



# 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 AutoCAD 2008 Installation wizard, click Install Tools and Utilities.
- 2 On the Welcome to the AutoCAD 2008 Installation Wizard page, click Next.
- 3 On the Select the Products to Install page, make sure Network License Manager is selected and click Next.
- 4 Review the Autodesk software license agreement for your country or region. You must accept this agreement to proceed with the installation. Choose your country or region, click I Accept, and then click Next.

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

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- 5 On the Review - Configure - Install page, click Configure.
- 6 Click the Network License Manager tab, if multiple product were selected in step 3.
- 7 On the Select the Installation Location page, either accept the default installation path (*C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\*) or click [...] to specify a different path. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Configuration Complete.

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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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- 8 Once returned to the Review - Configure - Install page, click Install to begin installing the Network License Manager and any other selected tools and utilities.
- 9 When the Installation Complete page displays, 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 the program. In addition, you can register your product, get automated support by email if you cannot obtain a license over the Internet, and save and migrate license files automatically.

## To install your Network License Activation utility

- 1 In the AutoCAD 2008 Installation wizard, click Install Tools and Utilities.
- 2 On the Welcome to the AutoCAD 2008 Installation Wizard page, click Next.
- 3 On the Select the Products to Install page, make sure Network License Activation Utility is selected and click Next.
- 4 Review the Autodesk software license agreement for your country or region. You must accept this agreement to proceed with the installation. Choose your country or region, click I Accept, and then click Next.

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

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- 5 On the Review - Configure - Install page, click Configure.
- 6 Click the Network License Activation Utility tab, if multiple product were selected in step 3.
- 7 On the Select the Installation Location page, either accept the default installation path (*C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\Network License Activation Utility\enu\*) or click [...] to specify a different path. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Configuration Complete.
- 8 Once returned to the Review - Configure - Install page, click Install to begin installing the Network License Activation Utility and any other selected tools and utilities.
- 9 When the Installation Complete page displays, click Finish.

## To use your Network License Activation utility (online request)

- 1 On the Start menu (Windows), click All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► AutoCAD 2008 Network License Activation Utility.
- 2 On the Obtain a Network License page, make sure Direct Connect (over the Internet) is active, and then click Next.
- 3 On the Server Information page, enter the following data:
  - The product serial number or Group ID

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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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- The license server model  
For more information about each license server model, click the ? button.
- The server host name  
If you don't know the host name, click the [...] button to locate the name of each server you plan to use.

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**NOTE** In a Distributed server model, you are limited to a maximum of 20 servers. Once the 20 server limit has been reached, the Add button disappears.

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- The host ID, for each server host name you entered  
If you cannot find the host ID, click Lookup to have the utility automatically locate the host ID for the server(s).

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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, 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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- The number of seats for each license server  
If you choose a Distributed server model, the Seats box is displayed.  
Enter the number of seats for each license server.

Click Next.

- 4 On the Confirm Server Information page, review the server information you entered, and click Next.
- 5 On the Log In page, enter your User ID and Password and then click Log In.  
If you don't have a user account, click the Create a User ID Now link and follow the instructions to create a new user account.
- 6 On the Confirm Your Information page, select a profile and click Next.
- 7 On the License(s) Received page, in the Save License File for [*computer name*] field, 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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The content of this page will differ depending on which server model you selected.

Click Next.

- 8 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.

After you receive your license file and save it locally, refer to [How to Configure a License Server](#) (page 7) to configure your license manager.

### **To use your Network License Activation utility (offline request)**

- 1 On the Start menu (Windows), click All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► AutoCAD 2008 Network License Activation Utility.
- 2 On the Obtain a Network License page, make sure Direct Connect (over the Internet) is active, and then click Next.
- 3 On the Server Information page, enter the following data:
  - The product serial number or Group ID

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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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- The license server model  
For more information about each license server model, click the ? button.
- The server host name  
If you don't know the host name, click the [...] button to locate the name of each server you plan to use.

