



Tekla Structures

Licensing Quick Guide



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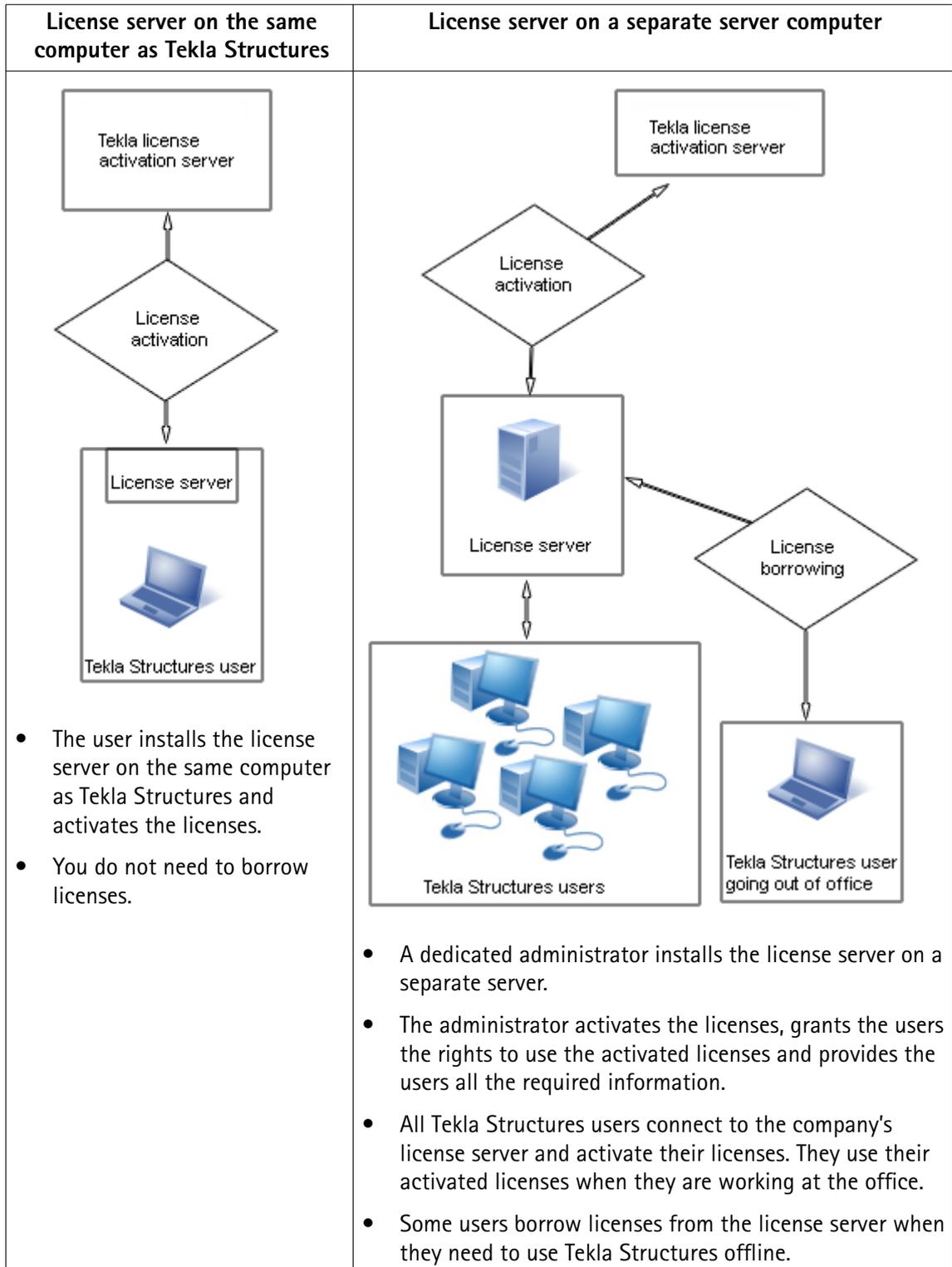
1 Tekla Structures licensing system

FlexNet is a licensing system provided by Flexera Software. The FlexNet licensing system is activation-based, and it supports redundancy via a server list. You need to activate your licenses to transfer the license rights from Tekla to your license server.

