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# Network Licensing Guide

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# Quick Start to Autodesk Network Licensing

Setting up network licenses for an Autodesk product requires careful planning and execution. This section gives you quick, step-by-step instructions about how to set up a network licensed environment, and assumes that you are familiar with the terminology and processes required to successfully set up an Autodesk product to run on a network. If you are not familiar with network licensing, please read the entire *Network Licensing Guide* for further details before you attempt to set up a network license server.

## In this chapter

- How to Install the Network License Manager
- How to Install and Use the Network License Activation Utility
- How to Configure a License Server
- How to Install and Use SAMreport-Lite (Optional)

# How to Install the Network License Manager

The Network License Manager is used to configure and manage the license servers.

## To install your Network License Manager

- 1 In the Media Browser, click the Install tab.
- 2 On the Install tab, click Network Deployment.
- 3 Under Install the Network License Components, click Network License Manager.
- 4 On the Autodesk Network License Manager Setup page, click Next.
- 5 On the License Agreement page, read the license agreement and click I Accept, and then click Next.

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**NOTE** If you do not agree to the terms of the license, click Cancel to cancel the installation.

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- 6 On the Destination Folder page, either accept the default folder or click Browse to specify a different location. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Next.

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**WARNING** Do not install the Network License Manager on a remote drive. When you install the Network License Manager files, you must provide a path to a local drive. You must specify the drive letter; the universal naming convention (UNC) is not supported.

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- 7 On the Ready to Install the Application page, click Next to install the Network License Manager.
- 8 Click Finish.

# How to Install and Use the Network License Activation Utility

With the Network License Activation utility, you can obtain licenses over the Internet, which saves time and effort in setting up a network licensed version of an Autodesk product; in addition, you can register your product, get

automated support for email if you cannot obtain a license over the Internet, and save and migrate license files automatically.

### To install the Network License Activation utility

- 1 In the Media Browser, click the Install tab.
- 2 On the Install tab, click Network Deployment.
- 3 Under Install the Network License Components, click Network License Activation Utility.
- 4 On the *[Autodesk product name]* Network License Activation Setup page, click Next.
- 5 On the License Agreement page, read the license agreement and click I Accept. Click Next.

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**NOTE** If you do not agree to the terms of the license, click Cancel to cancel the installation.

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- 6 On the Destination Folder page, either accept the default folder or click Browse to specify a different location. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Next.
- 7 On the Ready to Install the Application page, click Next to install the Network Activation utility.
- 8 Click Finish.

### To use the Network License Activation utility

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► *[Autodesk product name]* Network License Activation Utility.
- 2 On the Obtain a Network License page, review how this utility works and the requirements for using it. Click Next.
- 3 On the Server Information page, enter the product serial number.

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**NOTE** If you are modifying an existing license file or obtaining a new license for an existing product, your previously entered information might be displayed. Make sure that the serial number that is displayed is the one you want to license. If it is not, enter the correct product serial number.

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- 4 In the License Server Model section, click a license server model. For more information about each license server model, click the ? button.
- 5 In the Server Host Name box, enter a server host name or click the [...] button to locate the name of each server you plan to use.
- 6 In the Host ID box, for each server host name you entered in the previous step, click Lookup to have the utility automatically locate the host ID for the server, or enter the host ID manually.

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**NOTE** If your server has more than one network adapter, select the one that that corresponds to a physical network adapter. To determine which adapters are physical, enter `ipconfig /all` at a Windows command prompt and view the Description field above each physical address. If there is more than one physical network adapter, you can use any one of them, as long as it was listed when you ran `ipconfig /all`. Logical devices such as VPN adapters, PPP adapters, and modems may be listed but are not usable for licensing.

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- 7 If you chose Distributed Server in step 4, the Seats box is displayed. In the Seats box, enter the number of seats for each license server. Click Next.
- 8 On the Confirm Server Information page, review the server information you entered. Click Next.
- 9 If the Register and License Your Autodesk Product page is displayed, do all of the following. Click Next.
  - In the This Product Is To Be Registered To option, select Company or Individual.
  - In the Select Country or Region section, select your country or region of residence.
  - In the Is This an Upgrade section, select Yes or No.
- 10 If the Registration Information page is displayed, enter your registration information. Click Next.
- 11 If the Confirm Information page is displayed, review your registration information. Click Next.
- 12 If the Connecting page is displayed, click Next to connect to the Internet to obtain your network license.
- 13 On the Licenses Received page, in the Save License File for [*computer name*] dialog box, enter the location where you want to save your license file, or click Browse to navigate to the location.

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**NOTE** It is recommended that you save your license file to the same location where you installed the Network License Manager.

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- 14 If you have an existing license file from another Autodesk product, select one of the following options:
  - **Insert the New License Information Into It.** Adds the new license information into the existing license file.
  - **Overwrite the Existing License File.** Replaces the entire contents of the existing license file with the new license information. Select this option *only* if you no longer require any part of the existing license file contents.
- 15 Click Next.
- 16 On the License Activation Successful page, click Print to save a printed copy of the license information, or click Done to complete the transaction and exit the Network Activation utility.

## How to Configure a License Server

You configure a license server so that you can manage the Autodesk product licenses you received when you ran the Network License Activation utility. Configure the license server with the *lmtools.exe* utility.

### To configure your license server

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Autodesk Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In the Lmtools program, on the Service/License File tab, select the Configure Using Services option.
- 3 Click the Config Services tab.
- 4 On the Config Services tab, in the Service Name list, select a service name or do one of the following:
  - If a service name is selected, verify that it is the one you want to use to manage licenses.
  - If no service name exists, enter the service name you want to use to manage licenses.

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**NOTE** If you have more than one software vendor using FLEXlm® for license management, the Service Name list contains more than one option.

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- 5 In the Path to Lmgrd.exe File box, enter the path to the Network License Manager daemon (*lmgrd.exe*), or click Browse to locate the file. By default, this daemon is installed in the *Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager* folder.
- 6 In the Path to the License File box, enter the path to your license file, or click Browse to locate the file.
- 7 In the Path to the Debug Log File box, enter a path to create a debug log, or click Browse to locate an existing log file.
- 8 To run *lmgrd.exe* as a service, select Use Services.
- 9 To automatically start *lmgrd.exe* when the system starts, select Start Server at Power Up.
- 10 Click Save Service to save the new configuration under the service name you selected in step 4. Then click Yes.
- 11 On the Start/Stop/Reread tab, do one of the following:
  - If a service has not yet been defined for Autodesk, click Start Server to start the license server.
  - If a service for Autodesk is already defined and running, click ReRead to refresh the Network License Manager with any changes made to the license file or Options file. The license server starts running and is ready to respond to client requests.
- 12 Close *lmtools.exe*.