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**NOTE** In a Distributed server model, you are limited to a maximum of 20 servers. Once the 20 server limit has been reached, the Add button disappears.

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- The host ID, for each server host name you entered  
If you cannot find the host ID, click Lookup to have the utility automatically locate the host ID for the server(s).

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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, 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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- The number of seats for each license server  
If you choose a Distributed server model, the Seats box is displayed. Enter the number of seats for each license server.

Click Next.

- 4 On the Confirm Server Information page, review the server information you entered, and click Next.
- 5 If the Product Registration page is displayed, do all of the following:
  - Choose whether the product will be registered to the Company or Individual.

- Select your country or region of residence.
- Specify whether this is a product upgrade.

Click Next.

- 6 Enter your personalization data on the Customer Information page and choose how you'd like to receive your activation code. Click Next.
- 7 Review your personalization data on the Confirm Information page and choose the method you'll use to submit your request. Click Close.
  - If you submit your request by email, you will be sent your activation code by the method you specified on the Customer Information page.
  - If you submit your request by fax, phone, or postal mail, the Contact Autodesk page is displayed containing the Autodesk fax number, phone number and mailing address. You can also print your activation request form.

After you receive your license file and save it locally, refer to [How to Configure a License Server](#) (page 7) to configure your license manager.

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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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## 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

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.

- 2 In the Lmtools program, on the Service/License File tab, make sure the Configure Using Services option is active.
- 3 Click the Config Services tab.
- 4 In the Service Name list, 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.

By default, the service name is *Flexlm Service 1*. Your service name may be different.

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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. Make sure that only one Autodesk service is listed.

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- 5 In the Path to Lmgrd.exe File field, 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\License* folder.
- 6 In the Path to the License File box, enter the path to your license file, or click Browse to locate the file.  
This is the path to the license file obtained by the Network License Activation utility or the location where you placed the license file if you obtained it offline.
- 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.  
It is recommended that you save to the *\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager* folder. The log file must have a *.log* file extension. For new log files, you must enter the *.log* extension manually.
- 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 when prompted if you would like to save the settings to the service.

- 11 Click the Start/Stop/Reread tab and 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.
- 12 Close *lmttools.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<sup>®</sup> to manage network licenses.

To learn more about installing and using SAMreport-Lite, see the *SAMreport-Lite User's Guide*, click the Documentation link at the lower left corner of the Installation wizard and in the Autodesk product's Help system.



# 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 is used to configure and manage the license servers. When creating a deployment, the Installation wizard will prompt you for information about the license manager, such as license server model and server name.

For more information about deploying an Autodesk product from a network location, see the *Network Administrator's Guide*, by clicking the Documentation link at the lower left corner of the Installation wizard and in the 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.

*Author notes: Update all tables with pertinent Windows Vista and 64-bit content.*

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### Hardware and software requirements for the network license server

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Hardware/software	Requirement	Notes
Operating system	Windows 2003 Server Edition Windows XP Professional, Service Pack 2 Windows 2000 Server Edition Windows 2000, Service Pack 4	The Network License Manager supports Ethernet network configurations only. The redundant license server model is supported only on Windows 2000 Server Edition and Windows 2003 Server.
Computer/processor	Pentium III or higher 450 Mhz (minimum)	
Network interface card	Compatible with existing Ethernet network infrastructure	The Network License Manager supports multiple network interface cards.

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## Hardware and software requirements for the network license server

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Hardware/software	Requirement	Notes
Communication protocol	TCP/IP	The Network License Manager uses TCP packet types.

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## 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](#) (page 44).

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## FLEXlm Configuration Tools

The Network License Manager uses FLEXlm<sup>®</sup> 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 2008-based products require FLEXlm version 10.8 or later. If you are currently using a version of FLEXlm that is earlier than 10.8, you will need to upgrade to version 10.8 or later.

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

- *lmgrd.exe*
- *lmtools.exe*
- *lmutil.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***

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.
- 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 necessary, use the following procedure to update your version of FLEXlm.

