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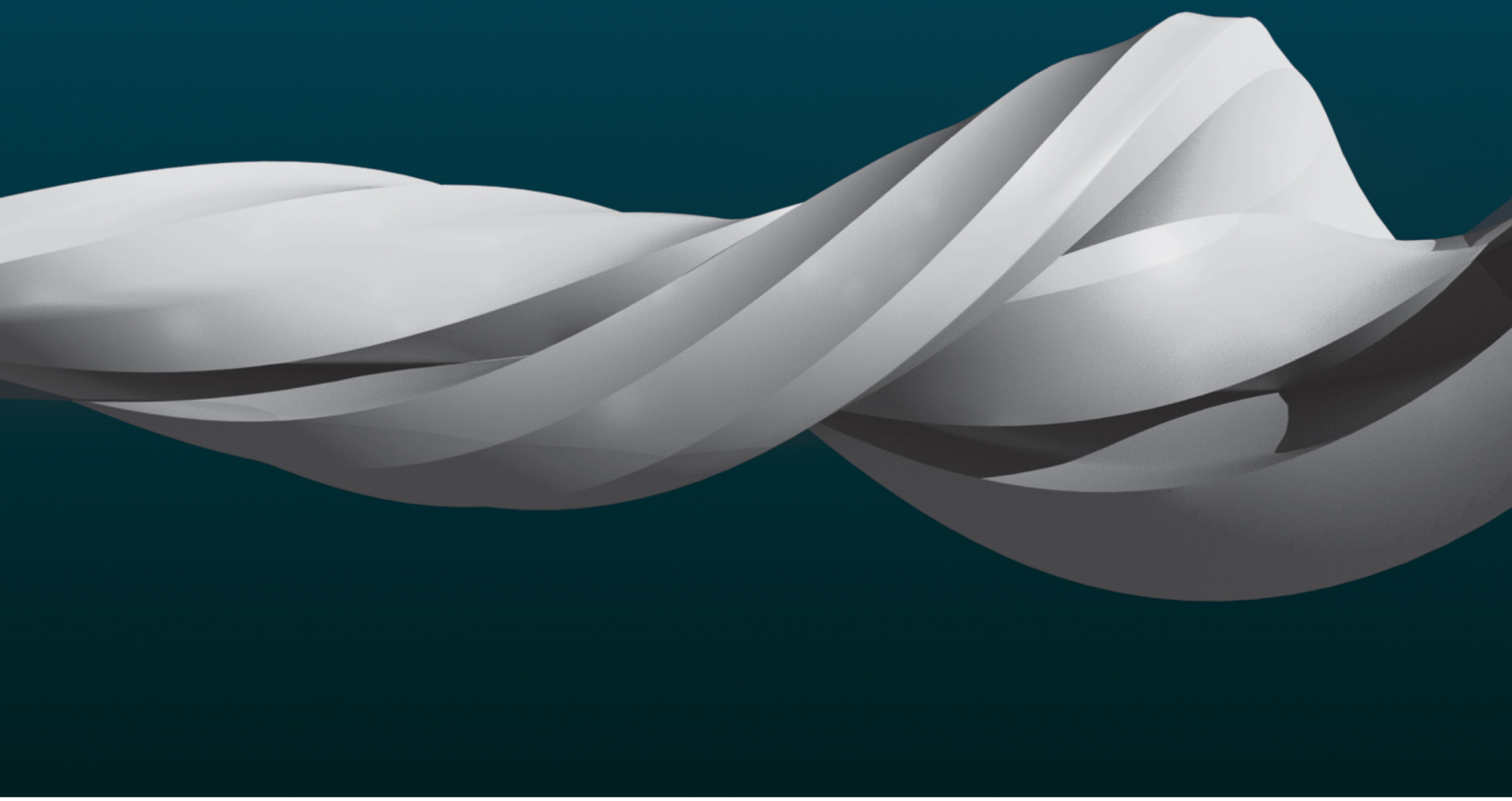
INSTALLATION GUIDE



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Introduction

XFlow uses RLM and DSLS licensing servers. The licensing system must be installed separately from XFlow depending on the license type. This **License Server** must be accessible via TCP/IP from all the computers that will run XFlow. This document will describe the installation process for both XFlow and the License Server.