## How to Install and Use SAMreport-Lite (Optional)

SAMreport-Lite is a reporting tool that helps you track network license usage. With SAMreport-Lite technology from Macrovision Corporation, you can monitor client usage for all software that uses FLEXlm® to manage network licenses.

To learn more about installing and using SAMreport-Lite, see the *SAMreport-Lite User's Guide*, which is located in your Autodesk product's Help system or on the Documentation tab of the Media Browser.

# Introduction to Autodesk Network Licensing

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Autodesk Network licensing tools include the Network License Manager, the Network License Activation utility, the FLEXlm configuration tools, and SAMreport-Lite. Each tool is described in the sections that follow.

## In this chapter

- Network License Manager
- Network License Activation Utility
- FLEXlm Configuration Tools
- SAMreport-Lite License Reporting Tool

# Network License Manager

You use the Network License Manager as part of a network installation and deployment of an Autodesk® product. The Network License Manager works with the Deployment wizard to install your Autodesk product and manage licenses from a network. The Network License Manager is used to configure and manage the license servers. With the Deployment wizard, you set up a deployment of an Autodesk product on a network.

For more information about deploying an Autodesk product from a network location, see the *Network Administrator's Guide*, located in the Autodesk product Media Browser or in your product's Help system.

## System Requirements for the Network License Manager

Make sure that your network license server meets the minimum recommended requirements. See the following table for hardware and software requirements.

| Hardware and software requirements for the network license server |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Hardware/software   | Requirement   | Notes  |
| Operating system  | Windows 2003 Server Edition<br>Windows XP Professional<br>Windows 2000 Server Edition<br>Windows 2000, Service Pack 4 | The Network License Manager supports Ethernet network configurations only.<br>The redundant license server model is supported only on Windows 2000 Server Edition and Windows 2003 Server. |
| Computer/processor  | Pentium III or higher<br>450 Mhz (minimum)  |  |
| Network interface card  | At least one active physical Ethernet adaptor   |  |
| Communication protocol  | TCP/IP  | The Network License Manager uses TCP packet types.   |

## Network License Activation Utility

With the Network License Activation utility, you can obtain licenses over the Internet, which saves time and effort in setting up a network licensed Autodesk product. Using this utility, you simplify or automate tasks that you had to perform manually in previous versions of Autodesk products.

In addition, the utility registers your product, provides automated support for email if you cannot obtain a license over the Internet, and saves and migrates license files automatically so that you don't have to.

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**NOTE** It is recommended that you use the Network License Activation utility to obtain your license file. However, if you are unable to connect to the Internet to obtain a license file, see “Obtain the Server Host Name and Host ID Manually” on page 32.

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## FLEXlm Configuration Tools

The Network License Manager uses FLEXlm® license management technology from Macrovision Corporation. FLEXlm provides administrative tools that help to simplify management of network licenses. You can use FLEXlm tools to monitor network license status, reset licenses lost to a system failure, troubleshoot license servers, and update existing license files on the fly.

### Update FLEXlm from a Previous Version

AutoCAD 2007-based products require FLEXlm version 10.8 or higher. If you are currently using a version of FLEXlm that is lower than 10.8, you will need to upgrade to version 10.8 or higher.

To determine what version of FLEXlm is installed, you need to verify the version of the following three files:

- *lmgrd.exe*
- *lmtools.exe*
- *adskflex.exe*

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**NOTE** If the server where you plan to install the Autodesk Network License Manager has FLEXlm installed for another product, you must make sure that the version of *lmgrd.exe* is the most current version.

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To verify the version of *lmutil.exe*, *lmtools.exe*, or *adskflex.exe*

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manger ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In *lmtools.exe*, click the Utility tab.

- 3 On the Utility tab, enter the location of the file, or click the Browse button to locate the file and click Open. The file location should look something like this:  
*C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\lmutil.exe*
- 4 On the Utility tab, click Find Version.  
The version number of the file you selected is displayed. If you need to update your version of FLEXlm, see “To update FLEXlm”.

#### To update FLEXlm

- 1 Back up your license files.
- 2 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manger ► LMTOOLS.
- 3 In the LMTOOLS program, click the Start/Stop/Reread tab.
- 4 On the Start/Stop/Reread tab, click Stop Server.
- 5 Close *lmtools.exe*.
- 6 Uninstall the Network License Manager. For details about uninstalling the Network License Manager, see “Uninstall the Network License Manager” on page 38.
- 7 Install the Network License Manager. For details about installing the Network License Manager, see “Install the Autodesk Network License Manager” on page 28.

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**NOTE** Version 10.8 of the FLEXlm license manager that ships with AutoCAD 2007-based products is backwards compatible and will administer licenses for the Autodesk 2006-, 2005-, 2004-, and 2002-based products.

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## Utilities for License Server Management

FLEXlm provides two utilities for managing the license server. These tools are located in the *[Autodesk product name]\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager* folder.

- **lmtools.exe.** Provides a Microsoft® Windows graphical user interface for managing the license server.
- **lmutil.exe.** Provides a set of command line options for managing the license server.

You can use *lmtools.exe* or *lmutil.exe* to perform the following server management tasks:

- Start, stop, and restart the server.
- Configure, update, and reread the license file.
- Diagnose system or license problems.
- View server status, including active license status.

## The Options File

Another component of FLEXlm is the Options file. You create this file to set specific configuration options. For information about creating and using an options file, see “Set Up and Use an Options File” on page 35.

Use the Options file to set parameters for the following server-related features:

- **Report log file.** A compressed, encrypted file is created that generates accurate usage reports on license activity for use by SAMreport-Lite. For more information about SAMreport-Lite, see the *SAMreport-Lite User's Guide*, which you can access on the Documentation tab of the Media Browser.
- **License borrowing.** If your Autodesk product supports the license borrowing feature, you can allow users to borrow an Autodesk product license from a network license server so that they can use the product without being connected to the license server. A license can be borrowed for a limited period of time.
- **License timeout.** With license timeout, you can set a timeout period on your license server. When set, license timeout returns a license to the license server when a connection with the workstation is lost, or if a license is checked out but the Autodesk product is idle on a workstation for longer than the timeout period you define.

For more information about configuration options, see “Configure the License Server” on page 33.

For specific information about using FLEXlm configuration tools, see the FLEXlm documentation by navigating to *C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\Docs\FlexUser\TOC.htm*.