### **To update FLEXlm**

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Back up your license files.

- 2 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.
- 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](#) (page 52).
- 7 Install the Network License Manager. For details about installing the Network License Manager, see [Install the Autodesk Network License Manager](#) (page 38).

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**NOTE** Version 10.8 of the FLEXlm license manager that ships with AutoCAD 2008-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](#) (page 48).

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](#) (page 45).

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:

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# 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.

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# 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 in a network location that you specify in the Deployment wizard. That network location must be accessible to every user who runs the product from a network installation.

The following table defines each license file parameter.

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Definitions of license file parameters			
Line	Parameter	Definition	Example
SERVER	Host Name	Host name of the server where the Network License Manager resides	labserver

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## Definitions of license file parameters

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Line	Parameter	Definition	Example
	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= "526000REVIT_9_OF\ 51200ACD_2007_OF\ 513001IN- VBUN_11_OF"
	OPTIONS		OPTIONS=SUITE
	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

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## Definitions of license file parameters

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Line	Parameter	Definition	Example
	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	51200ACD_2007_OF
	PLIST	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. For more information, see <a href="#">Example of Additional Parameters in a License File</a> (page 29)	INCREMENT PLIST
	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. 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. For more information, see <a href="#">Example of Additional Parameters in a License File</a> (page 29).	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. 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) 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 Server1 1a34567c90d2
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 54600ACD_2008_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 5 \
    VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
    DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="0247 \
    45D6 87C4 27A5 7F9E F24A ED3D 61E4 6B3B CC5C AD77 B865 9EA8 \
    3D62 0792 0F67 19E7 57E7 FAFA A48B D582 335A EC16 1FE5 B70D \
    76AB 6488 61CC DE5E F5B7" SIGN2="09FD 0850 7CF1 F447 9F05 9FA3
\
    2A0A 38D6 83FC 1746 F3F5 5A72 6250 E002 DE0B 0E6E F88C AC95 \
    136F 87F2 A945 E4C4 A97F 44B5 74EE 83F3 3F3E 1579 B981 8994"

```

## 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 54600ACD_2008_0P adskflex 1.000 permanent 5 \
    VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
    DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="15A0 \
    9FD4 0108 1BDE F05D 8960 55C5 0142 1D4F 5570 D4F5 C6D2 949E \
    AAA6 1195 1616 50BD 2A07 14A9 898D 69C9 F833 7EED 4D56 ADCC \
    5CD3 1173 F04A 1A63 8335" SIGN2="1239 48BA 591E 20B8 7EB9 CDF5
\
    2FCF 31F1 62DF 8BED 839D 8A20 5C41 673E 06F9 0B97 179E 4398 \
    9C10 8C5F 8020 EB0D 9AA6 772D FB67 2208 C211 096F E44C F086"

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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 2008 with license files for AutoCAD and AutoCAD Map.

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

