

Installation Guide

For F9 Viewer Version 6

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About this guide

This document describes the steps to configure and administer a server installation of F9.

Intended audience

These release notes are intended for technical users to install a new F9 product or to upgrade to a later release. Typically, these steps are performed only once.

Related documents

Product documentation is installed with your F9 application; additional resources can be found from www.f9.com:

- Installed
 - User Guide PDF
 - Help (*.CHM)
 - Sample Reports (*.xlsx)
- Online
 - Release Notes PDF
 - What's New PDF
 - o F9 Resources

Contacting Infor

If you have questions about Infor products, go to Xtreme Online Support at http://support.infor.com.

If we update this document after the product release, we will post the new version on www.f9.com. We recommend that you check this website periodically for updated documentation.

If you have comments about Infor documentation, contact documentation@infor.com.

Install overview

This guide includes steps to install **F9 Viewer** which can be installed on either a local Windows desktop or Windows Server.

Additional modules may also be installed depending on the products purchased for F9, the entire suite includes:

All Products	Description
F9 Report Writer	Rich reports authoring, calculation, and in-depth analysis.
F9 Viewer	Reports viewing, calculation, analysis, and drill down.
F9 Scheduling Hub	Centralized reports generation, calculation, publishing, and distribution.
F9 Professional – Only	Description
Integration Module (one-of): ODBC Datapump F9 Integration Manager (F9IM) File Maintenance Utilities (FMU32)	Integration software to refresh GL balances from the source ERP database to F9 Professional's reporting database.
Actian PSQL	Database Management Software for F9's reporting database(s).
User Account Security	Optional to restrict user access to F9 Professional's reporting databases by filters such as: account segments, years, types.

Note: To install any of the above listed products (apart from F9 Viewer), refer to its specific install documentation.

Requirements

For the complete and up-to-date list of the F9 system requirements, please see: http://www.f9.com/system-requirements

Third-party software requirements

All F9 products require the following:

- Office Excel 2013 or above
- .Net Framework 4.5 and above

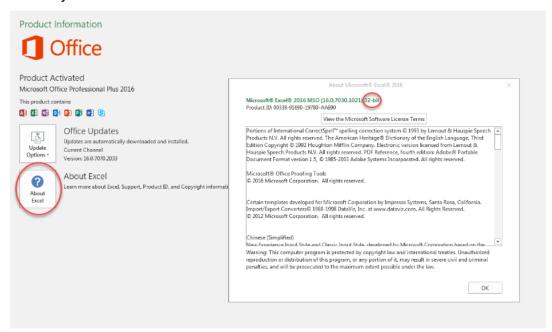
Pre-installation steps

Check Excel version

Before downloading the F9 Viewer install media, it is important to know what type of Excel is installed (32-bit or 64-bit) to correctly install F9.

Steps:

- 1. Run Excel
- 2. Click File + Options
- 3. Click About Excel
- 4. Note if your Excel is 32-bit or 64-bit



Download F9 install media

If this is the **first time** you have installed F9 Viewer, please follow the instructions provided from your purchase which is located in an **email from Infor**.

For F9 30-day trial software as well as the latest updates, F9's install media can be located at: http://www.f9.com/f9-downloads.

Steps:

- 1. Go to F9 installation media location
- 2. Select correct file(s) for bit-ness (32-bit or 64-bit to match your Excel)
- 3. **Download** local copy
- 4. If the media has extension (.ISO):
 - a. Mount the image (example: Use Virtual Clone Drive)
 b. F9 install will then have extension *.exe

Installation

Once the F9 media has been downloads to a local folder, the installation is fairly automated to complete.

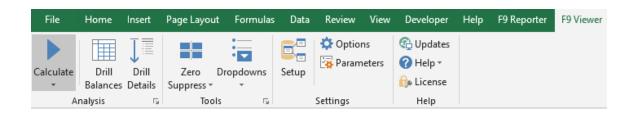
General Steps:

- 1. Select install file (.exe)
- 2. Right-click run-as administrator
- 3. Click **Next** through steps
- 4. Close once complete

F9 Professional-only:

• Refer to document: **F9 Administrator Guide PDF** to complete installation and configuration of all the technical components.

Post-install tasks



There are three steps to have F9 running for a local user which include:

- Set folder rights
- Attach F9 to Excel
- Connect to data

Once F9 is properly loaded, we recommend users refer to the listed related documents.

Administrator – set folder rights

Optional - Assign Modify Rights to F9 folder

This is required if you intend to create financial entity files in the F9 folder. This type of file is used to group together account segments into F9 entities and is something you may or may not use. As an administrator, you may want to choose a location other than the default F9 application folder; users must have to modify rights to that location.

Steps:

- 1. Using Windows Explorer, right-click the C:\F9Viewer folder
- 2. Click Properties
- 3. Select the tab: Security
- 4. Select the **User**
- 5. Click Modify and then Apply
- 6. Repeat for all users on the machine who will be using F9

Administrator - attach F9 to Excel

F9 Viewer is an Excel Add-In and this section includes steps to allow F9 to load.

Steps:

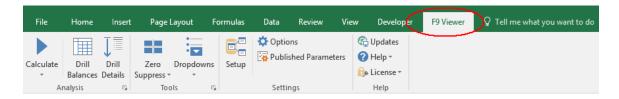
- 1. One-time step: Run Excel as an Administrator:
 - a. Open Windows Explorer
 - Find to Excel.exe in Program Files, example: C:\Program Files\Microsoft
 Office\Office15
 - c. Right-click on Excel.exe, select Run as Administrator
- 2. Check to see if F9 appears in the Excel Ribbon as a Tab; if so, F9 is attached and you can go to Step 3: F9 Setup
- 3. If F9 is not displayed in the Excel Ribbon:
 - a. Select **Tab** , and then click **Options | Add-Ins**.
 - b. At the bottom of the window, choose **COM Add-Ins** and click on **Go...** button:



Select F9Viewer and click OK.