## SAMreport-Lite License Reporting Tool

While not part of the network installation, a version of SAMreport called SAMreport-Lite is available to help you track network license usage. With

SAMreport-Lite technology from Macrovision Corporation, you can monitor client usage for all software that uses FLEXlm to manage network licenses.

SAMreport-Lite generates usage reports in a variety of output formats including HTML, text, and Report Interchange Format. For more information about the SAMreport-Lite features and for instructions on installing SAMreport-Lite, see the *SAMreport-Lite User's Guide*.

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**NOTE** You can install SAMreport-Lite and access the *SAMreport-Lite User's Guide* from the Autodesk product Media Browser.

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For additional information about SAMreport-Lite, and for updates and fixes for this feature, visit the Autodesk website at:

[www.autodesk.com/samreportlite](http://www.autodesk.com/samreportlite)

# Plan Your Network Licensing

This section contains information that you need to know before you set up a network license server. The section includes information about supported license server models, license operation and availability, network license file definitions and parameters, license file examples, license types and behaviors, and the license server heartbeat signal.

# 3

## In this chapter

- Plan Your License Server Configuration
- Learn About Your License

# Plan Your License Server Configuration

You must decide which license server model to use for managing your Autodesk® product licenses on a server. Autodesk supports the following network license server models:

- Single license server model
- Distributed license server model
- Redundant license server model

## Single License Server Model

In the single license server model, the Network License Manager is installed on a single server, so license management and activity is restricted to this server. A single license file represents the total number of licenses available on the server.

### **Advantages of the Single License Server Model**

- Because all license management takes place on a single server, you have just one point of administration and one point of failure.
- Of the three license server models, this configuration requires the least amount of maintenance.

### **Disadvantage of the Single License Server Model**

- If the single license server fails, the Autodesk product cannot run until the server is back online.

## Distributed License Server Model

In the distributed license server model, licenses are distributed across more than one server. A unique license file is required for each server. To create a distributed license server, you must run the Network License Manager on each server that is part of the distributed server pool.

### **Advantages of the Distributed License Server Model**

- Servers can be distributed across a wide area network (WAN); they do not need to exist on the same subnet.

- If one server in the distributed server pool fails, the licenses on the remaining servers are still available.
- The distributed license server model is supported on Windows XP® Professional and on both the workstation and server editions of Windows® 2000 and Windows 2003 Server.
- If you need to replace a server in the distributed server pool, you do not need to rebuild the entire pool.
- Server replacement is easier than in a redundant server pool, where you must reactivate the entire pool.

### **Disadvantage of the Distributed License Server Model**

- If a server in the distributed server pool fails, the licenses on that server are unavailable.

## **Redundant License Server Model**

In the redundant license server model, you use three servers to authenticate a single license file. One server acts as the master, while the other two provide backup if the master server fails. With this configuration, licenses continue to be monitored and issued as long as at least two servers are still functional. The license file on all three servers is the same. You must install the Network License Manager on each server.

In the redundant license server model, all servers must reside on the same subnet and have consistent network communications. (Slow, erratic, or dial-up connections are not supported.)

### **Advantage of the Redundant License Server Model**

- If one of the three servers fails, all licenses that are managed in the server pool are still available.

### **Disadvantages of the Redundant License Server Model**

- If more than one server fails, no licenses are available.
- All three servers must reside on the same subnet and have reliable network communications. The redundant server pool doesn't provide network fault tolerance.
- The redundant license server model is supported only on Windows 2000 Server Edition and Windows 2003 Server Edition. The redundant license server model is not supported on Windows XP or Windows 2000.

- If one of the three servers is replaced, the complete redundant server pool must be rebuilt.
- If your Autodesk product supports license borrowing and licenses are borrowed from a redundant license server pool, you must restart the license server after you stop the Network License Manager.

## Learn About Your License

In this section, you learn about license operation and availability, the license file, license types and behaviors, and the heartbeat signal.

### License Operation and Availability

When a user starts an Autodesk product, the product determines the server from which it should try to obtain a license. The product then requests a license through the TCP/IP network protocol to the license server.

If the number of available licenses has not been exceeded on the license server, the Network License Manager assigns a license to the workstation. A product session then starts on the workstation, and the number of available licenses on the license server is reduced by one.

Likewise, when a user exits a product, the Network License Manager frees a license for another user. If a user runs multiple sessions of an Autodesk product on an individual workstation, only one license is used. When the last session is closed, the license is freed.

The following three processes manage the distribution and availability of licenses:

- **License manager daemon (*lmgrd.exe*)**. Handles the original contact with the application, and then passes the connection to the vendor daemon. The *lmgrd.exe* daemon is used to communicate with the vendor daemon only; *lmgrd.exe* does not authenticate or dispense licenses, but rather passes user requests to the vendor daemon. By using this approach, a single *lmgrd.exe* daemon can be used by multiple software vendors to provide license authentication. The *lmgrd.exe* daemon starts and restarts the vendor daemons as needed.
- **Autodesk vendor daemon (*adskflex.exe*)**. Keeps track of the licenses that are checked out and the workstations that are using them. Each software vendor has a unique vendor daemon to manage vendor-specific licensing. As its name implies, the *adskflex.exe* vendor daemon is specific to Autodesk products.

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**NOTE** If the *adskflex.exe* vendor daemon terminates for any reason, all users lose their licenses until *lmgrd.exe* restarts the vendor daemon or the problem causing the termination is resolved.

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■ **License file.** A text file that has vendor-specific license information.

## License Files

The network license file you receive from Autodesk contains licensing information required for a network installation. You obtain license file data when you register your Autodesk product.

The license file contains information about network server nodes and vendor daemons. It also contains an encrypted digital signature that is created when Autodesk generates the file.

The license file is located on a network share that you specify in the Deployment wizard. That network share must be accessible to every user who runs the product from a network installation.