```
SERVER Server1 1a34567c90d2
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 42600ACD_2004_OF 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 54600ACD_2008_OF adskflex 1.000 permanent 5 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="0247 \
  45D6 87C4 27A5 7F9E F24A ED3D 61E4 6B3B CC5C AD77 B865 9EA8 \
  3D62 0792 0F67 19E7 57E7 FAF4 A48B D582 335A EC16 1FE5 B70D \
  76AB 6488 61CC DE5E F5B7" SIGN2="09FD 0850 7CF1 F447 9F05 9FA3
  \
  2A0A 38D6 83FC 1746 F3F5 5A72 6250 E002 DE0B 0E6E F88C AC95 \
  136F 87F2 A945 E4C4 A97F 44B5 74EE 83F3 3F3E 1579 B981 8994"
INCREMENT 51700MAP_2008_OF adskflex 1.000 permanent 5 \
  VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
  DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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:

```
SERVER Server1 1a34567c90d2
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
INCREMENT 54600ACD_2008_0F adskflex 1.000 permanent 5 \
    VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
    DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 SN=123-12345678 SIGN="0247 \
    45D6 87C4 27A5 7F9E F24A ED3D 61E4 6B3B CC5C AD77 B865 9EA8 \
    3D62 0792 0F67 19E7 57E7 FAFA A48B D582 335A EC16 1FE5 B70D \
    76AB 6488 61CC DE5E F5B7" SIGN2="09FD 0850 7CF1 F447 9F05 9FA3
\
    2A0A 38D6 83FC 1746 F3F5 5A72 6250 E002 DE0B 0E6E F88C AC95 \
    136F 87F2 A945 E4C4 A97F 44B5 74EE 83F3 3F3E 1579 B981 8994"
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 Server1 1a34567c90d2
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="54700REVIT_2008_0F \
54600ACD_2008_0F 51300INVBUN_11_0F" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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 100 \
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 Server1 1a34567c90d2
USE_SERVER
VENDOR adskflex port=2080
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="54700REVIT_2008_OF \
    54600ACD_2008_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
    ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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 100 \
    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="54700REVIT_2008_OF \
54600ACD_2008_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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 100 \
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 2008 product (54600ACD\_2008\_OF) 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 54600ACD_2008_OF adskflex 1.000 permanent 50 \
    VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
    DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 SN=123-12345678
SIGN=6E88EFA8D44C \
PACKAGE SERIES_1 adskflex 1.000 COMPONENTS="54700REVIT_2008_OF \
    54600ACD_2008_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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 100 \
    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 2008 product (54600ACD\_2008\_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="54700REVIT_2008_OF \
54600ACD_2008_OF 51300INVBUN_11_OF" OPTIONS=SUITE SUPERSEDE \
ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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 54600ACD_2008_OF adskflex 1.000 permanent 50 \
VENDOR_STRING=commercial:permanent BORROW=4320 SUPERSEDE \
DUP_GROUP=UH ISSUED=09-Jan-2007 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

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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.

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- [Set Up and Use an Options File](#)
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# Install the Autodesk Network License Manager

You can install the Network License Manager before or after you use the 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 AutoCAD 2008 Installation wizard, click Install Tools and Utilities.
- 2 On the Welcome to the AutoCAD 2008 Installation wizard page, click Next.
- 3 On the Select the Products to Install page, make sure Network License Manager is selected and click Next.
- 4 Review the Autodesk software license agreement for your country or region. You must accept this agreement to proceed with the installation. Choose your country or region, click I Accept, and then click Next.

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

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- 5 On the Review - Configure - Install page, click Configure.
- 6 Click the Network License Manager tab, if multiple product were selected in step 3.
- 7 On the Select the Installation Location page, either accept the default installation path (*C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\*) or click [...] to specify a different path. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Configuration Complete.

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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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- 8 Once returned to the Review - Configure - Install page, click Install to begin installing the Network License Manager and any other selected tools and utilities.
- 9 When the Installation Complete page displays, 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 AutoCAD 2008 Installation wizard, click Install Tools and Utilities.
- 2 On the Welcome to the AutoCAD 2008 Installation wizard page, click Next.
- 3 On the Select the Products to Install page, make sure Network License Activation Utility is selected and click Next.
- 4 Review the Autodesk software license agreement for your country or region. You must accept this agreement to proceed with the installation. Choose your country or region, click I Accept, and then click Next.

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

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- 5 On the Review - Configure - Install page, click Configure.
- 6 Click the Network License Activation Utility tab, if multiple product were selected in step 3.
- 7 On the Select the Installation Location page, either accept the default installation path (*C:\Program Files\Autodesk Network License Manager\Network License Activation Utility\enu\*) or click [...] to specify a different path. If you enter a path that does not exist, a new folder is created using the name and location you provide. Click Configuration Complete.
- 8 Once returned to the Review - Configure - Install page, click Install to begin installing the Network License Activation Utility and any other selected tools and utilities.

- 9 When the Installation Complete page displays, 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 your Network License Activation utility (online request)

- 1 On the Start menu (Windows), click All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► AutoCAD 2008 Network License Activation Utility.