4. F9 should now be attached as:



- 5. Next time a regular user starts Excel, F9 will attach automatically. There is no need to run as an Administrator.
- 6. If F9 still is <u>not loading</u>, refer to: <u>CheckOfficeSettings</u>.

Connect to data

Please follow steps in the following document:

o F9SetupAccessToData.PDF

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Updating the installation

Updates are a two-step process where first the application is un-installed and then you install the latest software release. All your user connection details and software defaults will be retained.

Steps:

- 1. **Uninstall F9** (following these <u>steps</u> here)
- 2. **Download** the install media (see this section)
- 3. Run-as Administrator the F9 install program
- 4. Accept defaults
- 5. Close
- 6. Open Excel
- 7. F9 should auto-attach

For more detailed information on steps to download your F9 update from www.f9.com, refer to F9 Ribbon > Updates.

Uninstalling the product

With F9 Viewer, it is easy to uninstall the product by following the steps listed.

Steps:

- 1. Close Excel
- 2. If F9 is installed on a Server:
 - a. Ensure all F9 users exit Excel
- 3. Control Panel > Programs > F9 Viewer > Uninstall
- 4. Follow steps provided
- 5. Close once uninstalled
- 6. Windows Explorer > \F9Viewer folder
- 7. **Zip** any remaining user-created files and subfolders (as your **backup**)

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License activation

License Overview: Standalone vs. Cloud License

When F9 is first installed, it operates in 30-day trial mode with full functionality. It can be activated any time during the trial period or after the trial expires.

After purchasing F9 you will get an email from FlexNet portal with one or more **Activation IDs** or **Cloud Server IDs**, depending on type of F9 license purchased. FlexNet is third party software and services that are incorporated in the F9 Licensing solution.

There are two types of F9 license:

- Standalone License: "Node-locked" license, is a single license that is assigned to a single machine:
 - o It is recommended for users that will use F9 consistently on the same hardware
 - The activation process will create a **Device ID** based on **user login credentials and hardware**. A given F9 license activation is associated with a particular user and machine. Different users who login to the same machine can start F9's 30-day trial but will need individual licenses to use the product
 - Standalone License activation can be done in a number of ways including: online, offline, or manually
- Cloud Server License: "Floating" license, is hardware independent and is activated on a FlexNet Cloud Server:
 - It is recommended for the environments with Load balancing or virtual machines that are instantiated and brought down frequently. Another scenario could be switching between an office PC and a home laptop
 - Cloud Server License requires a permanent internet connection on the device where the F9 product is installed
 - Every machine where F9 is installed needs to be activated only one time. Each time a user runs an F9 product a license is checked out from the pool of licenses on the FlexNet Cloud Server; When F9 is closed the license is released back to the pool of licenses on the FlexNet Cloud Server
 - If F9 is running continuously, by default, each consumed license will expire after 1 day. This
 was designed for a license to be released in a case of a hardware failure, or if F9 was left
 running without the user closing the session
 - Number of concurrent F9 users can't exceed the quantity of licenses purchased for the specific Cloud License Server
 - Users have access to the F9 Licensing Portal where they can find their Served Devices currently using F9 seats
 - Cloud Server License activation can ONLY be done online

License Scenarios

F9 License Manager can be used to activate, deactivate or move an active license to new hardware from within the F9 product user interface.

Alternatively, managing licensing can be done from F9 Licensing Customer Portal https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do.

Before you begin:

- Ensure you have your F9 Activation ID or Cloud Server ID provided in the email at time of purchase. You can also lookup the key details from the Customer Portal: https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do
- Ensure that your organization whitelist following network blocks:

IPv4

Production: 64.14.29.0/24

Disaster Recovery: 64.27.162.0/24

IPv6

Production: 2620:122:f001:1163::/64

Disaster Recovery: 2620:122:f001:1163::1/128

Migrating License to Version 6.5

If customer is moving from **F9 V6.0** to F9 V6.5, an activated product will continue to operate using the existing activated standalone license. In the case of <u>switching from Standalone license to Cloud Server license</u>, the standalone license must be deactivated, and the Cloud Server license has to be activated.

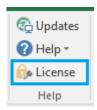
In the case of moving from **F9 V5.5** to F9 V6.5, ALL current V5.5 products have to be first deactivated and then uninstalled. After installing V6.5, the new product has to be activated using new **Activation ID** or **Cloud Server ID** provided in Entitlement email at the time of purchasing V6.5.

Changing License Model

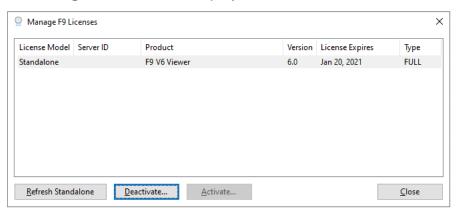
Switching from **Standalone License** to **Cloud License** model is a two step process: Step 1: Deactivate Standalone License and Step 2: Activate Cloud License.

STEP 1 - Deactivate Standalone License:

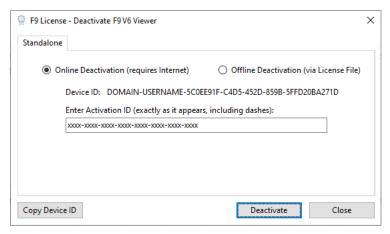
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. From the F9 Ribbon, click License



Manage F9 Licenses displays:

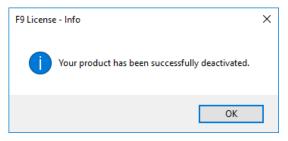


- 4. Select your product and click **Deactivate**
- Copy/paste or enter your F9 Activation ID
- 6. Deactivation Mode: **Online** (recommended)