System Requirements

Minimum:
- Windows 7 x64 / Windows 10 x64 / Linux x64 with GLIBC version greater or equal to 2.12
- 4 cores processor
- 6 GB of RAM Memory
- 500 GB of hard disk
- Graphics card with 512 MB dedicated memory, supporting: OpenGL >= 1.1
- For GPU computing, Nvidia GPU card with CUDA Driver >= 440.33 is required
- For multi-GPU computing: OpenMPI = 4.0.X compiled with UCX support (UCX = 1.9.0); UCX should be built including GDRcopy (GDRcopy = 2.1); NV-link support for inter-GPU connection is preferred for performance

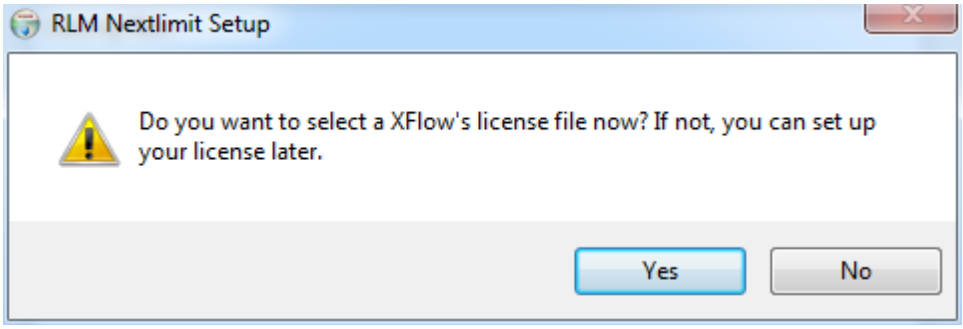
Recommended:
- Windows 7 x64 / Windows 10 x64 / Linux x64 with GLIBC version greater or equal to 2.12
- 12-24 cores processor
- 12-24 GB of RAM Memory
- More that 1 TB of hard disk
- High-end graphics card with 1 GB, supporting: OpenGL >= 3.1
- For GPU computing, Nvidia GPU card with CUDA Driver >= 440.33 is required
- For multi-GPU computing: OpenMPI = 4.0.X compiled with UCX support (UCX = 1.9.0); UCX should be built including GDRcopy (GDRcopy = 2.1); NV-link support for inter-GPU connection is preferred for performance

RLM License Server Installation

Windows

Run the RLM **License Server** installer for Windows and follow the instructions. It will create a Windows Service called `'rlm_nl'`. This service will start running automatically when Windows starts and it must be running in order for XFlow to check the license and run.

During the installation, a window will pop-up asking if you want to provide the license file now.



Windows asking to browse the license file during the RLM license server installation

You can either:
a) Click Yes, and browse the file. In this case the license server will be operational automatically and no further action is required. This is the simplest option.
b) Click No, and set the license yourself. This may be useful if you do not have your license file yet. In this case please follow the installation steps:

- Copy the license file to the folder `'Licenses', where` the **License Server** was installed. By default the path set is `'C:\Program Files\Dassault Systemes\Rlm\licences'`,
- Go to Control Panel > System and Security > Administrative tools > Services,
- Look for the service called `'rlm_nl'`. Right click on it and press Stop and then Start.

The License Server is now installed and configured.

Tip: The RLM license server can be administrated via the web interface. To proceed, open a web browser and connect to `[hostname]:5054`, this should open the a web interface anel where licenses can be monitored and the license server can be managed.

Linux

Run the RLM License Server installation script 'xflow-rlm-installer.sh' and follow the instructions.

Once you get your XFlow license, please follow the installation steps:

- Copy the license file to the folder where the **License Server** was installed.
- Run `'xflow-rlm.sh start'` to start the **License Server**. If it was already started, you can run `'xflow-rlm.sh restart'` to restart it.

Keep in mind that this **License Server** has to be started in order for XFlow to check the license and run.

The **License Server** is now installed and configured.

The script `'xflow-rlm.sh'` accepts the following parameters:

- start: starts the **License Server**.
- stop: stops the **License Server**.
- restart: stops and then starts again the **License Server**. This option can be useful to update changes in the license file, for example when a new license file is installed. This script can be used to start the **License Server** at system boot time by placing it in `/etc/init.d/rlm` and creating the appropriate link in `/etc/rc5.d/S98rlm`, these paths may differ from one Linux distribution to another though.