The following table defines each license file parameter.

| Definitions of license file parameters |               |  |                                   |
|--|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Line                                   | Parameter     | Definition   | Example                           |
| SERVER                                 | Host Name     | Host name of the server where the Network License Manager resides  | labserver                         |
|  | Host ID       | Ethernet address of the server where the Network License Manager resides                                       | 03D054C0149B                      |
| USE_SERVER                             | [None]        |  |                                   |
| VENDOR                                 | Vendor Daemon | Name of the server-side Autodesk vendor daemon   | <i>adskflex.exe</i>               |
|  | Port Number   | Network port number reserved and assigned for use only by Autodesk products running the Autodesk vendor daemon | port=2080                         |
| PACKAGE                                | Name          | Name of feature code group   | <i>SERIES_1</i>                   |
|  | Vendor Daemon | Name of the server-side Autodesk vendor daemon   | <i>adskflex.exe</i>               |
|  | Version       | Internal version number reference  | 1.000                             |
| COMPONENTS                             |               | <i>List of feature codes supported in the package</i>  | COMPONENTS=<br>"526000REVIT_9_OF\ |

## Definitions of license file parameters

| Line      | Parameter          | Definition  | Example                                  |
|-----------|--------------------|---|--|
|           |                    |   | 51200ACD_2007_OF\<br>513001INVBUN_11_OF" |
|           | OPTIONS            |   | OPTIONS=SUIITE                           |
|           | SUPERSEDE          | Replacement for any existing Increment line of the same feature code from any license files on the same license server that have a date earlier than the defined Issue Date   | SUPERSEDE                                |
|           | Issue Date         | Date the license was issued   | ISSUED=15-jul-2006                       |
|           | SIGN               | Encrypted signature used to authenticate the attributes of the license file   | SIGN=0 SIGN2=0                           |
| INCREMENT | Feature Code       | Product supported by the license file<br>If there is an INCREMENT PLIST parameter in the license file, it defines the priority of license usage when the same feature code exists on an INCREMENT line.<br>For more information, see "Example of Additional Parameters in a License File" on page 22  | 51200ACD_2007_OF                         |
|           | Vendor Daemon      | Name of the server-side Autodesk vendor daemon  | <i>adskflex.exe</i>                      |
|           | Version            | Internal version number reference   | 1.000                                    |
|           | Expiration Date    | Amount of time the licenses are available   | permanent                                |
|           | Number of Licenses | Number of licenses supported by the license file  | 25                                       |
|           | VENDOR_STRING      | License usage type and license behavior of the product that is supported by the license file.<br>A VENDOR_STRING parameter that exists under an INCREMENT PLIST line determines the order in which product licenses are used, based on the feature code list.<br>For more information, see "Example of Additional Parameters in a License File" on page 22. | COMMERCIAL                               |
|           | SUPERSEDE          | Replacement for any existing Increment line of the same feature code from any   | SUPERSEDE                                |

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## Definitions of license file parameters

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| Line | Parameter     | Definition  | Example           |
|------|---------------|---|-------------------|
|      |               | license files on the same license server that have a date earlier than the defined Issue Date   |                   |
|      | BORROW        | Definition of the license borrowing period for the licenses defined under the same increment line.<br>In this example, the maximum period that licenses can be borrowed is 4320 hours (180 days), unless otherwise noted (for example, BORROW=2880 means that licenses can be borrowed for a maximum of 2880 hours, or 120 days)<br>License borrowing is disabled when this parameter is absent in the license file | BORROW=4320       |
|      | DUP_GROUP     | Definition of multiple license requests when the same user and same host share the same license   | DUP_GROUP=UH      |
|      | ISSUED        | Date that the license file was generated by Autodesk  | 15-jul-2006       |
|      | Serial Number | Serial number of the Autodesk product   | 123-12345678      |
|      | SIGN          | Encrypted signature used to authenticate the attributes of the license file   | SIGN=6E88EFA8D44C |

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## License File Examples

License file examples are provided in this document to help you understand how the license files work for your particular network setup. Autodesk provides a standard license file for individual products and a license file with additional parameters for products that are sold both individually and as part of a product set.

- **Standard License File.** If you purchase one or more individual products that are not offered as part of a suite of products, you receive a standard license file.
- **Standard License File with Additional Parameters.** If you purchase Autodesk products that are included in a product set and are also sold as an individual product, you receive a standard license file with additional parameters included in the license file. The additional parameters define

the sequence for license usage so that the individual product license is used before the license for the product set.

Autodesk license file examples include a license file not specific to a product, completed license files for single, distributed, and redundant server models, a combined product version license file, and an example of additional parameters added to a standard license file.

## Example of a License File Not Specific to a Product

Here is an example of the contents of a license file and the parameters associated with each line:

```
SERVER ServerName HostID
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=portnumber
INCREMENT feature_code Adskflex Version ExpDate \
NumberofLicenses \
  VENDOR_STRING=UsageType:Behavior BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=DupGrp ISSUED=IssueDate SN=SerialNumber \
  SIGN=
```

## Example of a License File for a Single or Distributed Server

Here is an example of a completed license file for a single or distributed license server model:

```
SERVER Server2 2a34567f90d3
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 51200ACD_2007_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 3 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 \
  9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 \
  5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F 3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E \
  3EBD 0B48 4E75 193A DA82" SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC \
  6681 6971 A76A BA52 98E2 5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 \
  F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 9380"
```

## Example of a License File for a Redundant Server

Here is an example of a completed license file for a redundant license server model:

```

SERVER Server1 1a34567c90d2 27005
SERVER Server2 2a34567f90d3 27005
SERVER Server3 3a34567b90d4 27005
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 51200ACD_2007_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 3 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 \
  9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 \
  5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F 3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E \
  3EBD 0B48 4E75 193A DA82" SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 0E6D \
  6681 6971 A76A BA52 98E2 5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 \
  F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"

```

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**NOTE** The redundant server model requires the addition of a port number (the default is 27005) for each server.

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## Example of a License File for Combined Autodesk Product Versions

You can combine a license file for different releases of the same Autodesk product or for different Autodesk products, and run all products from one license server. For example, you can combine a license file for AutoCAD 2007 with license files for AutoCAD and AutoCAD Map.

Here is an example of the contents of a combined license file:

```

SERVER Servername HostID
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 42600ACD_2004_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 3 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=22-jun-2003 SN=123-12345678 \
  SIGN=6E88EFA8D44C
INCREMENT 51200ACD_2007_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 3 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 \
  9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 \
  5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F 3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E \
  3EBD 0B48 4E75 193A DA82" SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC \
  6681 6971 A76A BA52 98E2 5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 \
  F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT 51700MAP_2007_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 3 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 \
  9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 \
  5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F 3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E \
  3EBD 0B48 4E75 193A DA82" SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC \
  6681 6971 A76A BA52 98E2 5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 \
  F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"

```

## Example of Additional Parameters in a License File

For Autodesk products that are included in a product set and are also sold as an individual product, licenses are allocated based on a sequence of priorities defined in the license file. For those products, information similar to the following example appears in a license file:

```
INCREMENT PLIST adskflex 1.000 permanent 1 \  
VENDOR_STRING=A07:51600ACD  
LAND_2007_0F:52200CIV3D_2007_0F;B07:51900AMECH_PP_2007_0F:51300IN  
VBUN_11_0F:51400INVPRO_11_0F07:51900AMECH_PP_2007_0F:51300IN  
VBUN_11_0F:51400INVPRO_11_0F  
SUPERSEDE ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SIGN="14C8 A29F BA92 C89A F132 \  
BE66 0206 D8BE F9B7 3FB5 9229 FEB8 2E8D 995E EBB5 1B9E 0142 \  
C933 9483 D0D0 CA94 6532 1CB5 37D7 03CD B085 7301 7484 CA71 \  
2861" SIGN2="0B21 109E EED0 4863 A6E9 6A65 8C7B 6D0B 0B04 \  
2F22 355F 433B 2D81 A540 1D45 55A1 DA71 4024 DA50 35E2 \  
0089 3081 724E 860B A11F EBBE 3641 A1D5"
```

## Package License File Examples

Autodesk offers a package license file option, which allows you use a set of products that are packaged and sold together, while controlling the overall number of licenses you purchased.