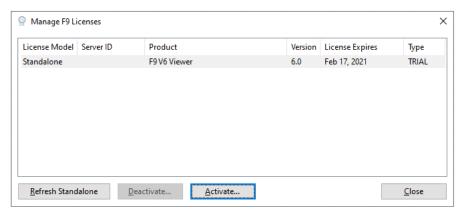


- 7. Ensure this computer can connect to the Internet
- 8. Click Deactivate

9. If successful, a message displays:

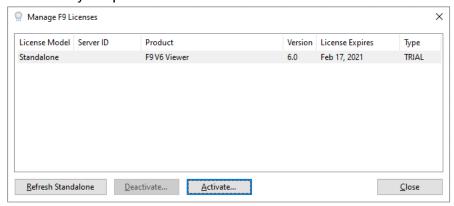


- 11. Click OK
- 12. F9 License Manager will show that the F9 product is back on Trial

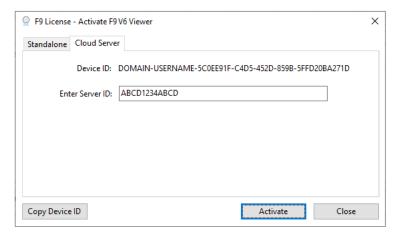


STEP2 - Activate Cloud Server License:

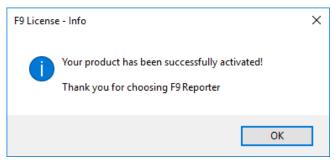
1. Select your product and click Activate



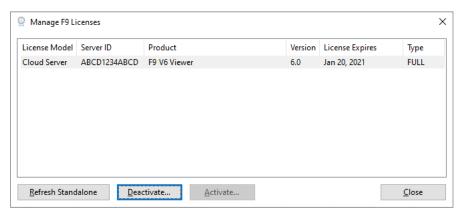
- 2. Select Cloud Server tab
- 3. Enter your Cloud Server ID (Example: ABCD1234ABCD)



- 4. Ensure this computer can connect to the Internet
- 5. Click Activate
- 6. If successful, a message displays:



11. Click OK



12. F9 License Manager will show that the F9 product is fully activated

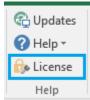
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Standalone License

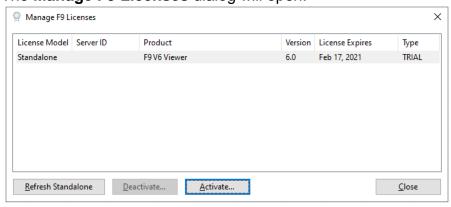
Activate

Steps to Activate **Online**:

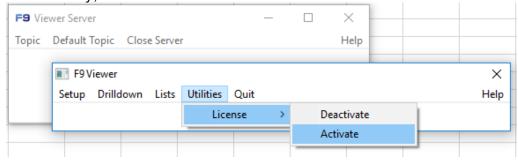
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License



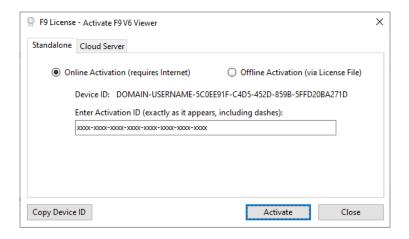
3. The Manage F9 Licenses dialog will open.



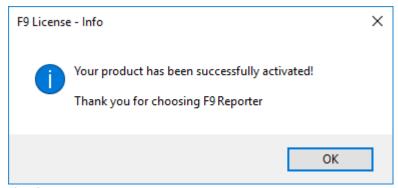
- 4. Select the F9 product and click Activate
- 5. Alternatively, **F9 > Utilities > License > Activate**



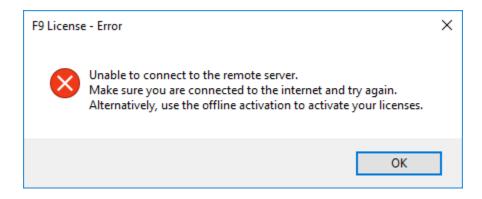
- 6. Copy/paste or enter your F9 Activation ID
- 7. Activation Mode: Online (recommended)



- 8. Ensure this computer can connect to the Internet
- 9. Click Activate
- 10. If successful, a message displays:



11. If a failure, an error displays:



12. Click OK

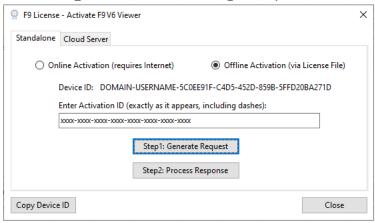
Steps to Activate Offline:

Note: If the computer where you are installing F9 does not have internet access, or if your company fire wall/proxy restricts access to https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/deviceservices, perform the next set of steps to manually activate

- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License

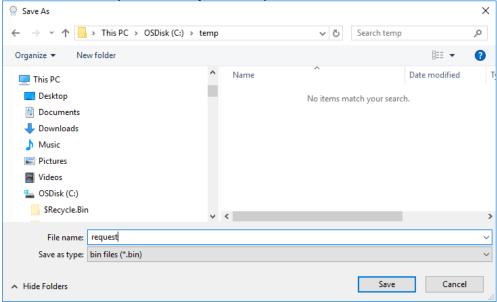


3. The Manage F9 Licenses dialog will open.



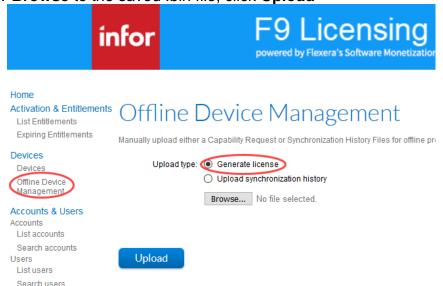
4. Click Step 1: Generate Request

5. Browse to a temp folder on your computer

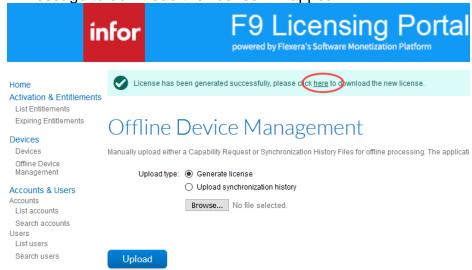


- 6. Click Save
- 7. Copy the saved .bin file to a shared location and go to a computer with internet access