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License file

The XFlow license file is a plain text file which describes the user rights on the use of XFlow, e.g. the number of instances of XFlow allowed to run simultaneously. The first line of this file has the form:

```
HOST localhost [MAC-ADDRESS] 5053
```

where `'[MAC-ADDRESS]'` is the physical address of the computer and `'5053'` is the TCP/IP port the **License Server** will use to communicate with XFlow. The MAC-ADDRESS cannot be changed, but the port can be changed a different value if desired. In any case, this should be done only if the port 5053 is known to be used by any other application. The MAC address indicated in the license file must match the one from the license server machine.

Communication ports

RLM works through three TCP ports:

- **RLM port:** 5053 (default)

This is the port to communicate with the license server, and it can be configured to a different port number when running up the RLM license server. Note the port in the license file will have to be changed accordingly in case this port is set to a different number than 5053.

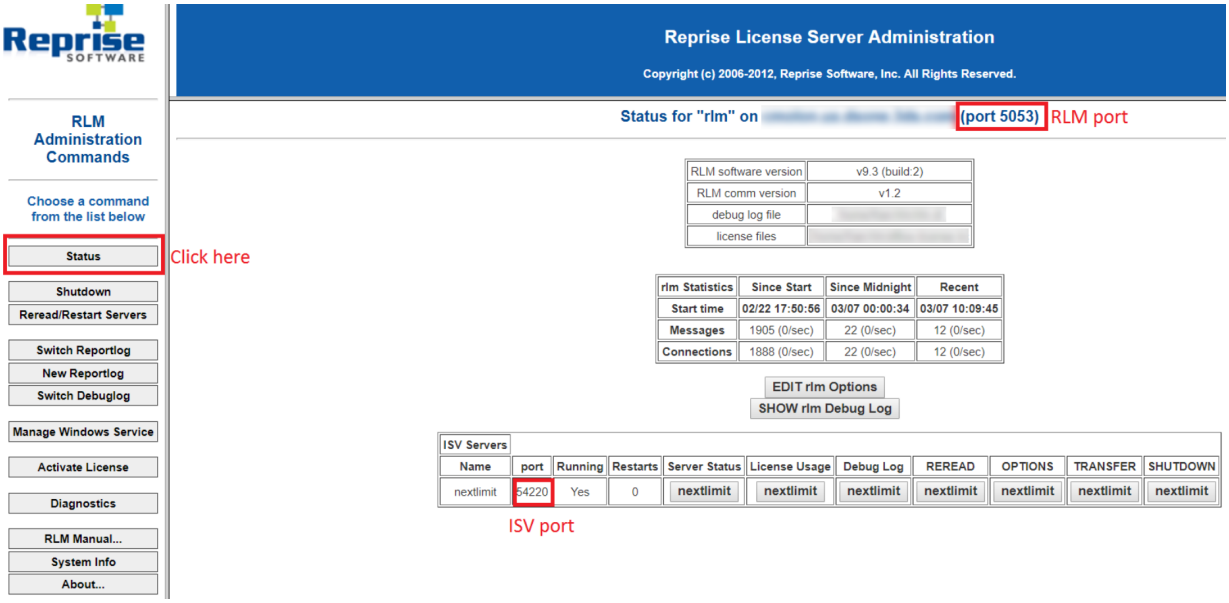
- **ISV port:** randomly assigned by RLM.

This is the port used by RLM to communicate with the ISV (Independant Software Vendor), which is a product licensed by RLM such as XFlow. This port is randomly assigned by RLM. This port is displayed in the web interface as depicted on the picture below, or by command lines executing: `[RLM_installation_folder]/rlmstat rlmutil`. The XFlow ISV is named "nextlimit".

- **Web interface port:** 5054 (default)

This port is used to run a web interface. The RLM license server can be administrated connecting to the address: `license_server_hostname:5054`. This interface allows to check licenses usage and availability, restart the server, as well as several other administration operations.

Please note: The RLM and ISV port must be opened between the license server and the client where XFlow will be executed. The web interface port is optional.



Web administration interface and ports in use.

DSLS License Server Installation

Windows

Run the DSLS **License Server** installer for Windows SetupDSLSmsi.exe provided with the installer package and follow the instructions. It will create a Windows Service called `'DS License Server'`. This service will start running automatically when Windows starts and it must be running in order for XFlow to check the license and run.

During the installation, a window will pop-up asking if you want to enroll the license file now.

You can either:
a) Click Yes, and browse the file. In this case the license server will be operational automatically and no further action is required. This is the simplest option.
b) Click No, and set the license yourself. This may be useful if you do not have your license file yet.

The License Server is now installed and configured.

