



Adding Licenses

About Traditional Licenses

You must purchase licenses to access the Cisco Prime Infrastructure features required to manage your network. Each license also controls the number of devices that you can manage using those features. The maximum number of license files that can be added to Prime Infrastructure is 25.

You need a base license and the corresponding feature licenses (such as the assurance or the lifecycle license) to get full access to the respective Prime Infrastructure features to manage a set number of devices.

When you install Prime Infrastructure for the first time, you can access the lifecycle, assurance, collector, and data center features using the built-in evaluation license that is available by default. The default evaluation limitations are as follows:

- The Lifecycle and Assurance license is valid for 60 days for 100 devices.
- The Collector License is valid for 60 days for 20,000 Netflow per seconds.
- The Data Center License is valid for 60 days for 10 devices.

Data Center Hypervisor License was introduced in Prime Infrastructure version 3.0. This license is not available by default and is added explicitly to manage the V-center devices (hosts). The V-center devices are added in **Inventory > Device Management > Compute Devices > Discovery Sources**. The Data Center Hypervisor License added in **Administration > Licenses and Software Updates > Licenses > Files > License Files** automatically manages the number of hosts.

For information about Prime Infrastructure license types and how to order them, see the [Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.0 Ordering and Licensing Guide](#).

See the [Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1 Administrator Guide](#) for information about managing licenses, troubleshooting licensing issues, verifying license details and about the different types of licenses.

Adding a Traditional License to Access Features

You purchase licenses to access the Prime Infrastructure features required to manage your network. Each license also controls the number of devices or the number of devices on which NetFlow is enabled that you can manage using those features.

To add a new license, follow these steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Licenses and Software Updates > Licenses**.

- Step 2** Click **Files**, then click **License Files**.
- Step 3** Select the licenses that you have ordered with the required device limit, then click **Add**.
- Step 4** Browse to the location of the license file, then click **OK**.
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See the [Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1 Administrator Guide](#) for information about managing licenses, deleting licenses, troubleshooting licensing issues, and verifying license details.

About the Smart License Feature

From Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1 version onwards, Smart Licensing feature is supported. This Smart Licensing feature provides a standardized licensing platform that simplifies user experience by reducing license-related complexity.

The benefits of this feature are:

- Licenses are not node-locked to devices which simplifies the Return-Merchandise-Authorization (RMA) process.
- Saves time with ability to transfer licenses across the company.
- Licenses can be pooled across the entire company, enabling them to be reused across organizational boundaries.
- Provides software asset management information so that you can plan and easily track if you have purchased adequate licenses.

For more details, please refer the Smart Licensing section of the [Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1 Administrator Guide](#) for enabling smart license, modifying the smart licensing transport details and performing other required actions on smart licenses.