommended. Instead, consider basing the rules of access on hostname or hosttype properties or vendor dictionary key/value pairs.




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**Note** ▪ Server-specified desired feature counts should be marked with the "partial" attribute, indicating that partial checkout is allowed if the feature's count falls short of the desired count.




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**Note** ▪ The `hostid` is specified as a `value/type` pair (for example, `7200014f5df0/ETHERNET`). If a `hostid` condition does not specify the `hostid` type, it is assumed that the `hostid` is of type `string`.







# Logging Functionality on the Local License Server

This appendix describes the logging functionality available for the local license server, specifically:

- [Logging Style](#)
- [Custom Log Configurations](#)
- [Integration of License Server Logging With External Systems](#)

## Logging Style

A logging style configuration parameter can be used to configure rollover, JSON formatting and timestamp behavior. The different logging styles can be specified in the `local-configuration.yaml` file, using the `loggingStyle` property.

Set the property using the following format (the space after the colon is mandatory):

```
loggingStyle: value
```

The property can take one of the following values:

- **DAILY\_ROLLOVER**—The log file is closed at midnight local time, compressed with gzip, and a new log file is started. Timestamp values use the local time zone. This is the default if no logging style is specified.
- **DAILY\_ROLLOVER\_UTC**—Same as **DAILY\_ROLLOVER**, but with UTC timestamp.
- **CONTINUOUS**—Legacy value. Rollover is handled as **DAILY\_ROLLOVER**.
- **CONTINUOUS\_UTC**—Legacy value. Rollover is handled as **DAILY\_ROLLOVER\_UTC**.
- **JSON\_ROLLOVER**—Logs are formatted using JSON. The log file is closed at midnight local time, compressed with gzip (suitable for Filebeat), and a new log file is started. Always uses ISO 8601 UTC timestamps.
- **JSON**—Logs are emitted as JSON to stdout only (suitable for Docker). Always uses ISO 8601 UTC timestamps.



**Note** ▪ The Docker-friendly JSON logging style is not supported when the local license server is run as a Windows or Linux service (because it only writes to stdout). If set, the style will be changed to DAILY\_ROLLOVER.

## Custom Log Configurations

If the preconfigured logging styles do not meet your requirements, you can customize the logging configuration. To do so, prepare an external configuration file and specify the path to that file in an environment variable (\$LOGGING\_CONFIGURATION).

Documentation for logback appenders can be found here: <https://logback.qos.ch/manual/appenders.html>

To construct the external configuration file, extract a logback configuration from the flexnetls.jar file and modify it to suit your requirements. The following tables shows the existing configurations.

Table D-1 ▪

Logging Style	Extraction Command
CONTINUOUS	unzip -p flexnetls.jar BOOT-INF/classes/logback-continuous.xml
CONTINUOUS_UTC	unzip -p flexnetls.jar BOOT-INF/classes/logback-continuous.xml
DAILY_ROLLOVER	unzip -p flexnetls.jar BOOT-INF/classes/logback-rollover.xml
DAILY_ROLLOVER_UTC	unzip -p flexnetls.jar BOOT-INF/classes/logback-rollover.xml
JSON	unzip -p flexnetls.jar BOOT-INF/classes/logback.xml
JSON_ROLLOVER	unzip -p flexnetls.jar BOOT-INF/classes/logback-rollover-json.xml



**Note** ▪ The "\_UTC" variants share a configuration file with their local time counterpart, as the difference is expressed in a "logging.timestamp" system property.

## Integration of License Server Logging With External Systems

The local license server can pass log entries to external log monitoring software. Some common configurations are documented here, but others are possible by adapting these instructions.

Common configurations described in this section are:

- [Graylog](#)
- [Elastic Stack](#)

- [logz.io](#)

Examples for implementing some of these configurations are provided in the [Example Configurations](#) section.