Please note: XFlow will only detect the DSLS license if the DSLS license server version is DSLS R2018x (6.420.0 - September 14, 2017) or above.

Tip: For more information on the DSLS License Server installation please refer to the DSLS.pdf file provided in the DSLS installer.

Linux

Run the DSLS **License Server** installer for Linux `startInstLicServ.sh` provided with the installer package. It is possible to use the option `-enroll $filename` to enroll a license file directly at installation.

Please note: XFlow will only detect the DSLS license if the DSLS license server version is DSLS R2018x (6.420.0 - September 14, 2017) or above.

Tip: For more information on the DSLS License Server installation please refer to the DSLS.pdf file provided in the DSLS installer.

License file

For DSLS license server, XFlow will first look for the license server indicated in the file `/var/DassaultSystemes/Licenses/DSLicSrv.txt`. If the file is not found at the previous path, XFlow will look in the installation directory. This file has the following format: `[HOSTNAME]:[PORT]`. It can be edited to change the license server IP address or port.

The XFlow DSLS license file is a binary file which cannot be edited.

XFlow Installation

Windows

Execute the XFlow installer to start the installation and follow the steps.

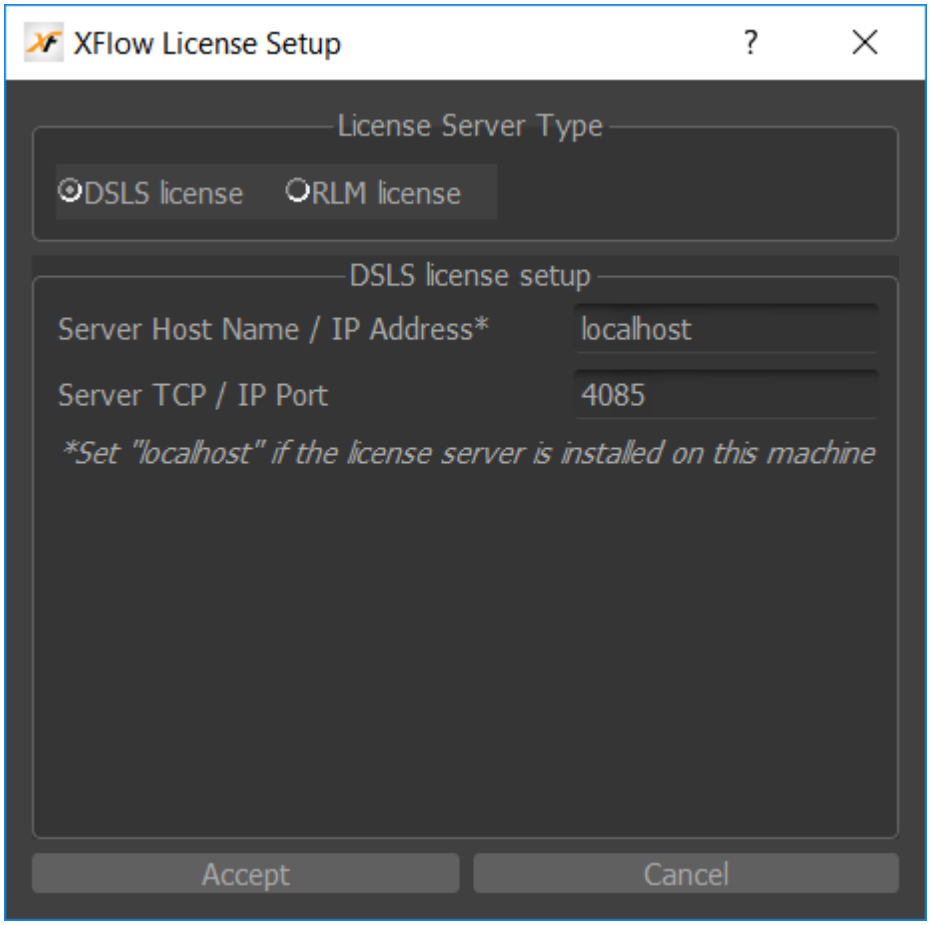
> **Tip**: To run the installer in silent mode, use the command: `xflow-installer.exe /S` to install XFlow automatically in `C:\Program Files\Dassault Systemes\XFlow_[VERSION]`, or `xflow-installer.exe /S /D=[INSTALLATION_PATH]` to install in an arbitrary installation path. This is particularly useful to automate the installation of XFlow.