In Tekla Structures licensing system the following tasks need to be performed before you can start using Tekla Structures:

- Install and set up a license server either on a computer containing Tekla Structures or on a separate server computer: [Install Tekla Structures license server on page 5](#).
- Save the license entitlement certificate: [Save your Tekla Structures license entitlement certificate on page 6](#).
- Activate the Tekla Structures licenses: [Activate Tekla Structures licenses on page 6](#).
- Connect each client computer with Tekla Structures to the license server: [Connect Tekla Structures to the license server on page 7](#).
- Borrow licenses for using Tekla Structures offline if you do not have the license server installed on your computer: [Borrowing licenses for using Tekla Structures offline on page 11](#).

Example



2 Taking Tekla Structures licenses into use

To take your Tekla Structures license server into use, follow the workflow below:

1. [Install Tekla Structures license server on page 5](#)
2. [Save your Tekla Structures license entitlement certificate on page 6](#)
3. [Activate Tekla Structures licenses on page 6](#)
4. [Connect Tekla Structures to the license server on page 7](#)

2.1 Install Tekla Structures license server

Install the Tekla Structures license server. This is phase 1 in the workflow [Taking Tekla Structures licenses into use on page 5](#).

If you are using other FlexNet licensing services, you need to stop them before you install the Tekla Structures license server. When you have completed installing the Tekla Structures license server, you can restart the other licensing services.

To install the license server:

1. Go to [Tekla Downloads](#) and download the latest Tekla Structures license server installation.
2. For standard setup, select the options **Automatic** and complete the installation.

Tekla Structures license server is installed.

In automatic license server installation, the license server host name is automatically set to `27007@your_host_name`, where `27007` is the port and `your_host_name` is your computer name.

Automatic installation is recommended. Use the **Manual** installation only if you are an advanced user of FlexNet or Flexlm licensing, and you need to change something in the default installation, for example, the TCP/IP port. For more information, see [Installing Tekla Structures license service - manual installation](#)

2.2 Save your Tekla Structures license entitlement certificate

Save your license entitlement certificate. This is phase 2 in the workflow [Taking Tekla Structures licenses into use on page 5](#).

As a preliminary action for transferring license rights from Tekla to your license server, you need to save the entitlement certificate that you received as an e-mail attachment.

To save the license entitlement certificate:

1. In your e-mail application, open the e-mail containing the entitlement certificate.
2. Download the entitlement certificate file `EntitlementCertificate.html` to the `..\TeklaStructures\License\Server` folder.

The entitlement certificate states the configurations, quantities and activation IDs of your Tekla Structures licenses. The entitlement certificates are not computer-specific. This means that you can activate licenses from several entitlements on one license server and you can activate licenses from one entitlement (containing several licenses) on several license servers.

2.3 Activate Tekla Structures licenses

Activate your Tekla Structures licenses. This is phase 3 in the workflow [Taking Tekla Structures licenses into use on page 5](#).

You need to activate the licenses on the license server to use Tekla Structures. When you activate the licenses and notify the server, the license rights are transferred from the activation server at Tekla to the license server. Use **Tekla Structures License Administration Tool** for activating licenses.

NOTE Do not use the automatic license server notification functionality if you are using some other FlexNet license and license server administration tool, such as FlexNet Manager. To use manual notification, see [Activating Tekla Structures licensing using manual server notification](#).

To activate your licenses and notify the license server about license changes:

1. Go to **Tekla Structures Licensing** --> **Tekla Structures License Administration Tool** through the **Start** menu or **Start screen**, depending on your Windows operating system.
2. Enable the automatic license server notification functionality by clicking the **Notify Server** button.
3. You saved your entitlement certificate in the `..\TeklaStructures\License\Server` folder, and the licenses should now be listed in the **Entitled Licenses** area. If they are not listed, click **Open**, select `EntitlementCertificate.html`, and click **Open** again.
4. Select the number of licenses to activate.

5. Click the **Activate** button.

Your license server contacts the activation server at Tekla. The activated licenses are displayed under the **Activated Licenses** area.

Next, you need to connect Tekla Structures to the license server when you start Tekla Structures for the first time.