## Graylog

The local license server supports Graylog's GELF protocol (see [graylog.org/features/gelf](#)). GELF mode is enabled by supplying the following configuration values in `producer-settings.xml`:

- **graylog.host**—The host name of the Graylog server to which logging messages are sent.  
  
The format for `graylog.host` is: `[protocol:]host[:port]`  
  
The protocol and port components are optional, and default to "udp" and 12201, respectively. The supported protocol values are "udp" and "tcp".
- **graylog.threshold**—The lowest level of log-message granularity to record—FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, LICENSING, POLICY, or DEBUG. For example, if **FATAL** is set, only messages about fatal events are recorded. However, if **WARN** is set, fatal-event, error, and warning messages are recorded. (Default is WARN.)

Instead of using `producer-settings.xml`, these values can also be supplied using the FlexNet License Server Administrator—see [Managing License Server Policy Settings](#) in the [Using the FlexNet License Server Administrator Command-line Tool](#) chapter.)

The section [Graylog Logging](#) shows an example of how you can implement this configuration.

## Elastic Stack

To use Elastic Stack logging, you must configure the server for JSON logging. To do so, in the `local-configuration.yaml` file, specify the following property and value:

```
loggingStyle: JSON_ROLLOVER
```

The Elastic Stack consists of 3 components:

- **Logstash**. This component receives log entries, filters and transforms them and then passes the entries onwards.
- **Elasticsearch**. This component stores the log entries.
- **Kibana**. This component is the GUI where log entries can be searched and visualized.

The following methods are available to pass the log entries to Logstash:

- **Using Logstash's native support of the GELF protocol**—Set up the `graylog.host` and `graylog.threshold` configuration properties to refer to Logstash.
- **Using Elastic Stack's Filebeat to monitor the server's logging directory**—The use of Filebeat to send log entries to the Elastic stack is generally preferred to the use of GELF, because the JSON output is richer and more flexible than the GELF log entry encapsulation, and it is more robust when network interruptions happen. For more information about Filebeat, go to [elastic.co/beats/filebeat](#).

The sections [Elastic Stack and Filebeat](#) and [Elastic Stack and GELF](#) show examples of how you can implement this configuration.

# logz.io

logz.io is a managed and customized Elastic Stack logging offering. Refer to the methods in the previous section, [Elastic Stack](#), for a short explanation of how to configure the server to work with it. For more information about logz.io, go to [logz.io](#).

## Example Configurations

This section contains examples for external logging configurations.

- [Graylog Logging](#)
- [Elastic Stack and Filebeat](#)
- [Elastic Stack and GELF](#)

## Graylog Logging

The following example demonstrates Graylog logging.



### Task

#### **To enable Graylog logging**

1. Start Graylog. You could run Graylog using Docker or run it as a virtual machine appliance under VirtualBox, depending on your preference.
2. Set `graylog.host` to `localhost` to specify the Graylog server and set your desired log threshold (for example, `INFO` or `LICENSING`). If using the FlexNet License Server Administrator, you would use a command such as the following:

```
flexnetlsadmin -authorize admin -passwordConsoleInput -config -set graylog.host=localhost  
graylog.threshold=LICENSING
```

Instead of using the FlexNet License Server Administrator you could also request a new `producer-settings.xml` file from your software producer.

3. Restart the license server. Log information will now be sent to Graylog on port 12201 using UDP (the default port and protocol).
4. Configure Graylog to receive the log information. For information, consult the [Graylog documentation](#).

## Elastic Stack and Filebeat

This section explains how to log to a Docker installation of the Elastic Stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana), using Filebeat to send log contents to the stack. Log data is persisted in a Docker volume called "monitoring-data".

This configuration enables you to experiment with local license server logging to the Elastic Stack. However, it is not recommended for production use, due to insufficient high availability, backup and indexing functionality.