Once the installation finishes, at the first execution XFlow will request the License Server Type (DSLS or RLM depending on the license type), as well as the hostname or IP address and port of the **License Server**. The TCP/IP port should remain with the default value unless the license server has been configured for another port.

Two configurations are possible with floating licenses:

1) The license server is installed on the machine where XFlow is installed.

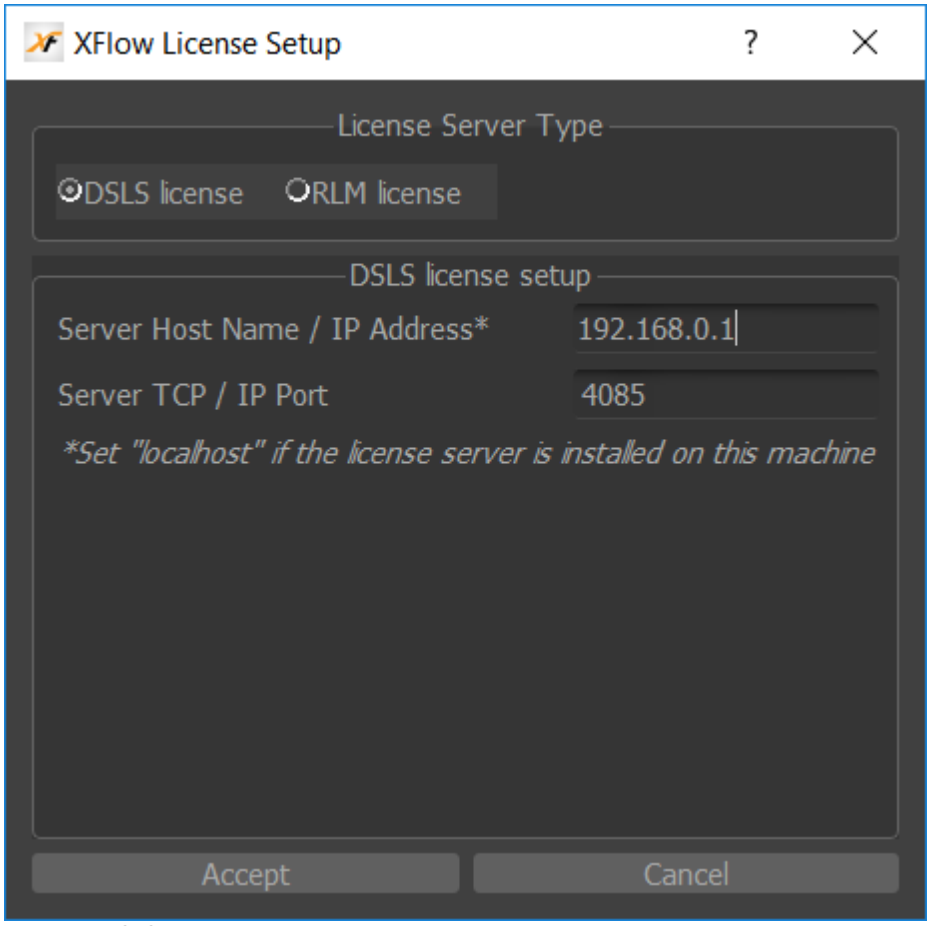
You can enter the `'localhost'` address if you installed XFlow and the **License Server** in the same computer. The TCP/IP port should remain with the default value (5053 for RLM, 4085 for DSLS) unless the license server and license file have been modified accordingly.



XFlow license setup example where DSLS license server is installed on the machine where XFlow is executed

2) The license server is installed on another machine on the network.

The IP address of the license server should be filled. The TCP/IP port should remain with the default value (5053 for RLM, 4085 for DSLS) unless the license server and license file have been modified accordingly.



XFlow DSLS license setup example: license server installed on machine IP 192.168.0.1

Tip: If the XFlow client does not find the XFlow license server after you entered the hostname and port correctly, you may check the Advanced License Specification section for alternatives.

Linux

Run the XFlow installation script `'xflow-installation.sh'` and follow the steps.

Tip: To run the installer in silent mode, use the command: `xflow-installer.sh -silent [INSTALL_PATH] [RLM_HOST] [RLM_PORT]`. This is particularly useful to automate the installation of XFlow on several machine.

Once the installation finishes, at the first execution XFlow will request the License Server Type (DSLS or RLM depending on the license type), as well as the hostname or IP address and port of the **License Server**. The TCP/IP port should remain with the default value unless the license server has been configured for another port.