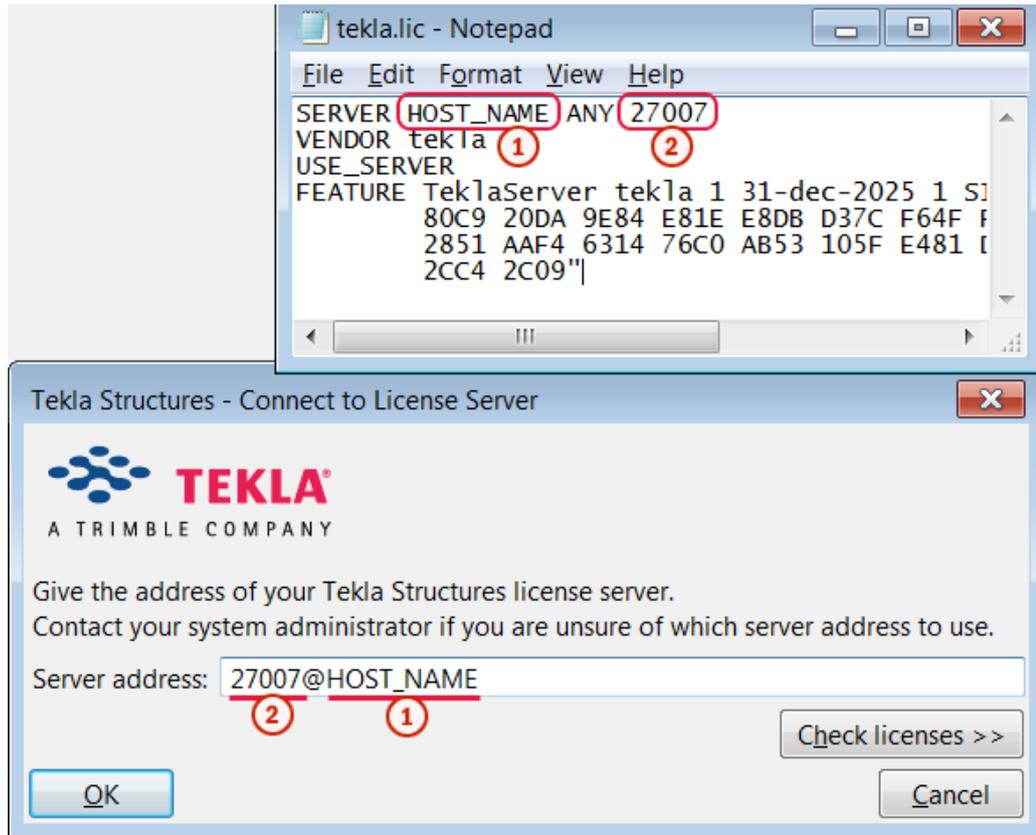
2.4 Connect Tekla Structures to the license server

Connect Tekla Structures to the license server. This is phase 4 in the workflow [Taking Tekla Structures licenses into use on page 5](#).

To connect Tekla Structures to the license server when you start Tekla Structures for the first time:

1. Start Tekla Structures.
2. To connect Tekla Structures to the license server, enter the `port@hostname` information in the **Connect to License Server** dialog box, for example `27007@HOST_NAME`.

The host name and port must correspond with the host name and port found in the `tekla.lic` file on the server computer located at `.. \TeklaStructures \License \Server`. The license server administrator informs users about the license server name and port number.



1. host
2. port

If there is more than one license server available with activated licenses, you can define a primary and a secondary server in the **Connect to License Server** dialog box by separating the servers with a semicolon as follows:

```
27007@HOST_NAME_1;27007@HOST_NAME_2
```

3. Click **OK** to start Tekla Structures.

3 Deactivating Tekla Structures licenses

NOTE Before you deactivate licenses, ensure that the licenses are not in use or borrowed. The borrowed licenses must be returned before they can be deactivated.

You need to deactivate licenses in the following cases:

- Before activating the next temporary license or a permanent license in the license chain.
- When renewing the annual maintenance, for example, when you switch from Tekla Structures 20 licenses to Tekla Structures 21 licenses, you need to deactivate the licenses from the previous year to be able to activate the licenses for the following year.
- If you have activated a wrong configuration or too many configurations.
- Before re-hosting the license server from one computer to another.
- Before changing hardware, the IP address or the MAC address on the license server.
- Before reinstalling or upgrading Windows on your server computer.
- Before formatting your server computer.