- 2 On the Obtain a Network License page, make sure Direct Connect (over the Internet) is active, and then click Next.
- 3 On the Server Information page, enter the following data:
  - The product serial number of Group ID

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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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- The license server model  
For more information about each license server model, click the ? button.
- The server host name  
If you don't know the host name, click the [...] button to locate the name of each server you plan to use.

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**NOTE** In a Distributed server model, you are limited to a maximum of 20 servers. Once the 20 server limit has been reached, the Add button disappears.

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- The host ID, for each server host name you entered  
If you cannot find the host ID, click Lookup to have the utility automatically locate the host ID for the server(s).

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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, 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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- The number of seats for each license server  
If you choose a Distributed server model, the Seats box is displayed. Enter the number of seats for each license server.

Click Next.

- 4 On the Confirm Server Information page, review the server information you entered, and click Next.
- 5 From the Log In page, enter your User ID and Password and then click Log In.  
If you don't have a user account, click the Create a User ID Now link and follow the instructions to create a new user account.
- 6 On the Confirm Your Information page, select a profile and click Next.
- 7 On the License(s) Received page, in the Save License File for [*computer name*] field, 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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The content of this page will differ depending on which server model you selected.

Click Next.

- 8 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.

After you receive your license file and save it locally, refer to [How to Configure a License Server](#) (page 7) to configure your license manager.

### **To use your Network License Activation utility (offline request)**

- 1 On the Start menu (Windows), click All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► AutoCAD 2008 Network License Activation Utility.
- 2 On the Obtain a Network License page, make sure Direct Connect (over the Internet) is active, and then click Next.
- 3 On the Server Information page, enter the following data:

- The product serial number of Group ID

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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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- The license server model  
For more information about each license server model, click the ? button.
- The server host name  
If you don't know the host name, click the [...] button to locate the name of each server you plan to use.

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**NOTE** In a Distributed server model, you are limited to a maximum of 20 servers. Once the 20 server limit has been reached, the Add button disappears.

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- The host ID, for each server host name you entered  
If you cannot find the host ID, click Lookup to have the utility automatically locate the host ID for the server(s).

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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, 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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- The number of seats for each license server  
If you choose a Distributed server model, the Seats box is displayed. Enter the number of seats for each license server.

Click Next.

- 4 On the Confirm Server Information page, review the server information you entered, and click Next.
- 5 If the Product Registration page is displayed, do all of the following:
  - Choose whether the product will be registered to the Company or Individual.
  - Select your country or region of residence.
  - Specify whether this is a product upgrade.

Click Next.

- 6 Enter your personalization data on the Customer Information page and choose how you'd like to receive your activation code. Click Next.
- 7 Review your personalization data on the Confirm Information page and choose the method you'll use to submit your request. Click Close.
  - If you submit your request by email, you will be sent your activation code by the method you specified on the Customer Information page.
  - If you submit your request by fax, phone, or postal mail, the Contact Autodesk page is displayed containing the Autodesk fax number, phone number, and mailing address. You can also print your activation request form.

After you receive your license file and save it locally, refer to [How to Configure a License Server](#) (page 7) to configure your license manager.

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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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## 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 *lmttools.exe* utility. If you use *lmttools.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*

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.
- 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

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.

- 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

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.
- 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

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 1 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.

- 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](#) (page 49)
- [Configure License Borrowing](#) (page 50)
- [Set Up License Timeout](#) (page 51)

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

You should be logged in with Administrator rights when working with the LMTOOLS utility.

- 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 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.
- 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 Do one of the following:
  - Click Start menu (Windows XP & 2000) ► All Programs (or Programs) ► Autodesk ► Network License Manager ► LMTOOLS.
  - Right-click the LMTOOLS icon (Windows Vista) on the desktop and choose Run As Administrator.
- 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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