



HP Exstream 8.0

NEW Flexible Floating License Options



New licensing options for Design Seats and Engine Server licenses were introduced with HP Exstream version 8.0. Based on Flexera Flexnet, a third party industry leading technology used for managing software licenses, these new licensing options are intended to better support the modern IT infrastructures and practices of our Enterprise customers.

There are many benefits of floating licensing when compared to traditional “fixed” (or node-locked) licensing of HP Exstream.

For Engine Servers, floating licenses better support clustering, load balancing, and heavily virtualized server environments. They also remove the physical machine boundary that currently exists with traditional server-based licenses, along with the need for .EKF keys tied to system IDs.

For floating Design Seats, floating licenses provide more flexibility for customers and allow for a concurrent use model (e.g. 10 licenses used by 15 designers).

The new floating license option is available to existing ‘perpetual’ customers via upgrade SKUs. ‘Term’ customers can upgrade upon renewal.

It should be noted that legacy licensing options are still supported. These include Fixed (node-locked) design seats, and Fixed (server-based, node-locked) engine licenses.

Some general considerations:

- Floating licenses are only supported for v8 and later
- An on-customer-site Windows license server is required to manage floating licenses

- There is no going back to fixed once floating Design Seats or Engines are licensed
- Upgrade all or nothing. All Designers or all Servers in each specific environment and OS. For example, can upgrade Prod and not Dev, etc.
- Maintenance is paid for one year for the upgrade
- When there are servers that have different module configurations, they need to standardize on one configuration across all floating licenses.

Please contact your Sales Representative for further information.