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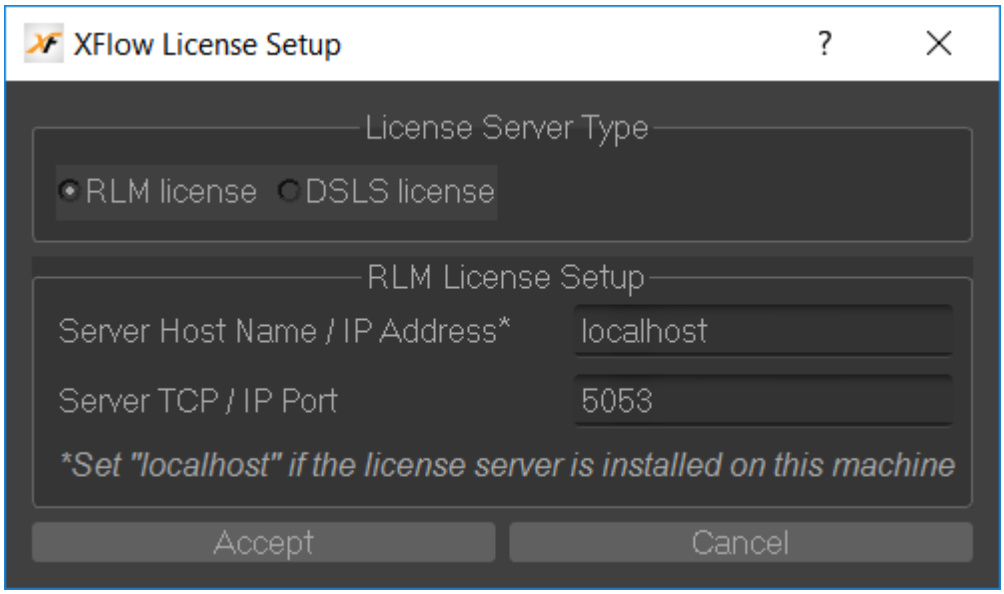

XFlow license setup example: license server installed on the machine where XFlow is executed

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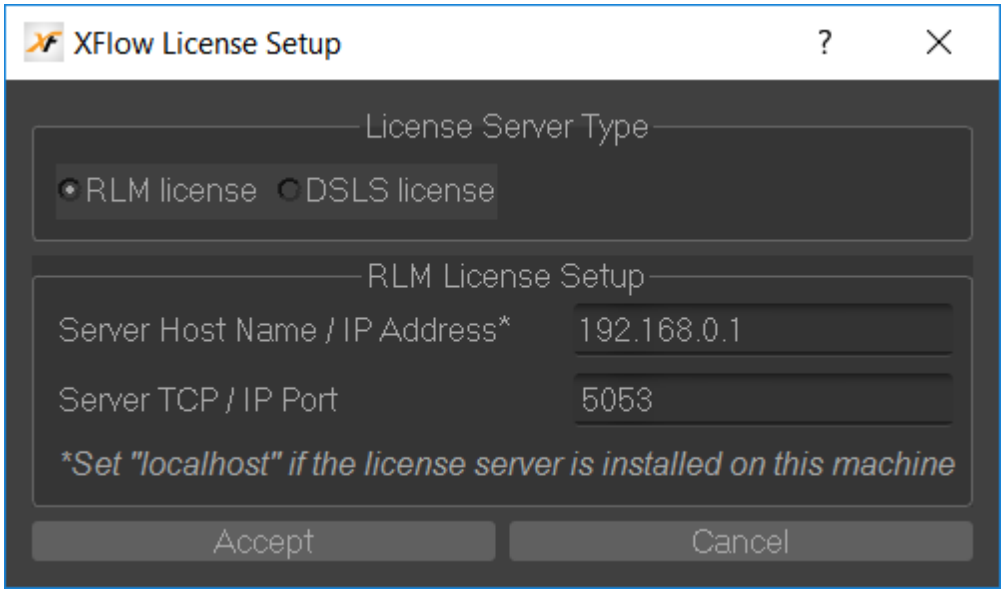

XFlow license setup example: license server installed on machine IP 192.168.0.1

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port correctly, you may check the Advanced License Specification section for alternatives.

Advanced License Specification

In order to execute XFlow, a valid XFlow license must be available on the license server and accessible by the XFlow client. Every XFlow client starting will search for a valid XFlow license according to a hostname and a port defined within a text file named Specification File.