Things to remember when you deactivate licenses:

- You need to deactivate all the licenses that are displayed on the same row in the **Activated Licenses** area in the **Tekla Structures License Administration Tool**.
- Internet access is required in license deactivation.
- After deactivation, you can activate the licenses again on the same or on another server.

See also

[Deactivate Tekla Structures licenses on page 9](#)

3.1 Deactivate Tekla Structures licenses

To deactivate your Tekla Structures licenses:

1. Close Tekla Structures.

2. Go to **Tekla Structures Licensing** --> **Tekla Structures License Administration Tool** through the **Start** menu or **Start screen**, depending on your Windows operating system.
3. Go to the **Statistics** tab, and ensure that nobody is using the licenses you are going to deactivate.
4. Go to the **Licenses** tab and select the licenses that you want to deactivate.
You need to deactivate all the licenses that are displayed on the same row in the **Activated Licenses** area.
5. Select the licenses you want to deactivate.
6. Click **Deactivate**.

The license server contacts the activation server at Tekla through an Internet connection. After a successful deactivation you will see the license successfully deactivated message, and the **Tekla Structures License Administration Tool** dialog box is updated.

After deactivating the licenses you can activate them on the same or on another server.

See also

[Deactivating Tekla Structures licenses on page 9](#)

4 Borrowing licenses for using Tekla Structures offline

You can borrow an activated license from the license server when you work offline and no license server is installed on your computer. The borrowed license is transferred from the license server to your computer, so it is not available for other users during the borrowing period.

To borrow licenses, follow the workflow below:

1. [Install and set up Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool for license borrowing on page 11](#)
2. [Borrow a Tekla Structures license on page 12](#)
3. [Return a borrowed Tekla Structures license on page 12](#)

4.1 Install and set up Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool for license borrowing

Set up **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**: install **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**, connect Tekla Structures to the license server, and open the product ID file containing all Tekla Structures configurations and their product IDs. You may use the default product ID file (`standard.tpi`) or ask your administrator to send you a new and customized product ID file that contains only the configurations that you are allowed to use. This is phase 1 of the workflow [Borrowing licenses for using Tekla Structures offline on page 11](#).

To install and set up **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**:

1. Download and install the latest **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool** from [Tekla Downloads](#).
The installer is also available on the Tekla Structures installation DVD.
2. Go to **Tekla Structures License Borrow** --> **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool** through the **Start** menu or **Start screen**, depending on your Windows operating system.

3. In the **Borrow from License Server** dialog box, enter the port number with the host name (computer name) in format `port@host` in the **Server** text box, for example, `27007@HOST_NAME`.

You need to use exactly the same port and host name as in the **Connect to License Server** dialog box when starting Tekla Structures.

4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Open** in **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**.
6. Select the product ID file and click **Open**.

The list of licenses is updated in **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**. Now you can borrow licenses.

4.2 Borrow a Tekla Structures license

Borrow a license from the Tekla Structures license server. This is phase 2 of the workflow [Borrowing licenses for using Tekla Structures offline on page 11](#).

To borrow a license from the license server:

1. In **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**, in the **Products** area, click the **Borrow Until** box and select the expiration date for the borrowing period from the calendar.

The maximum borrowing period is one month.

2. Click **Borrow**.

The borrowing progress is displayed. After successful borrowing the **Borrowed Licenses** area shows the borrowed license.

3. Disconnect your computer from the license server and start Tekla Structures with the borrowed license to ensure that the borrowing succeeded.

4.3 Return a borrowed Tekla Structures license

Return the borrowed license when you do not need to use it anymore. This is phase 3 of the workflow [Borrowing licenses for using Tekla Structures offline on page 11](#).

A borrowed license is automatically available on the license server one day after the expiration date. However, you need to return the expired license to the license server to update the **Borrowed Licenses** area in **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool**. You can return a borrowed license any time.

To return a borrowed license:

1. Connect your computer to the network where you can connect to the license server.
2. Close Tekla Structures.

3. Go to **Tekla Structures License Borrow** --> **Tekla Structures License Borrow Tool** through the **Start** menu or **Start screen**, depending on your Windows operating system.
4. Select the **Return** check box in the **Borrowed Licenses** area to select the license to return.
5. Click **Return**.

After successful returning, the **Borrowed Licenses** area is updated.

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