



Information About Licensing

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Restrictions for Configuring Licenses

- Members of a switch stack must run the same license level (base license level and add-on). If the license level is different with a mismatched base license, the switch will not join the stack until it is changed and rebooted from the active stack. Mismatched add-on licenses are automatically synced by the active stack.
- A permanent license can be moved from one device to another. To activate a license, you must reboot your switch.
- An expired evaluation license cannot be reactivated after reboot.

Information About Licensing

Overview of License Levels

Software features on the switch are available with base (also known as feature sets) and add-on license levels. Their validity duration determines the license type.

- **Base license levels** for a switch are indicated by the switch model number. They are always permanent licenses, without an expiration date.
- **Add-on license levels** provide Cisco innovations on the switch, as well as on the Cisco Digital Network Architecture Center (Cisco DNA Center). Add-on licenses may be ordered only with a term license type, for a three, five, or seven year period.

Base Licenses

The switch is shipped with a LAN Lite base license.



Note The base license level is bound to the hardware model and cannot be changed.

The switch is shipped with a LAN Lite base license. The model number is an indicator of the license level. See the last suffix in the model number, –LL indicates a LAN Lite model. For example, Catalyst WS-C2960L-8TS-LL has a LAN Lite image



Note The base license level is bound to the hardware model and cannot be changed.

The following base license levels are available:

- LAN Lite
- LAN Base

The model number is an indicator of the license level. See the last suffix in the model number. -L indicates a LAN Base model, and –LL indicates a LAN Lite model. For example:

Catalyst 2960X-48FPD-L has a LAN Base image

Catalyst 2960X-24TS-LL has a LAN Lite image



Note The base license level is bound to the hardware model and cannot be changed.

Add-On Licenses

The following add-on licenses are available:

- DNA Essentials
- DNA Advantage

The DNA essentials add-on license is available.

The following guidelines apply to Add-on Licenses:

- A Reboot is not required when you configure an add-on license.
- Add-on licenses may be ordered for a three, five, or seven year period.
- You must set up Cisco SSM to receive daily e-mail alerts, to be notified of expiring add-on licenses that you want to renew.
- Only the DNA Essentials add-on license is available. (Although visible on the CLI, the DNA Advantage license level is not available).

License States

You can also access the license information by using the **show license** command in the privileged EXEC mode.

Table 1: Right-to-use license states

License State	Description
Active, In Use	EULA was accepted and the license is in use after device reboot.
Active, Not In Use	EULA was accepted and the switch is ready to use when the license is enabled.
Not Activated	EULA was not accepted.

The following example shows how to display the license level of the switch. The example shows LAN Base as the active license and as the one that is in use.

```
Switch# show license

Index 1
License Name      : lanlite
Period left       : 0 minute 0 second
License Type      : Permanent
License State     : Inactive
Index 2
License Name      : lanbase
Period left       : 0 minute 0 second
License Type      : Permanent
License State     : Active, In use
Index 3
License Name      : dna-essentials
Period left       : CSSM Managed
License Type      : Subscription
License State     : Active, In use
Index 4
License Name      : dna-advantage
Period left       : CSSM Managed
License Type      : Subscription
License State     : Not Activated
```

Guidelines to follow when monitoring your image based license state:

- A purchased permanent license is set to Active, In Use state only after a switch reboot.
- If more than one license was purchased, a reboot will activate the license with the highest feature set. For instance, the LAN Base license is activated and not the LAN Lite license.
- The remaining licenses purchased after switch reboot, stay in Active, Not In Use state.

Guidelines for License Types

Licenses may be of the permanent or term type only.

- **Permanent:** For a license level, and without an expiration date. The basic license type for the switch is determined by the model and is always permanent.
- **Term:** For a license level, and for a three, five, or seven year period. Add-on licenses (DNA Essentials and DNA Advantage) may be ordered only with a term license type.

Ordering with Smart Accounts

We recommend that you use Smart Accounts to order devices as well as licenses. Smart Accounts enable you to manage all of your software licenses for switches, routers, firewalls, access-points or tools from one centralized website. To create Smart Accounts, use the Cisco Smart Software Manager (Cisco SSM).



Note This is especially relevant to the term licenses that you order, because information about the expiry of term licenses is available only through the Cisco SSM website.

