



Application Note

Cisco Identity Services Engine Licensing

Creating New Licenses

Beginning with Cisco® Identity Services Engine (ISE) Software Release 1.2, customers will have a new option to configure ISE licensing. This new enhancement improves the flexibility and resiliency of an ISE deployment.

Prior to ISE Release 1.2, customers could only specify ISE licenses to be registered to a single ISE Administration Node (i.e., the Primary Administration Node). Now, ISE Release 1.2 delivers the capability to register ISE licenses to two Administration Nodes (i.e., Primary and Secondary Administration Nodes). The registration of an ISE license to the Primary Administration Node remains mandatory, but the option to register a Secondary Administrative Node is available.

The assignment of an ISE license to a Primary and Secondary (optional) Administration Node is accomplished during the Product Activation Key (PAK) registration process. First, go to the [Cisco License Administration Portal](#) and enter the PAK number. On the PAK registration page, enter the Unique Device Identifier (UDI) information for the Primary (mandatory) and Secondary (optional) Administration Nodes. Continue to enter the other required information.

Upon completion of this PAK registration process, a license file is emailed to the designated recipient. This license file can be uploaded to both Primary and Secondary Nodes.

Modifying Existing ISE Licenses

Additionally, ISE customers can rehost their existing licenses by accessing the [Cisco License Administration Portal](#), select the "Transfer" option on the menu bar, and then choose "License for Transfer -Initiate" from the drop-down menu. Rehosting allows the customer to reassign an existing ISE license to another ISE appliance, acting as a Primary and/or Secondary Node. Customers can use the rehosting feature to modify their existing ISE license (registered to a single node) to be supported on Primary and Secondary ISE Administration Nodes or just a new Primary node. The license term is not changed when rehosted.



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