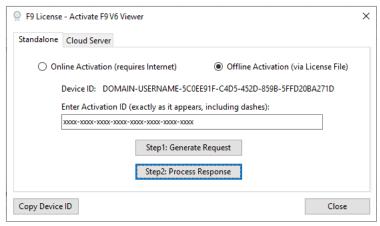
- 8. Login to the **Customer Portal**: https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do
- 10. On the left side under **Devices**, select **Offline Device Management**
- 11. Select Generate License as Upload Type
- 12. Browse to the saved .bin file, click Upload



13. A message to download the license will appear



- 14. Copy the new .bin file to the shared location
- 15. Return to the F9 machine with License Activate open
- 16. Click Step2: Process Response



- 17. Browse to the saved .bin file
- 18. If successful, a window displays



19. If activation fails, contact F9 Technical Support

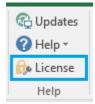
Refresh

This section includes steps to retrieve and update all activated F9 product licenses with your latest status and properties. For example, if you purchased F9 as a Term license, you can check your renewal date.

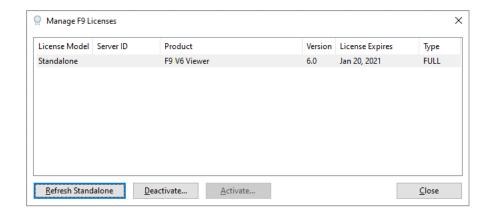
In addition, F9 is periodically checking the License Portal for validity of the installed licenses. For computers with an internet connection, the check is done automatically. For computers without internet connection, users will have to perform steps related to: **Offline Refresh** when applicable.

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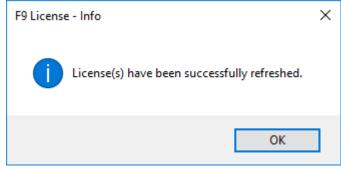
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License



3. Click Refresh



4. Message displays if successful:



Deactivate or Transfer

A given F9 product license, once purchased, is connected to its hardware and current environment. From time to time, it may be necessary to transfer an active license to new hardware and this functionality is made available within F9.

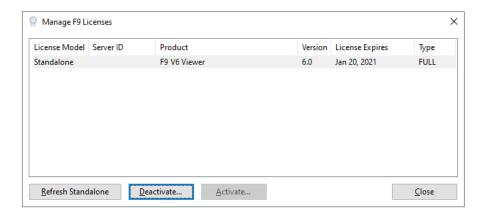
To move your license, the running copy of F9 must first be deactivated.

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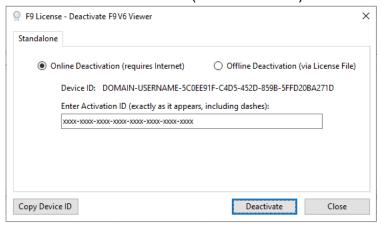
- Ensure you have your F9 Activation ID provided at time of purchase. You can also lookup the key details from the Customer Portal: https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do
- Steps:
 - 1. Open Excel
 - 2. F9 Ribbon > License



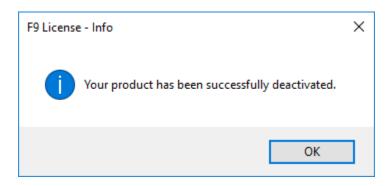
3. Manage F9 Licenses displays:



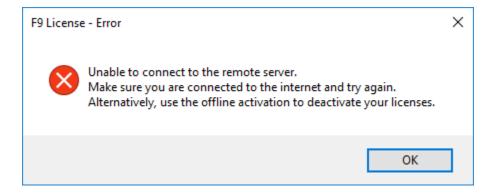
- 4. Select your F9 product and click Deactivate
- 5. Enter your F9 Activation ID
- 6. Deactivation Mode: Online (recommended)



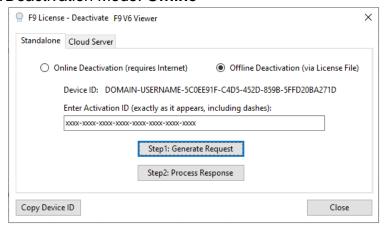
- 7. Ensure this computer can connect to the Internet
- 8. Click Deactivate
- 9. If successful, a message displays:



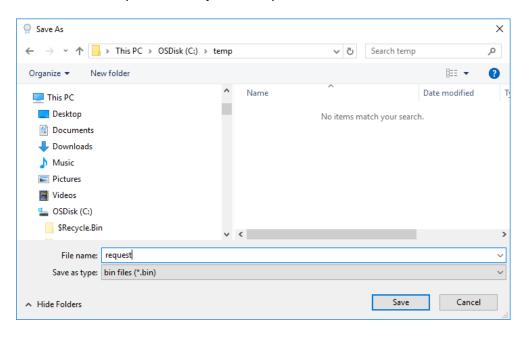
10. If a failure, an error displays:



- 11. Click OK
- 12. Deactivation Mode: Offline



- 13. Follow these steps if no Internet or your company firewall or proxy restricts access to https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/deviceservices
- 14. Click Step 1: Generate Request
- 15. Browse to a temp folder on your computer