Depending on the system architecture, user permissions or simply, user preferences, there may exist cases where the default Specification File is not accessible. For that purpose, XFlow checks different Specification files at different locations, in a specific order. Your XFlow client can be configured in the way that is best adapted to your environment.

The definition of the Specification File content and the different locations are explained in the Specification file definition section, while the order and location of search by the XFlow client is defined in the Specification file location section.

Specification file definition

The files and different locations used by the XFlow client in order to locate a valid XFlow license are defined in this section. The order and location where the file is searched by the XFlow client is described in the next section.

- **DSLS Specification File**: The file containing the hostname and port of the DSLS license server. The file is named *DSLicSrv.txt* by default. This file has the following format: `[HOSTNAME]:[PORT]`. It can be edited to change the license server IP address or port, and can include several license servers hostnames and ports on different lines.
- **RLM Specification File**: The file containing the hostname and port of the RLM license server. The file is named *xflow-license.lic* by default. This file has the following format: `HOST [HOSTNAME] ANY [PORT]`. It can be edited to change the license server IP address or port.

- **Home directory**:
  - Windows: *C:\Users\user_name*
  - Linux: *~/*

- **Current working directory**: Directory from which the application was called.

- **Installation directory**: Directory containing the executable for the application being executed.

- **Global Licenses directory**:
  - Windows: *C:\ProgramData\DassaultSystemes\Licenses*
  - Linux: */var/DassaultSystemes/Licenses*

Specification file location

In order to start, XFlow will look a valid license on a license server defined by a Specification File. The XFlow client will search this file in the following location and order.

Please note: The different locations used in this section are explained in the previous section. The content of the Specification File is also explained for both RLM and DSLS in that section. All the files

targeted below should follow the same format.

1. **Environment variables**: an environment variable defining the location of the Specification File can be created.

   A. If *DSLS_CONFIG* variable is found, XFlow will use DSLS Specification File specified indicated by the variable.
   B. If *RLM_LICENSE* variable is found, XFlow will use RLM Specification File specified indicated by the variable.

2. **Search of text file named `SimuliaLicenseConfig.txt`** in one of following directories (by order of search):

   A. The Home directory
   B. The Installation directory
   C. The Global Licenses directory

   If the `SimuliaLicenseConfig.txt` file is found, XFlow will look for a line of the following structure:

   - `xflow.dsls = path/to/dsls/license/file`. If that line is found, the DSLS Specification File targeted will be used.
   - `xflow.rlm = path/to/rlm/license/file`. If that line is found, the RLM Specification File targeted will be used.
   - `allProducts.dsls = path/to/dsls/license/file`. If that line is found, the DSLS Specification File targeted will be used.
   - `allProducts.rlm = path/to/rlm/license/file`. If that line is found, the RLM Specification File targeted will be used.

3. **Search of DSLS Specification File `DSLicSrv.txt`** at the Global Licenses Directory.

4. **Search of RLM Specification File using any `*.lic` file** (default name is `xflow-license.lic`) from:

   A. Home directory/.xflow_cfd
   B. XFlow installation directory

XFlow on HPC

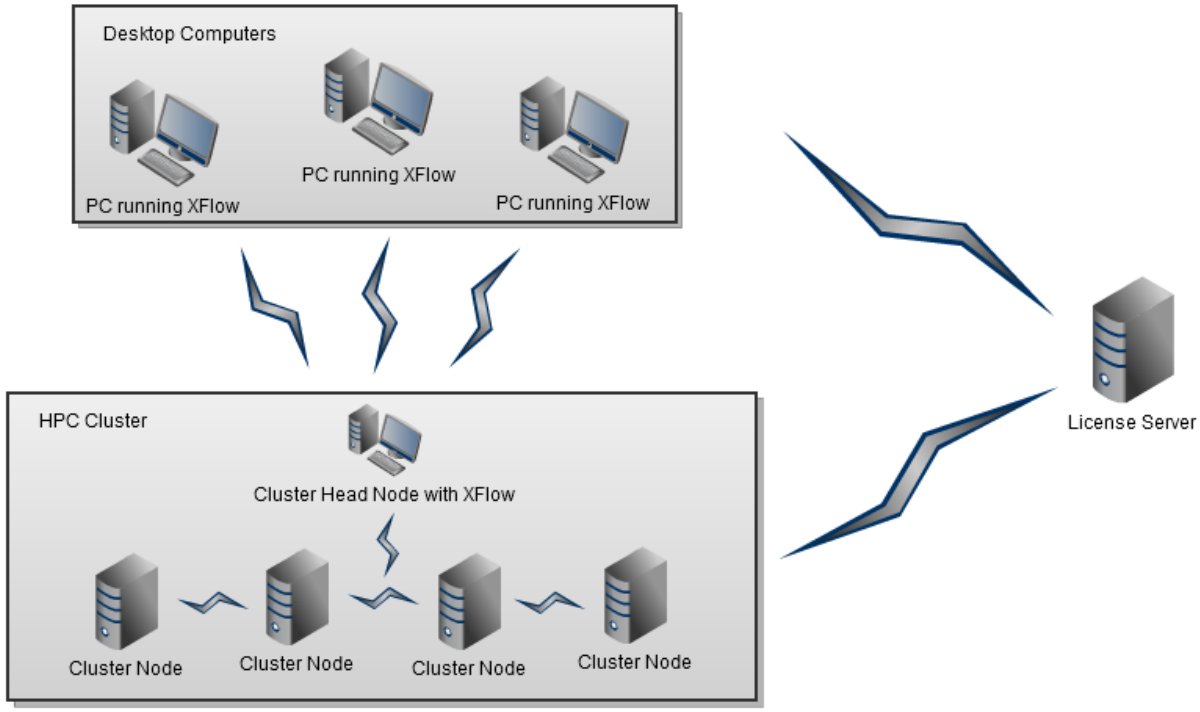
In order to take advantage of the power of High Performance Computing (HPC) clusters, XFlow is designed so it can be run in a distributed environment. This section describes some of the considerations to bear in mind when installing XFlow on an HPC cluster.

When working with a cluster, there is usually a group of users, each one with their own computer, which want to make use of the HPC cluster to perform calculations with XFlow.

This means that XFlow has to be installed, not only in the users computers, but also in the cluster, more specifically in the head node of the cluster. Let us consider the example where there are three user with three different computers which want to use XFlow using an HPC cluster, these would be the steps to follow in order to setup the whole system:

- Install the **License Server** in a computer accessible via TCP/IP from every machine that will be running XFlow: the three user computers, the head node of the cluster and all the other cluster nodes.
- Install XFlow in the three user computers.
- Install the XFlow in the head node of the cluster.

The picture below shows this example.



Graph representing a typical HPC environment

The cluster nodes and the **License Server** do not require XFlow to be installed.

Please note: In order to run distributed simulations in Windows machines, the user needs to install the Intel MPI on his Windows machines (if it is not already installed). This can be done executing, in

a Windows terminal, the "smpd.exe -install" command-line from Intel MPI installation directory.

Troubleshooting

If despite of the explanations below y our installation of XFlow still do not run correctly, please check the following steps:

1) The RLM license server is installed?
If not, download it on the Download section of the private area of the XFlow website.

2) The license file is in the C:\Program Files\SIMULIA\Rlm\licenses folder (for Windows) or /opt/Simulia/Rlm/ (for Linux)?
If not, copy your license file in the folder and reboot your machine.

3) Check if the MAC address of your license server matches the license one.
You can read the MAC address of the license file by opening it with a text editor, it is indicated by "Server MAC address". You can check your license server MAC address by opening an MS-DOS command prompt and typing the command "ipconfig /all": the MAC address corresponds to the line named "Physical Address" of the first Ethernet adapter local area connection listed (you may have to scroll up). If both MAC address are not matching, please contact our Sales Team to request a new license file with the correct MAC address.

4) Make sure XFlow is pointing to the correct license server hostname/IP.
To check it, open the file C:\Users\USERNAME\.xflow_cfd\xflow-license.lic file with a text editor. Make sure the line HOST [IP/hostname] ANY 5053 has the correct [IP/hostname], namely the IP address or hostname of the machine where your license server is installed. If XFlow is on the same machine than the RLM license server please put "localhost".

5) Restart the RLM license server.
To restart the RLM license server in Windows, you can open the Windows task manager and go to the Services tabulation. Search for the rlm_nl service, and right-click on it > Stop Service. You can repeat and select Start Service to restart the license server.

6) None of the above points helped you, and you are still stuck?
Do not panic! Installations issues are common. Send a support request to our Support Team who will help you to troubleshoot the problem, and send them the RLM log files located in the folder: C:\Program Files\SIMULIA\Rlm\logs (Windows) or /opt/Simulia/Rlm/ (Linux)

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