Through package licenses, you receive a single license file to run any combination of the packaged products, up to the total number of seats purchased.

For example, if you purchased 100 seats for three Autodesk products, you can use a single license file to run any combination of three products in that package, up to 100 seats.

Following are some package license file examples for single, distributed, and redundant license servers, and one for combined Autodesk product versions.

### Example of a Package License File for a Single Server

Here is an example of a completed license file for a single license server model:

```

SERVER Server2 2a34567f90d3
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="48400REVIT_6_OF \
  51200ACD_2007_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
  ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 \
  AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 4E75 193A DA82" \
  FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F 3827 \
  SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 98E2 \
  5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
  CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 permanent 150 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 DUP_GROUP=UH \
  SUITE_DUP_GROUP=UHV SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB \
  692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 BE5F \
  3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 DA82" \
  SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
  5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
  CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"

```

## Example of a Package License File for a Distributed Server

Here is an example of a completed license file for a distributed license server model:

```

SERVER Server2 2a34567f90d3
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="52600REVIT_9_OF \
  51200ACD_2007_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
  ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 \
  FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F 3827 \
  AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 4E75 DA82" \
  SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
  5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
  CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 permanent 150 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 DUP_GROUP=UH \
  SUITE_DUP_GROUP=UHV SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB \
  692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A \
  3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 DA82" \
  SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
  5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
  CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"

```

## Example of a Package License File for a Redundant Server

Here is an example of a completed license file for a redundant license server model:

```
SERVER Server1 1a34567c90d2 27005
SERVER Server2 2a34567f90d3 27005
SERVER Server3 3a34567b90d4 27005
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="52500REVIT_9_0F \
51200ACD_2007_0F 51300INVBUN_11_0F" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 \
FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F \
AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 4E75 DA82" \
SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 permanent 150 \
VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 DUP_GROUP=UH \
SUITE_DUP_GROUP=UHV SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB \
692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 BE5F \
3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 DA82" \
SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
```

## Example of a Package License File for Combined Autodesk Product Versions

In this example, the first 50 AutoCAD 2007 product (51200ACD\_2007\_0F) licenses that are borrowed are decremented against the top Increment line. The 51st license is decremented from the Package line:

```

SERVER Server1 1a34567c90d2 27005
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 51200ACD_2007_OF adskflex 1.000 permanent 50 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=22-mar-2005 SN=123-12345678 \
  SIGN=6E88EFA8D44C
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="52600REVIT_9_OF \
51200ACD_2007_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=15-jul-2006 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 \
FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F \
AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 4E75 DA82" \
SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A 98E2 \
5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 permanent 150 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 DUP_GROUP=UH \
  SUITE_DUP_GROUP=UHV SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB \
  692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A \
  3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 DA82" \
  SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
  5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
  CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"

```

In the following example, the first 150 AutoCAD 2007 product (51200ACD\_2007\_OF) licenses that are borrowed are decremented against the Package/Increment line. The 151st license is decremented from the Increment line:

```

SERVER Server1 1a34567c90d2 27005
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="52600REVIT_9_OF \
48800ACD_2006_OF 46400INVBUN_9_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=10-mar-2005 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB 2405 692E 4A89 \
FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 083A BE5F \
30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 4E75 193A DA82" \
SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 \
CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 permanent 150 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 DUP_GROUP=UH \
  SUITE_DUP_GROUP=UHV SN=123-12345678 SIGN="1707 9EAC CBCB \
  692E 4A89 FC45 C009 E360 944A 14BA E99C 9B24 5A1B 4A44 \
  3827 AA26 30CC 2AC2 D6B3 A61B AB5E 492E 3EBD 0B48 DA82" \
  SIGN2="004A FC90 AB47 3F6B 59BC 0E6D 6681 6971 A76A BA52 \
  5671 26B3 0E78 791B 109F 0591 7DC3 F09F 4D8D 4FB7 E341 4A03 \
  CD68 1D77 27F8 8555 9CF7 DEDD 9380"
INCREMENT 48800ACD_2006_OF adskflex 1.000 permanent 50 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=22-apr-2005 SN=123-12345678 \
  SIGN=6E88EFA8D44C

```

# License Types and Behaviors

Autodesk supports dynamic product usage and license behaviors. This means that you can purchase a specific type of behavior with a specific license and change that license at a later date without having to uninstall and reinstall the Autodesk product.

License types include the following:

- **Commercial.** A license for a product that was purchased commercially.
- **Not for Resale.** A license for a product that is not sold commercially.
- **Educational (EDU)/Institution.** A license designed specifically for educational institutions.
- **Student Portfolio.** A license for students who are using an Autodesk product as part of their curriculum.

License behaviors are as follows:

- **Permanent.** Enables permanent use of an Autodesk product.
- **Term Extendable.** Enables access to an Autodesk product for a limited period of time. The term can be extended at any time.
- **Term Non-Extendable.** Enables an Autodesk product for a limited period of time. The term cannot be extended.

## Heartbeat Signal

When an Autodesk product is running, it communicates with the license server at regular intervals using a communication method known as the “heartbeat” signal. If the heartbeat signal is lost, the server tries to reconnect. If the server cannot reconnect, the user receives a license error.

If the product stops working because it has lost a connection to the server, you must shut down the product, and then restart it. If the problem causing the original loss of the heartbeat signal is resolved and there are available licenses on the server, the program can be restarted.

# Network Licensing Tools

# 4

This section includes information for installing and configuring the Autodesk Network License Manager on a network, and installing and using the Network License Activation utility.