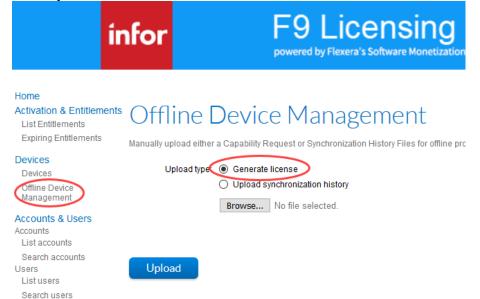


16. Type a file name and click Save

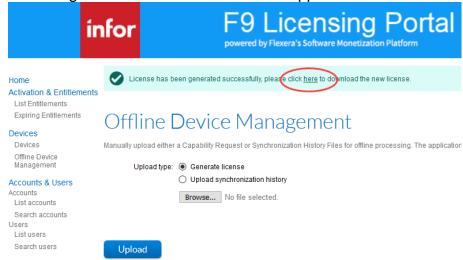
- 17. Copy the saved .bin file to a shared location and go to a computer with internet access
- 18. Login to the **Customer Portal**:

https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do

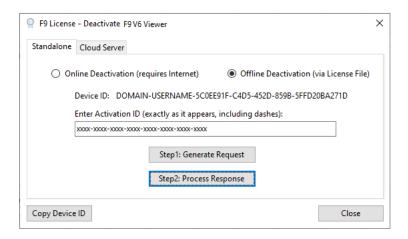
- 19. Under Devices, select Offline Device Management
- 20. Select Generate License as Upload Type
- 21. Browse to the saved .bin file
- 22. Click Upload



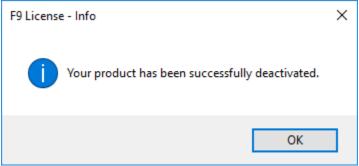
23. A message to download the license will appear



- 24. Save the .bin file
- 25. Copy the new .bin file to the shared location
- 26. Return to the F9 machine with License Deactivate open
- 27. Click **Step2**: Process Response



28. If successful, a window displays



29. If activation fails, contact F9 Technical Support

Manually Deactivate

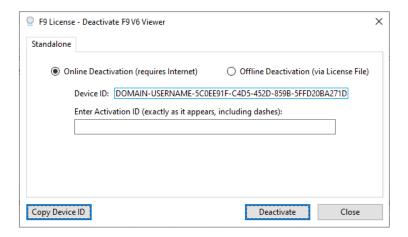
If an F9 product license cannot be deactivated using the above process, this section provides another technique.

Steps:

- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License



3. Deactivate window



- 4. Copy the Device ID
- 5. Login to Customer Portal: https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do
- 6. Click Devices, or you can also Search by Device name

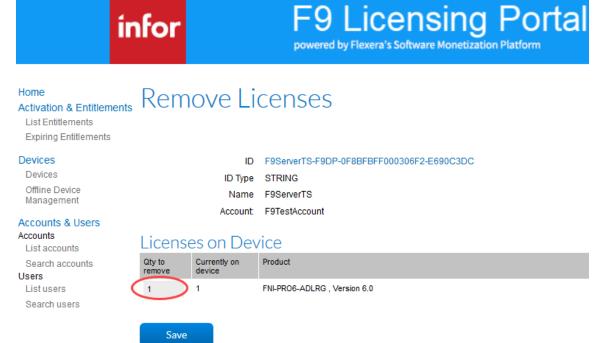


7. Click on the **Device ID** to deactivate



- 8. Under Action, click Remove Licenses
- 9. Type a number in the Quantity to remove field under Licenses on Device





11. A message that the License was successfully removed will appear



Note:

- Once F9 has been deactivated on a given machine, it will no longer run and the trial basis will not restart.
- If you wish to re-install F9 on the original PC, you can re-purchase F9 as described above with the original Serial number and thus not transfer to new hardware.

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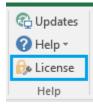
Cloud License

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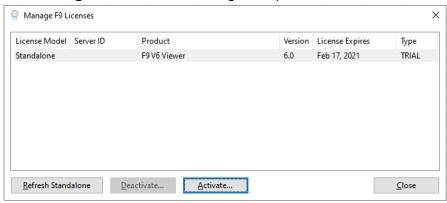
F9 product license on a particular machine should be activated with a FlexNet Cloud Server only one time. Any user running F9 from already activated machine does not have to activate again. Simply running F9 will check out a license from FlexNet Cloud Server and closing F9 will release the license back to the pool of available licenses.

Steps:

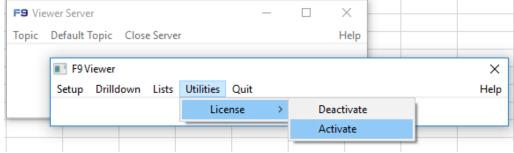
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License



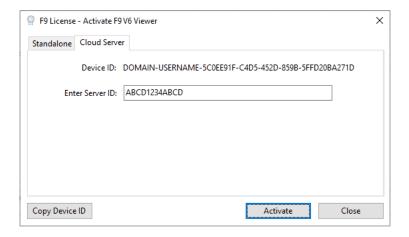
3. The **Manage F9 Licenses** dialog will open.



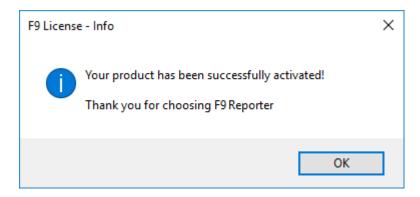
- 4. Select the F9 product and click Activate
- Alternatively, F9 > Utilities > License > Activate



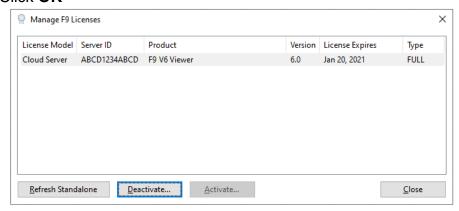
- 6. Select Cloud Server tab
- 7. Copy/paste or enter your F9 Cloud Server ID



- 8. Ensure this computer can connect to the Internet
- 9. Click Activate
- 10. If successful, a message displays:



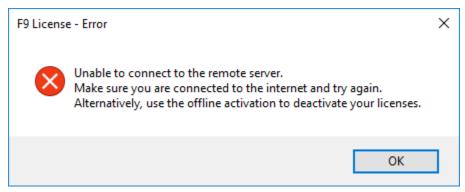
11. Click OK



Note: In the case of an insufficient number of the product's seats remaining, an error displays:



Note: If F9 cannot connect to the site that authenticated the F9 product license, activation will fail, or in case of a failure when an internet connection is not available, an error displays:



In this case, make sure your organization firewall or proxy has access to https://inforf9.compliance.flexnetoperations.com/instances/{ServerID}/request

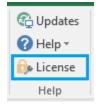
Change Cloud Server

In case the Cloud License Server ID must be changed, ALL the licenses currently in use should be returned first.

