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Working With License Server Redundancy

SUMMARY

License Server redundancy enables you to configure a pair of license servers to work in a synchronized manner to provide high availability of activated licenses. When configuring a redundant pair, all actions associated with licenses, such as activation, acquisition, and reservations are kept in sync between both servers.

If a License Server fails based on known conditions, the second server continues to operate with minimal impact on the operation of the licensed products' servers. The pair are commonly referred to as the **Primary** server and the **Backup** server. All data on the primary server is synced to the backup server. If the Primary server fails, all its data is available on the Backup server. Setting up a redundant pair requires two nodes where the License Server and License Manager components are installed.

Note: For more information about installing licensing components, see Installing License Manager and License Server on page 35 of SELicenseManagerGuide.pdf.

SITUATION

Requirements for Primary and Backup Servers

Certain License Server conditions must be met before license activation can succeed on a redundant pair.

- The primary and backup server cannot have activated licenses. Deactivate the licenses on both the primary and backup servers, in case there are activated licenses.
- If licenses are currently or have previously been activated on the backup server prior to pairing, the License Server ID must be reset for the backup server before licenses can be successfully activated on the pair.

Click the **Sync** button after deactivating the licenses, when the primary server is hosting activated licenses and is managed by an offline **License Manager**.

Note: The pair status in the Server Details Page will display as Pair not synced until the Sync action is performed.

ACTION

Setting Up License Server Redundancy

This Tech Note assumes the following:

- BNSP2017 Is the Primary node
- WIN16SP2017 Is the Backup node
- 1. In the **Backup** node launch **License Manager** by pointing your web browser URL to the <u>http://Localhost/SELicenseManager</u>. Remove all licenses from the Backup node and select **Reset** via the Manage tab (Figure 1 below).



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Quantity Component Name	Part Number	License Server ID		Reset

- Figure 1: Reset the Backup Node
- 2. Run the Configuration tool on the backup node and point it to primary node.
 - Open the Configuratator from Start, All Programs.
 - Designate the primary server name and select Enable Backup.
 - Click Test Connection.
 - Click Configure (Figure 2 below).

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Historian Server Security Search	License Server Configuration Primary Server Name	BNSP2017]
Reporting Schneider Electric Licensing	Server(s) Port	55555	
Schneider Electric License Server	Enable Backup		
			Test Connection
	NOTE: You must specify the node whe member of a Workgroup, then the Lic License Server.		

Figure 2: Point the Configurator on the backup node to look at the primary node for the license.

3. Launch License Manager by pointing your web browser URL to the backup node. Choose Remove (Figure 3 below).

Note: The local server will be added automatically the next time the License Manager is launched.

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Figure 3: Remove Backup License Server

4. Open the primary License Manager and click Add Server to add the backup license server to the list of servers (Figure 4 below).

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Figure 4: Add the backup license server to the primary License Manager

Note: You might see the following message while adding the backup license server (Figure 5 below). In this case, repeat Step 3 as shown above.



Figure 5: Error message displayed when adding the Backup License Server

Note: The server selected as primary in Step 4 will be the Primary server.

- Select the Manage button from the action bar. The Manage License Server slide out panel appears.
- Select Enable Backup.
- Select your second server from the list box and click Apply (Figures 6 and 7 below).

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Figure 6: Selecting the backup license server to the primary License manager



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		Apply
<u>Maintenance</u>		
Stop License Server		Stop
License Server ID		Reset

Figure 7: Adding the backup license server to the primary License Manager

The Server Details Page will now display your primary and backup servers and their pair status information. Once paired, point your browser to the **License Manager** on either the primary or backup. Both nodes will display the same configuration (Figure 8 below).

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Figure 9: Primary License Manager monitoring the Pair of License Servers

Note: Once you have activated licenses on the pair, you cannot undo the pairing until all licenses have been deactivated.

- 5. Enable licensing redundancy for your licensed product by running the Configuration tool on the node where the products are installed.
 - Open the Configurator from Start, All Programs.
 - Designate the primary server name and Select Enable Backup.
 - Click Test Connection.