## In this chapter

- Install the Autodesk Network License Manager
- Install the Network License Activation Utility
- Use the Network License Activation Utility
- Obtain the Server Host Name and Host ID Manually
- Configure the License Server
- Stop and Restart the License Server
- Set Up and Use an Options File
- Uninstall the Network License Manager

# Install the Autodesk Network License Manager

You can install the Network License Manager before or after you use the Network Installation wizard. The order in which you install the network applications does not matter, as long as you install everything you need and you provide consistent license server information across the network applications.

If an earlier version of the Network License Manager is already installed on the computer, you should upgrade by installing the Autodesk Network License Manager into the same folder where the older version is located. If you choose a different installation folder, you will have two versions of the Network License Manager on the computer.

## To install the Autodesk Network License Manager

- 1 In the Media Browser, click the Install tab.
- 2 On the Install tab, click Network Deployment.
- 3 Under Install the Network License Components, click Network License Manager.
- 4 On the Autodesk Network License Manager Setup page, click Next.
- 5 On the License Agreement page, read the license agreement and click I Accept, and then click Next.

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**NOTE** If you do not agree to the terms of the license, click Cancel to cancel the installation.

---

- 6 On the Destination Folder page, either accept the default folder (*C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\*) or click Browse to specify a different location. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Next.

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**WARNING** Do not install the Network License Manager on a remote drive. When you install the Network License Manager files, you must provide a path to a local drive. You must specify the drive letter; the universal naming convention (UNC) is not supported.

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- 7 On the Ready to Install the Application page, click Next to install the Network License Manager.
- 8 Click Finish.

# Install the Network License Activation Utility

Install the Network License Activation utility so you will be able to obtain a license file over the internet.

## To install the Network License Activation utility

- 1 In the Media Browser, click the Install tab.
- 2 On the Install tab, click Network Deployment.
- 3 Under Install the Network License Components, click Network License Activation Utility.
- 4 On the [Autodesk product name] Network License Activation Setup page, click Next.
- 5 On the License Agreement page, read the license agreement and click I Accept. Click Next.

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**NOTE** If you do not agree to the terms of the license, click Cancel to cancel the installation.

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- 6 On the Destination Folder page, either accept the default folder or click Browse to specify a different location. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Next.
- 7 On the Ready to Install the Application page, click Next to install the Network License Activation utility.
- 8 Click Finish.

# Use the Network License Activation Utility

With the Network License Activation utility, you can obtain licenses over the Internet. In addition, it registers your product, provides automated support for email if you cannot obtain a license over the Internet, and saves and migrates license files automatically.

When you want to use the Network License Activation utility to obtain a license file, make sure you have the following information available:

- License server information, including host name(s) and host ID(s)
- Serial number of previous product (for upgrades only)

- Access to a location where license files can be saved

### To use the Network License Activation utility

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► *[Autodesk product name]* Network License Activation.
- 2 On the Obtain a Network License page, review how this utility works and the requirements for using it. Click Next.
- 3 On the Server Information page, enter the product serial number.

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**NOTE** If you are modifying an existing license file or obtaining a new license for an existing product, your previously entered information might be displayed. Make sure that the serial number that is displayed is the one you want to license. If it is not, enter the correct product serial number.

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- 4 In the License Server Model section, click a license server model. For more information about each license server model, click the ? button.
- 5 In the Server Host Name box, enter a server host name or click the [...] button to locate the name of each server you plan to use.
- 6 In the Host ID box, for each server host name you entered in the previous step, click Lookup to have the utility automatically locate the host ID for the server, or enter the host ID manually.

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**NOTE** If your server has more than one network adapter, select the one that corresponds to a physical network adapter. To determine which adapters are physical, type **ipconfig /all** at a Windows command prompt and view the Description field above each physical address. If there is more than one physical network adapter, you can use any one of them, as long as it was listed when you ran ipconfig /all. Logical devices such as VPN adapters, PPP adapters, and modems may be listed but are not usable for licensing.

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- 7 If you chose Distributed Server in step 4, the Seats box is displayed. In the Seats box, enter the number of seats for each license server. Click Next.
- 8 On the Confirm Server Information page, review the server information you entered. Click Next.

- 9 If the Register and License Your Autodesk Product page is displayed, do all of the following, and then click Next.
  - In the This Product Is To Be Registered To option, select Company or Individual.
  - In the Select Country or Region section, select your country or region of residence.
  - In the Is This an Upgrade section, select Yes or No.
- 10 If the Registration Information page is displayed, enter your registration information. Click Next.
- 11 If the Confirm Information page is displayed, review your registration information. Click Next.
- 12 If the Connecting page is displayed, click Next to connect to the Internet to obtain your network license.
- 13 On the Licenses Received page, in the Save License File for [*computer name*] dialog box, enter the location where you want to save your license file, or click Browse to navigate to the location.

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**NOTE** It is recommended that you save your license file to the location where you installed the Network License Manager.

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- 14 If you have an existing license file from another Autodesk product, select one of the following options:
  - **Insert the New License Information Into It.** Adds the new license information into the existing license file.
  - **Overwrite the Existing License File.** Replaces the entire contents of the existing license file with the new license information. Select this option *only* if you no longer require any part of the existing license file contents.
- 15 Click Next.
- 16 On the License Activation Successful page, click Print to save a printed copy of the license information, or click Done to complete the transaction and exit the Network Activation utility.

# Obtain the Server Host Name and Host ID Manually

If you are unable to use the Network License Activation utility to obtain your server host name and host ID, you can obtain this information manually. Autodesk uses the server host name, host ID, and product serial number to generate a license file.

To obtain the information manually, you can use the Windows command prompt or you can run the *lmtools.exe* utility. If you use *lmtools.exe*, do not run it on a remote workstation.

## To obtain the host name and ID using the Windows command prompt

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Accessories ► Command Prompt.
- 2 At the Windows command prompt, enter the following command, and then press ENTER:  
**ipconfig /all**
- 3 Locate the Host Name line, and write down the host name.
- 4 Locate the Physical Address line. Write down the physical address *without* the dashes. This is your twelve-character host ID.

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**NOTE** If your server has more than one network adapter, select the one that corresponds to a physical network adapter. To determine which adapters are physical: in the Windows command prompt, enter **ipconfig /all**, and then view the Description field above each physical address. If there is more than one physical network adapter, it does not matter which one you use. You just need to make sure that it is properly installed and is functional. Devices such as VPN adapters, PPP adapters, and modems are not valid.

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- 5 Close the Windows command prompt.

## To obtain the host name and ID using *lmtools.exe*

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Autodesk Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In the Lmtools program, click the Systems Settings tab.
- 3 On the Systems Settings tab, locate the Computer/Hostname box. Copy the host name and paste the information into a text editor.