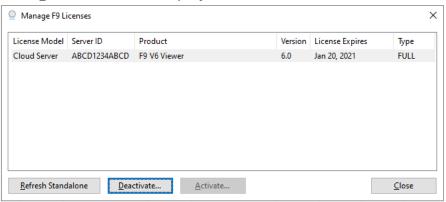
The easiest way is for all users to close the F9 application, then from each machine where F9 is installed, only one user should open F9 and perform the following two STEPS.

STEP 1 - Deactivate Existing Cloud Server ID:

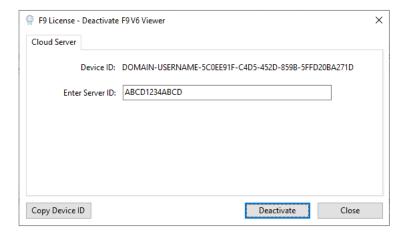
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License



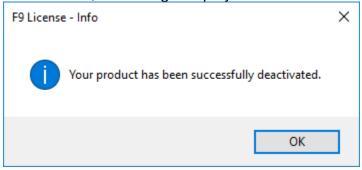
3. Manage F9 Licenses displays



- 4. Select your product and click **Deactivate**
- 5. Enter your existing **Cloud Server ID** (alternatively it will be pre-populated)

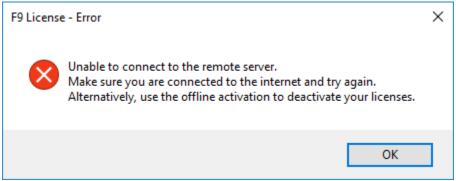


- 6. Click Deactivate
- 7. If successful, a message displays



- 8. Click OK
- 9. Your product license will be back on trial

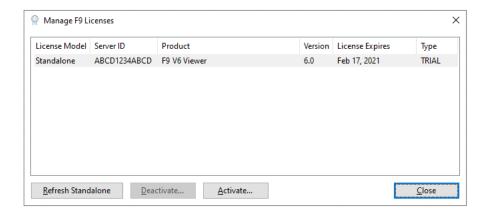
Note: If F9 cannot connect to the site that authenticated the F9 product license, activation will fail, or in case of a failure when an internet connection is not available, an error displays:



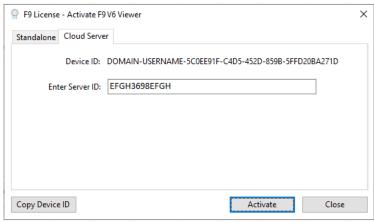
In this case, make sure your organization firewall or proxy has access to https://inforf9.compliance.flexnetoperations.com/instances/{ServerID}/request

STEP 2 - Activate Existing Cloud Server ID:

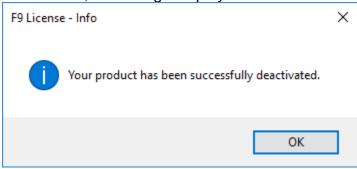
1. Select your product and click Activate



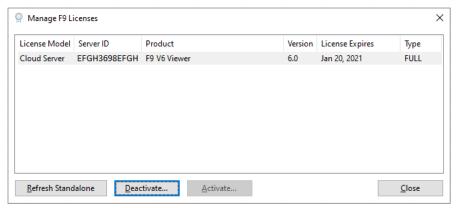
2. Enter existing Cloud Server ID (alternatively it will be pre-populated)



- 3. Click Activate
- 4. If successful, a message displays



5. Click OK

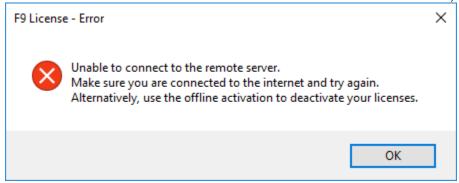


6. F9 product is fully activated

Note: In case of insufficient product's seats, an error displays:



Note: If F9 cannot connect to the site that authenticated the F9 product license, activation will fail, or in case of a failure when an internet connection is not available, an error displays:



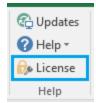
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Deactivate

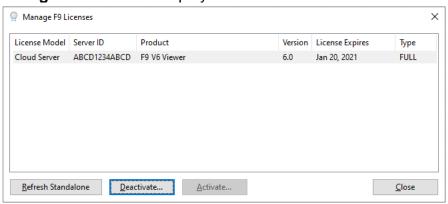
If the Cloud License Server ID must be deactivated, all the licenses currently in use should be returned first. Before a license can be activated on new hardware, the running copy of F9 must first be deactivated.

The easiest way is for all users to close their F9 application, then from each machine where F9 is installed, only one user should open F9 and perform the deactivation STEPS.

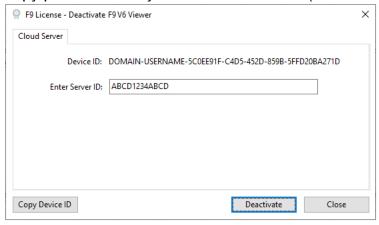
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. F9 Ribbon > License



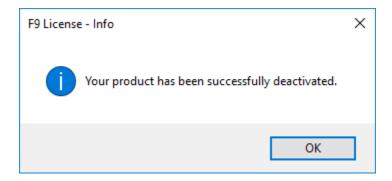
3. Manage F9 Licenses displays:



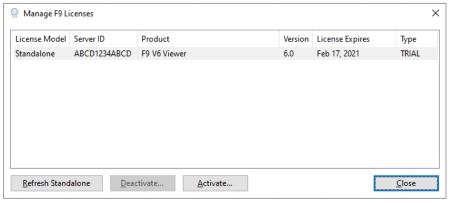
- 4. Select your **F9 product** and click **Deactivate**
- 5. Copy/paste or enter your **Cloud Server ID** (alternatively it will be pre-populated)