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• Click Configure (Figure 10 below).

Note: The backup server associated with the primary server is automatically populated in the **Secondary Server Name** field, based on the configuration in License Manager. This configuration applies to all products installed on the node.



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Schneider Electric Licensing Schneider Electric License	License Server Configuration Primary Server Name	bnsp2017
	Server(s) Port	55555
	Enable Backup	
	Secondary Server Name	WIN16SP2017
		Test Connection
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	Communication with License Server on no	de 'WIN16SP2017' through port 55555 succeeded.
	Release license completed. Updated server name successfully.	=
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Refresh All Messages		Configure Close

Figure 10: Enable licensing redundancy for your licensed product by running the Configuration tool

6. Activate the licenses using License Manager on the primary node. The activated licenses will show up in the license manager on the primary and the backup node.

Monitoring The Status of the Pair

The pair status information is also reflected on the server tile in the Server Summary Page. If both servers in the pair are connected and running, the **Pair Status** is **Paired and Available**. If the pair is not available, the server tile indicates the unavailable server. The pair status is displayed in the server tile (Figure 11 below):

- Paired and Available Server Tile
- Pair Not Available Server Tile
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	Description		Backup	K1GRRED_CZTJ42CG	Running	Available

Figure 11: Monitoring The Status of the License Server Pair

To stop the License Server on the primary node, click Stop (Figure 12 below).



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The pair status is updated in the server tile (Figure 13 below).

	License Server ID	Status	Pair Status
Primary	K1AOS1RED_1TU61JVZ	Stopped	Primary
Backup	K1GRRED_CZTJ42CG	Running	not available

Figure 13: License manager pair status

You can monitor License Usage using the License Manager Usage Details page (Figure 14 below).

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Figure 14: License Manager Usage Details.

There are a number of conditions that will trigger a change in the Pair Status. The conditions and corresponding status changes are listed below. In these examples, the condition occurs on the **Backup** server.

The Backup server node shuts down:

- Backup server status changes to **Disconnected**
- Pair status changes to Backup not available

The Backup server loses network connection or is stopped:

- Backup server status changes to **Stopped**
- · Pair status changes to Backup not available

The Backup server is uninstalled:



- Backup server status changes to Backup not available
- Pair status changes to Backup not available

The pair is not synced:

- Both server statuses remain as Running
- Pair status changes to Pair not synced

In a Workgroup environment

The Local System account does not allow the License Manager to work with off-node redundant License Servers. In this case it needs to assign an existing local user account for the License Manager Web Service.

In a workgroup environment procedures to pair up the License Servers are the same, except that one additional step is required: Use the Change Network Account User for the License Manager Web service logon information.

Complete the following steps for both Primary and Backup license server nodes.

- 1. Click Start / Run and type Sevices.msc.
- Select License Manager Web Services, right-click configure its properties. By default it will login using the Local System Account (Figure 15):

🔍 Services (Local)					
License Manager Web Service	Name				
	🔍 IPsec Policy Agent				
Stop the service	KDC Proxy Server service (KPS)				
Restart the service	KtmRm for Distributed Transaction Coordinator				
	🔍 License Manager Web Service				
Description:	🔍 License Server Agent Service				
Provides web access for License	License Server Core Service				
Manager /	Properties /Local Comp	apper			
License Manager Web Service Properties (Local Comp					
General Log On Recovery Depend	ancies				
	encies				
Log on as:					
Occal System account		n Service			
Allow service to interact with des	ktop				
		Provider			
 This account: 	Browse				
Password:					
Confirm password:					

Figure 15: License Manager web service Default setting

3. Select the Log On tab and click Browse. Select the Change Network Account User and then click Apply (Figure 16):

License Manager Web Service Properties (Local Comp 💌					
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Password:	•••••				
Confirm password:	•••••				
	OK Cancel Apply				

Figure 16: License Manager Web Service Log On modification

4. Restart License Manager Web Services.

A utility to do this automatically is included in System Platform 2017 Update 2 and later:

%Program Files (x86)%\Common Files\ArchestrA\Licensing Framework\License Utilities

ATTACHMENTS

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