For more information about Cisco SSM, see: <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/buy/smart-accounts/software-licensing.html>

License Activation for Switch Stacks

LAN Base models can stack with LAN Base models only.

The active stack is activated with a license from its active console. The license level for members in the stack can be activated at the same time.

To change the license level, do not disconnect a newly added stack member if the stack cables are connected. Instead, use the active console to set the new member's license level at the same license level as an active stack and reboot the new member to join the stack.

Reboot is required only for the base license; not when you configure an add-on license

How to Configure Add-On License Levels

The following sections provide information on how to configure Add-on License Levels.

Activating an Image Based Add-on License

The following steps can be used to activate an image based license.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **license boot level addon *addon-license***
4. **license accept end user agreement force**
5. **show license right-to-use usage**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	license boot level addon <i>addon-license</i> Example: Device(config)# license boot level addon dna-essentials	Specifies the add-on license level. The following options are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNA Essentials • DNA Advantage
Step 4	license accept end user agreement force Example: Device(config)# license accept end user agreement force	Enables acceptance of the end-user license agreement (EULA). Note To configure an add-on license EULA acceptance is not mandatory, but you will not be able to use or configure the DNAC features until you complete this step.
Step 5	show license right-to-use usage Example: Device(config)# show license right-to-use usage	Displays detailed usage information. Other options are available with the show license right-to-use command .

Rehosting a License

To rehost a license, you have to deactivate the license from one device and then activate the same license on another device. The following steps can be used to rehost a license.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **license right-to-use deactivate [license-level] slots $slot-num$**
4. **license right-to-use activate [license-level]slot- num [acceptEULA]**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example: Device> enable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	license right-to-use deactivate [license-level] slotslot-num Example: Device(config)# license right-to-use deactivate dna-essentials slot 1	Deactivates the license on one device.
Step 4	license right-to-use activate [license-level]slot-num [acceptEULA] Example: Device(config)# license right-to-use activate dna-essentials slot 2	Activates the license on another device.

Monitoring Licenses

Use the following commands in the privilege EXEC mode to monitor license information:

Command	Purpose
show license right-to-use default	Displays the default license information.
show license right-to-use detail	Displays detailed information of all the licenses in the switch stack.
show license right-to-use eula	Displays the end user license agreement.
show license right-to-use slot slot-number	Displays the license information for a specific slot in a switch stack.
show license right-to-use summary	Displays a summary of the license information on the entire switch stack.
show license right-to-use usage [slot slot-number]	Displays detailed information about usage for all licenses in the switch stack.

Configuration Examples for License Levels

The following sections provide examples for configuring license levels.

Reference

Example: Displaying the detailed license information

The following examples shows how to display the detailed information of all the licenses in a stack using the **show license right-to-use detail** command.

```
Device# show license right-to-use detail
Index 1
  License Name      : Advanced Enterprise Services
  Period left       : Lifetime
  License Type      : permanent
  License State     : Active, In use
Index 2
  License Name      : dna-essentials
  Period left       : CSSM Managed
  License Type      : Subscription
  License State     : Not Activated
Index 3
  License Name      : dna-advantage
  Period left       : CSSM Managed
  License Type      : Subscription
  License State     : Active, In use
```

Example: Displaying a summary of the license information

The following examples shows how to display a summary of the license information using the **show license right-to-use summary** command.

```
Device# show license right-to-use summary
License Name      Type      Period left
-----
lanlite           Permanent  0 minute 0 second
lanbase           Permanent  0 minute 0 second
dna-essentials    Subscription CSSM Managed
```

```
License Level In Use: lanbase  addon: dna-essentials
License Level on Reboot: lanbase  addon: dna-essentials
```

Example: show license right-to-use usage

```
FEX-0#show license right-to-use usage
slot      License Name      Type      In-use  EULA
-----
0         lanlite           Permanent  yes     yes
0         lanbase           Permanent  yes     yes
          dna-essentials    Subscription yes     yes
          dna-advantage    Subscription no      yes
```

Example: Displaying the end user license agreement

The following example shows how to display the end user license agreement.

```
Device# show license right-to-use eula subscription
Feature name      EULA Accepted
```

```

-----
dna-essentials          yes
dna-advantage          no
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Feature History for Information About Licensing

Release	Modification
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