- 6. Ensure this computer can connect to the Internet
- 7. Click Deactivate
- 8. If successful, a message displays:

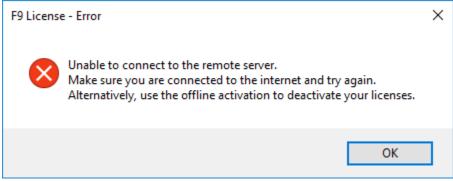


9. Click OK



10. F9 product is back on trial

Note: If F9 cannot connect to the site that authenticated the F9 product license, activation will fail, or in case of a failure when an internet connection is not available, an error displays:



In this case, make sure your organization firewall or proxy has access to https://inforf9.compliance.flexnetoperations.com/instances/{ServerID}/request

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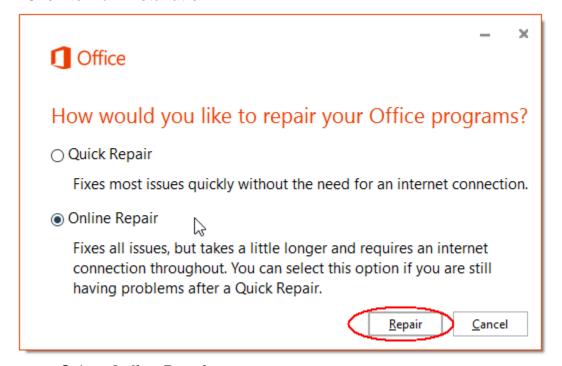
Appendix A: troubleshooting

Check Office settings

If for any reason, F9 is not able to attach to Excel, review this section as a next step.

Steps:

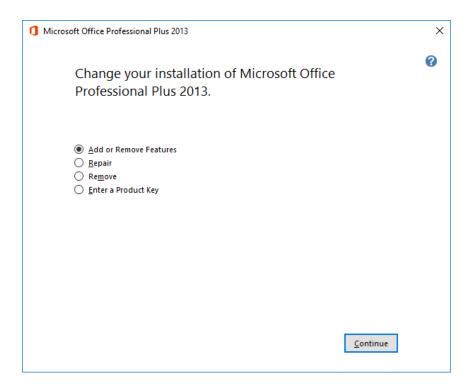
- 1. Close Excel
- 2. Control Panel
 - a. Programs and Features
 - b. Select Microsoft Office
 - c. Click Change
- 3. If Click-to-Run Installation:



- a. Select Online Repair
- b. Click Repair
- c. Once completed, run **Excel** and see if F9 attaches successfully.

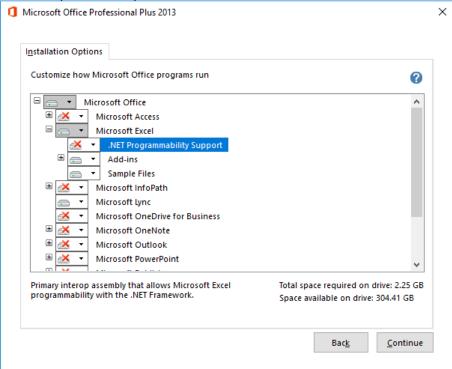
4. If Full Installation:

a. Select Add or Remove Features

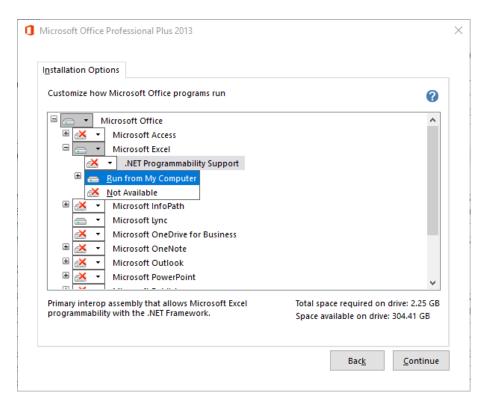


- b. Click Continue
- c. Tab Installation Options, expand Microsoft Office Excel
- d. .NET Programmability Support

If the required component is not installed:

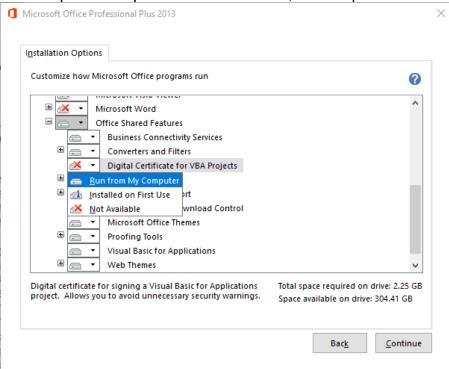


- e. Click the dropdown arrow for .NET Programmability Support
- f. Select: Run from My Computer



- g. Expand Office Shared Features.
- h. Click on Digital Certificates for VBA Projects.

If the required component is not installed, select option: Run from My Computer.



- i. Click on the arrow for Visual Basic for Applications.
- j. If not installed, select option: Run from My Computer.

 k. Click Continue to have the support installed. Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013 Installation Options Customize how Microsoft Office programs run 0 ● ▼ Office Shared Features Converters and Filters Digital Certificate for VBA Projects International Support Microsoft Office Download Control Microsoft Office Themes **Proofing Tools** ▼ Visual Basic for Applications Run from My Computer Installed on First Use Compone Not Available ng, careing and executing VBA Total space required on drive: 2.24 GB macros in Office applications. Space available on drive: 304.41 GB Back **C**ontinue

I. Once completed, run Excel and see if F9 attaches successfully

Excel security settings

Additional security may be necessary for some users. In this case, you may experience warnings or problems attaching F9 Viewer as a non-administrator.