- 4 Locate the Ethernet Address box. The ethernet address is the host ID. It consists of twelve characters. Write down the information. If your ethernet address is more than twelve characters, write down the first twelve characters only.

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**NOTE** If your server has more than one ethernet adapter, select the one that corresponds to the physical network adapter.

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- 5 Close *lmtools.exe*.

## Configure the License Server

You configure a license server so that you can manage your Autodesk product licenses. Configure the license server with the *lmtools.exe* utility.

### To configure the license server

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In the Lmtools program, on the Service/License File tab, select the Configure Using Services option.
- 3 Click the Config Services tab.
- 4 On the Config Services tab, in the Service Name list, select a service name or do one of the following:
  - If a service name is selected, verify that it is the one you want to use to manage licenses.
  - If no service name exists, enter the service name you want to use to manage licenses.

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**NOTE** If you have more than one software vendor using FLEXlm® for license management, the Service Name list contains more than one option.

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- 5 In the Path to Lmgrd.exe File box, enter the path to the Network License Manager daemon (*lmgrd.exe*), or click Browse to locate the file. By default, this daemon is installed in the *\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager* folder.
- 6 In the Path to the License File box, enter the path to your license file, or click Browse to locate the file.

- 7 In the Path to the Debug Log File box, enter a path to create a debug log, or click Browse to locate an existing log file.
- 8 To run *lmgrd.exe* as a service, select Use Services.
- 9 To automatically start *lmgrd.exe* when the system starts, select Start Server at Power Up.
- 10 Click Save Service to save the new configuration under the service name you selected in step 4. Click Yes.
- 11 Click the Start/Stop/Reread tab.
- 12 On the Start/Stop/Reread tab, do one of the following:
  - If a service has not yet been defined for Autodesk, click Start Server to start the license server.
  - If a service for Autodesk is already defined and running, click ReRead License File to refresh the Network License Manager with any changes made to the license file or Options file.  
The license server starts running and is ready to respond to client requests.
- 13 Close *lmtools.exe*.

## Stop and Restart the License Server

Before you can perform any system maintenance on your license server, you must stop the license server. When you have completed maintenance, you can restart the license server.

### To stop the license server

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Autodesk Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In the Lmtools program, on the Service/License File tab, select the Configure Using Services option.
- 3 Select the service name for the license server you want to start manually.
- 4 Click the Start/Stop/Reread tab.
- 5 On the Start/Stop/Reread tab, click Stop Server.
- 6 Close *lmtools.exe*.

### To restart the license server

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Autodesk Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In the Lmtools program, on the Service/License File tab, select the Configure Using Services option.
- 3 Select the service name for the license server you want to start manually.
- 4 Click the Start/Stop/Reread tab.
- 5 On the Start/Stop/Reread tab, click Start Server to restart the license server.

## Set Up and Use an Options File

With an Options file, you set configuration options for managing licenses on each license server that you set up. An Options file sets parameters that the license file reads and the Lmgrd program executes.

If you want have the same license behavior on some or all of your license servers, you must save the same Options file to each of those license servers. If you want to specify different license behavior on different license servers, you must create an Options file for each license behavior. You must save each Options file to the server where you want specific license behavior.

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**NOTE** For Options file changes to take effect on a license server, you must save the Options file, and then use *lmtools.exe* to reread the license file.

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With an Options file, you can do the following:

- “Create a Report Log” on page 36
- “Configure License Borrowing” on page 37
- “Set Up License Timeout” on page 38

Here is an example of the contents of an Options file:

```
REPORTLOG=c:\test\report.rl  
BORROW_LOWWATER Autodesk_f1 3  
TIMEOUT Autodesk_f1 7200
```

You can also set up advanced license parameters, such as reserving a license, restricting license usage, or defining groups of users. To learn more about

setting advanced Options file parameters, see the FLEXlm documentation in the *Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\docs\FlexUser* folder.

### To create an Options file

- 1 Open a text editor, enter the parameters you want, and then save the document as a file named *adskflex.opt* to the same location where you saved the license file.

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**NOTE** Make sure you save the file with the extension *.opt*. The default extension *.txt* is not recognized by the Network License Manager.

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- 2 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Autodesk Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 3 In the Lmtools program, on the Start/Stop/Reread tab, click ReRead License File.
- 4 Close *lmtools.exe*.

## Create a Report Log

In the Options file, you can create a report log file that is used with SAMreport-Lite.

### To create a report log

- 1 In a text editor, open the Options file, *adskflex.opt*.
- 2 In the Options file, enter the following syntax on its own line (with REPORTLOG entered in uppercase, as shown):  
REPORTLOG [+]*report\_log\_path*

For example, the syntax `REPORTLOG +"c:\My Documents\report.rl"` means that a report log named *report.rl* is located in the folder *c:\My Documents*.

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**NOTE** Path names that contain spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks.

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In the REPORTLOG syntax, “[+]” means that entries to the log file you create are appended rather than replaced each time the Network License Manager is restarted. (It is recommended that you use this option so that you retain a history of log entries.)

# Configure License Borrowing

If your Autodesk product supports the license borrowing feature, you can use the Options file to configure license borrowing options. For example, you can define the maximum number of licenses that cannot be borrowed from your network at any one time. In addition, you can define which users can borrow an Autodesk product license. Licenses are borrowed per user, not per machine.

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**NOTE** If your Autodesk product supports license borrowing, and licenses are borrowed from a redundant license server pool, you must restart the license server after you stop the Network License Manager.

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At the end of a borrow period, the borrowed license is automatically disabled on the user's computer and becomes available again on the license server. Users can also return a license before a borrow period has ended.

## To set license borrowing parameters

- 1 In the Options file, enter the following syntax on its own line (with `BORROW_LOWWATER` entered in uppercase, as shown):  
`BORROW_LOWWATER feature_code n`

In the `BORROW` syntax, “feature\_code” is the name of the product in the license file, and “n” is the number of licenses that cannot be borrowed.

For example, the syntax `BORROW_LOWWATER Autodesk_f1 3` means that for the product `Autodesk_f1`, three licenses cannot be borrowed from the license server.

- 2 Enter the following syntax on the next line (with `MAX_BORROW_HOURS` entered in uppercase, as shown):  
`MAX_BORROW_HOURS feature_code n`

In this syntax, “n” is the number of hours that a license can be borrowed.

For example, the syntax `MAX_BORROW_HOURS Autodesk_f1 360` means that for product `Autodesk_f1`, licenses can be borrowed for 360 hours, or 15 days.