This section is split into the following steps:

1. [Preparing the Directory Structure](#)
2. [Preparing the Local License Server](#)
3. [Creating the “docker-compose” File](#)
4. [Creating the Elasticsearch Files](#)
5. [Adding a Logstash Configuration](#)
6. [Building the Elastic Stack](#)
7. [Preparing to Use Filebeat](#)
8. [Sending Log Entries to Logstash](#)

## Preparing the Directory Structure

This demo uses the following directory structure:

Directory structure
<pre>demo/    ----- docker-compose.yml    ----- elasticsearch/                    ----- Dockerfile                    ----- elasticsearch.yml    ----- filebeat/    ----- server/                    --- flexnetls.jar                    --- producer-settings.xml                    --- local-configuration.yaml    ----- logstash.conf</pre>

## Preparing the Local License Server

Follow the steps below to prepare the server to log to a Docker installation. This step assumes that Docker is installed.



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**Task**

***To prepare the local license server for logging to a Docker installation:***

1. Copy the local license server files—`flexnetls.jar`, `producer-settings.xml`, and `local-configuration.yaml`—into the server directory.
2. Configure the server for logging in JSON format. Add the following entry to the top section of `local-configuration.yaml`:

```
loggingStyle: JSON_ROLLOVER
```

This causes logs to be written in JSON format to the default location of `$HOME/flexnetls/$PUBLISHER/logs`.

3. Start the license server using the following command from the server directory:

```
$ java -jar flexnetls.jar
```

4. Confirm that log files with a `.json` extension are being created.

## Creating the “docker-compose” File

Use the sample below to create the docker-compose.yml file. Note that this demo uses the producer name “acme”.

### docker-compose.yml

```
version: '2.2'
services:
  elasticsearch:
    build:
      context: elasticsearch/
    container_name: elasticsearch
    volumes:
      - monitoring-data:/usr/share/elasticsearch/data
    ports:
      - "9200:9200"
      - "9300:9300"
    environment:
      ES_JAVA_OPTS: "-Xmx512m -Xms512m"
  logstash:
    image: docker.elastic.co/logstash/logstash:7.9.1
    container_name: logstash
    ports:
      - "5000:5000"
      - "5044:5044"
      - "12201:12201/udp"
    expose:
      - "5044/tcp"
      - "12201/udp"
    logging:
      driver: "json-file"
    environment:
      LS_JAVA_OPTS: "-Xmx256m -Xms256m"
    volumes:
      - ./logstash.conf:/usr/share/logstash/pipeline/logstash.conf
    depends_on:
      - elasticsearch
  kibana:
    image: docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana:7.9.1
    ports:
      - "5601:5601"
    depends_on:
      - elasticsearch
volumes:
  monitoring-data:
    driver: local
```

## Creating the Elasticsearch Files

Create the following files in the elasticsearch directory.

### elasticsearch/Dockerfile

```
FROM elasticsearch:7.9.1

COPY ./elasticsearch.yml /usr/share/elasticsearch/config/elasticsearch.yml

# FileRealm user account, useful for startup polling.
RUN bin/elasticsearch-users useradd -r superuser -p esuser admin

RUN yum -y install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm \
    && yum update -y \
    && yum install -y jq \
    && yum upgrade
```

### elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml

```
cluster.name: "docker-cluster"
network.host: 0.0.0.0

# minimum_master_nodes need to be explicitly set when bound on a public IP
# set to 1 to allow single node clusters
# Details: https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch/pull/17288
discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes: 1

## Use single node discovery in order to disable production mode and avoid bootstrap checks
## see https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/current/bootstrap-checks.html
discovery.type: single-node

node.data : true
discovery.seed_hosts : []
```



## Adding a Logstash Configuration

Add a Logstash configuration such as the following to the demo directory:

```
logstash.conf

input {
  beats {
    port => 5044
  }
}

output {
  stdout { codec => rubydebug }

  if ( "lls-logs" in [tags] ) {
    elasticsearch {
      hosts => ["elasticsearch:9200"]
      id => "lls-logs"
      index => "lls-logs-%{+YYYY.MM.dd}"
      codec => "json"
    }
  }
}
```