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**NOTE** Licenses are borrowed in increments of 24 hours only. Any number that is more than a 24-hour increment is not used. For example, the number 365 would be rounded down to 360 hours, or 15 days.

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For more information about setting up the license borrowing feature, see the FLEXlm documentation in the *Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\Docs\FlexUser* folder.

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**NOTE** Users can borrow a license in an Autodesk product by clicking the Tools menu ► License Borrowing, or by entering **borrowlicense** on the Autodesk product command line. Help for this feature is available in the Borrow a License for [Autodesk product name] window and in `\Program Files\[Autodesk product name]\Help\[Autodesk product name]_brw.chm`.

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## Set Up License Timeout

License timeout is set in the Options file to determine how long a product session can be idle before the license is reclaimed by the license server. When you set this flag in the Options file, a user's license is reclaimed by the license server if the product is idle on a workstation for more than the timeout period you define.

If a user's license is lost because of the idle timeout, the product attempts to claim a new license once the user uses the product again. If no license is available, the user can save work before the product shuts down.

### To set license timeout parameters

- In the Options file, enter the following syntax on its own line (with TIMEOUT entered in uppercase, as shown):  
TIMEOUT feature\_code n

In the TIMEOUT syntax, “feature\_code” is the name of the product (referred to in the INCREMENT line in the license file), and “n” is the number of seconds before an inactive license is reclaimed by the license server.

For example, the syntax TIMEOUT Autodesk\_f1 7200 means that for the product Autodesk\_f1, the license timeout period is set for 7200 seconds, or two hours.

For more information about using the license timeout feature, see the FLEXlm documentation in the *Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\Docs\FlexUser* folder.

## Uninstall the Network License Manager

You can uninstall the Network License Manager from the license server. When you uninstall the Network License Manager, licenses are no longer available to your users.

## To uninstall the Network License Manager

- 1 Click Start menu (Windows) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Autodesk Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
- 2 In the Lmtools program, on the Service/License File tab, select the Configure Using Services option.
- 3 In the Lmtools program, click the Start/Stop/Reread tab.
- 4 On the Start/Stop/Reread tab, click Stop Server.
- 5 Close *lmtools.exe*.
- 6 In the Windows Control Panel, double-click Add/Remove Programs.
- 7 In the Add/Remove Programs window, click Autodesk Network License Manager. Click Remove.
- 8 If prompted, restart your computer.

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**NOTE** You must manually delete files that you created for use with the Network License Manager (such as log files, license files, and the Options file). They are not automatically deleted when you uninstall the Network License Manager.

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# Glossary

*adskflex.exe* The Autodesk vendor daemon used with the FLEXlm license technology. This daemon keeps track of the Autodesk licenses that are checked out and the workstations that are using the licenses.

**ADSKFLEX\_LICENSE\_FILE** In a distributed license server configuration, the environment variable used to point a workstation to the distributed license servers.

**borrowed license** A license that allows you to use an Autodesk product for a limited period of time without having to buy a separate license or have network access to the license server. Previous versions of your Autodesk product may have used the License Configuration Switcher.

**daemon** A program that runs continuously in the background of a computer. The daemon handles requests from the computer and then forwards the requests to other programs or processes. The Network License Manager uses two daemons: the vendor daemon (*adskflex.exe*) and the license manager daemon (*lmgrd.exe*).

**debug log file** A file used with FLEXlm to log connection activity (such as license failure or starting and stopping) between the Network License Manager and the workstation.

**deployment** The files and folders created on a server and used by workstations to install Autodesk programs.

**distributed server** A license server configuration option in which several servers are used to manage license distribution. Each distributed license server has a unique license file and a fixed number of licenses. If one distributed license server fails, the other servers are still able to distribute their licenses.

**ethernet address** See *host ID*.

**FLEXlm** The Macrovision Corporation license management technology implemented in the Autodesk family of products.

**heartbeat signal** The communication signal between the Network License Manager and the workstation to verify that the workstation is accessible and has an active Autodesk product session running.

**host ID** The unique hardware address of a network adapter. Also known as *ethernet address* or *physical address*.

**host name** The TCP/IP name associated with a computer. FLEXlm technology uses the host name as a parameter; the host name must be distinguished from the NetBIOS (server) name.

**idle** A state of inactivity in your product that prompts a network license server to reclaim a license. Your product may be considered idle for a number of reasons, such as when there have been no keystrokes or mouse clicks within the product or if no commands, LISP expressions, menu macros, or scripts are in progress for the period of time that is defined in the Options file. See also *license timeout*.

**JRE (Java Runtime Environment)** A program that is required to run Java programs. This program must be installed with SAMreport-Lite.

**license configuration switcher** See *borrowed license*.

**license file** A file used with FLEXlm that controls the number of available seats. This file must be in ASCII plain text format.

**license server** A server that contains the Network License Manager.

**license timeout** A feature that allows you to set up a timeout period on your license server to automatically return an idle license to the server so that it is available for use again.

*licpath.lic* In both single and redundant server configurations, the file used to point the workstation to the FLEXlm license server. *Licpath.lic* is located in the root installation folder.

*lmgrd.exe* The license manager daemon. This daemon handles the original contact with the program, and then passes the connection to the vendor demon, *adskflex.exe*.

*lmtools.exe* A graphical user interface utility used to administer the FLEXlm license technology. (*lmutil.exe* is the command line version of this utility.)

*lmutil.exe* A command line utility used to administer the FLEXlm license technology. (*lmtools.exe* is the graphical user interface version of this utility.)

**master daemon** See *lmgrd.exe*.

**Network License Activation utility** A utility that allows network administrators to license and authorize network versions of an Autodesk product over the Internet.

**network license installation** A type of installation that requires you to install and run the Network License Manager from a network server. You must install and configure the Network License Manager before clients can run the Autodesk product.

**Network License Manager** The technology used by Autodesk for network license management.

**Options file** The file used by FLEXlm to control license manager parameters, such as reserving licenses and creating report logs used with SAMreport-Lite.

**physical address** See *host ID*.

**redundant server** A license server configuration option in which three servers are used to administer licenses. The redundant servers share a license file and a pool of licenses. The redundant server pool remains functional as long as two of the three servers are running.

**report log file** A file used with FLEXlm and SAMreport-Lite. This log file provides information about network license usage. The Options file creates the report log.

**runtree** The location of Autodesk product program files, such as *acad.exe*.

**SAMreport-Lite** A version of Macrovision Corporation's SAMreport tool. SAMreport-Lite is included on the Autodesk product CD-ROM.

**vendor daemon** See *adskflex.exe*.

**workstation** A desktop computer used by an individual user on a network.

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