## Building the Elastic Stack

You can now build the Elastic Stack by executing this command in the demo directory:

```
$ docker-compose build
```

## Preparing to Use Filebeat

Download and expand Filebeat into the filebeat directory. This tool will send JSON log entries to the Elastic Stack. You can obtain a copy from [www.elastic.co/downloads/beats/filebeat](https://www.elastic.co/downloads/beats/filebeat). On Linux you can also use your package manager (DEB, RPM) to install Filebeat. Using the package manager will install it as a system service with systemd bindings. In this case the configuration can be found in /etc/filebeat/.

The Filebeat distribution contains an example filebeat.yml file. Replace it with this:

**filebeat/filebeat.yml**

```
filebeat.registry.path: ${HOME}/.filebeat-registry

filebeat.config:
  modules:
    path: ${path.config}/modules.d/*.yaml
    reload.enabled: false

filebeat.inputs:
- type: log
  json.keys_under_root: true
  json.overwrite_keys: true
  json.add_error_key: true
  encoding: utf-8
  tags: ["lls-logs"]
  index : "%{[agent.name]}-lls-%{+yyyy.MM.dd}"
  paths:
    - ${HOME}/flexnetls/acme/logs/*.json

output.logstash:
  hosts: ["localhost:5044"]
```



**Note** - This sample uses the producer name “acme”. In your file, replace “acme” with your producer name, as found in producer-settings.xml.

## Sending Log Entries to Logstash

Perform the steps below to log entries to Logstash. You can then view the entries in Kibana.



**Task**

**To send log entries to Logstash**

1. Bring up the Elastic Stack by executing this command from the demo directory:  

```
$ docker-compose up -d
```
2. Start the license server (if it is not already running).
3. Start Filebeat to start sending log entries to Logstash:  

```
$ ./filebeat -e
```
4. Open Kibana with a browser by going to <http://localhost:5601>. In Kibana's home page, click **Connect to your Elasticsearch index**.
5. Create an index pattern of 'lls-logs-\*'. When asked, set '@timestamp' as the primary time field. For information on index patterns, see [www.elastic.co/guide/en/kibana/current/tutorial-define-index.html](http://www.elastic.co/guide/en/kibana/current/tutorial-define-index.html).
6. Click **Discover** (in the grid menu); this should display license server log entries. Consult the [Kibana documentation](#) for information about searching the log entries.

## Elastic Stack and GELF

The docker-compose configuration is the same as in section [Creating the “docker-compose” File](#), but with a change to the Logstash part (note that the log entrypoint key would appear on a single line):

### Elastic Stack docker-compose example 2

```
version: '2.2'
services:
  elasticsearch:
    build:
      context: elasticsearch/
    container_name: elasticsearch
    volumes:
      - monitoring-data:/usr/share/elasticsearch/data
    ports:
      - "9200:9200"
      - "9300:9300"
    environment:
      ES_JAVA_OPTS: "-Xmx512m -Xms512m"
  logstash:
    image: docker.elastic.co/logstash/logstash:7.9.1
    container_name: logstash
    ports:
      - "5000:5000"
      - "5044:5044"
      - "12201:12201/udp"
    expose:
      - "5044/tcp"
      - "12201/udp"
    logging:
      driver: "json-file"
    environment:
      LS_JAVA_OPTS: "-Xmx256m -Xms256m"
      entrypoint: logstash -e 'input { gelf { } } output { elasticsearch { id => "lls" hosts => ["http://elasticsearch:9200"] } }'
      depends_on:
        - elasticsearch
  kibana:
    image: docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana:7.9.1
    ports:
      - "5601:5601"
    depends_on:
      - elasticsearch
volumes:
  monitoring-data:
    driver: local
```

The Filebeat agent is not required in this scenario.