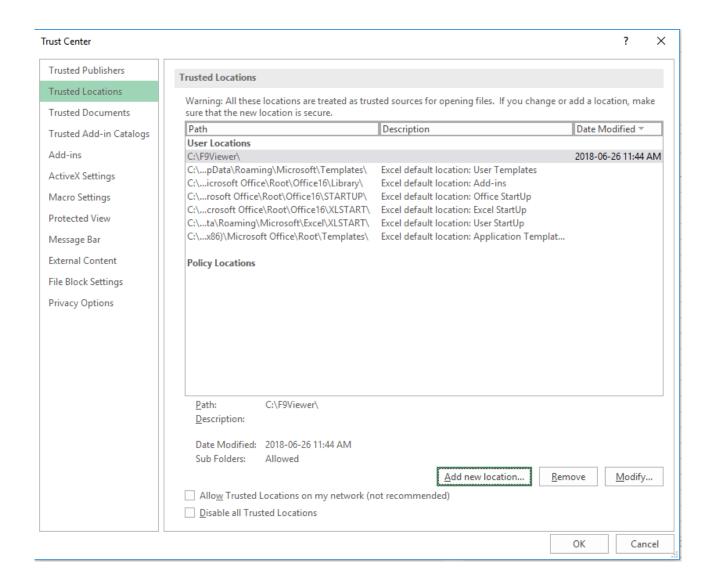
Please check the following to address permissions.

Trusted Locations:

Note: You can also add the F9 folder to Trusted Locations.

Steps:

- 1. Open Excel and **Tab** File, and then click **Options**
- 2. Click Trust Center, then Trust Center Settings
- 3. Click on Trusted Locations, then Add New Location and browse to the F9 folder

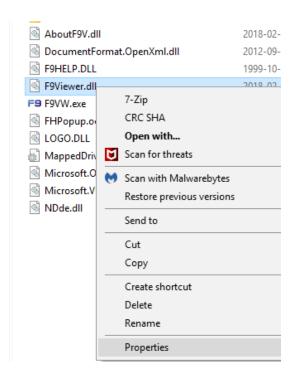


F9 Digital Signature:

Install the F9 digital signature to then use the Excel Trusted Publisher settings.

Steps:

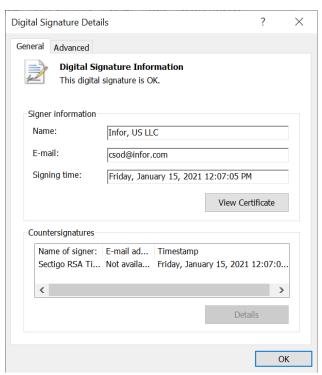
- 1. Close Excel
- 2. Windows Explorer
- 3. Browse to \F9Viewer folder
- 4. Right-click: F9Viewer.dll and Properties



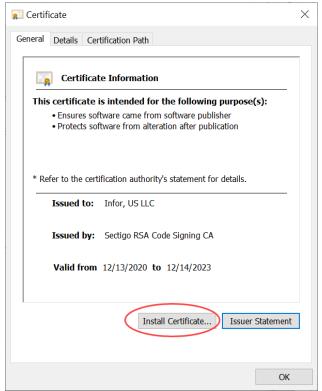
5. Select tab: Digital Signatures:



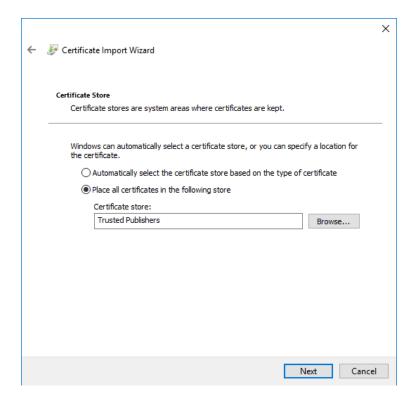
6. Click Details



7. Click View Certificate



- 8. Click Install Certificate...
- 9. Certificate Import Wizard: Local Machine

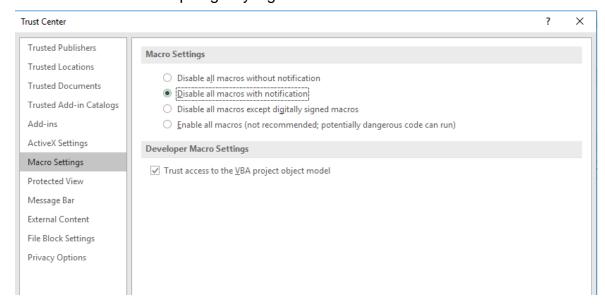


- 10. Place all certificates: Trusted Publishers
- 11. Click Finish

Macro Settings:

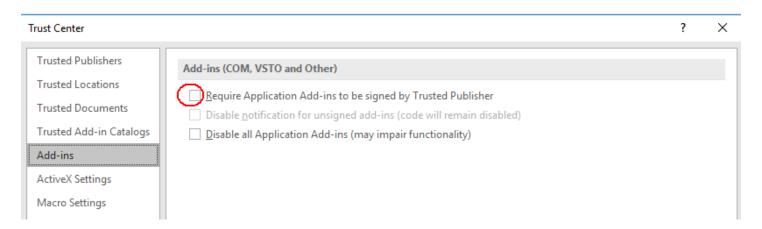
It is <u>not recommended</u> to change **Macro Settings** to Enable All Macros.

F9 works properly with **Macro Settings** for: (Default) **Disable all macros** with notification and Disable all macros except digitally signed macros:



Attach F9 as a Trusted Publisher:

Trusted Center:

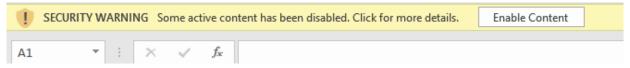


Note:

- This setting is not required for F9.
- We recommend not changing this before checking with your administrator

Steps:

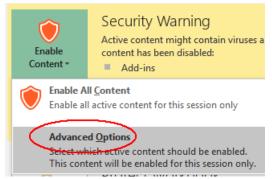
- 1. Click Require Application Add-Ins to be signed by Trusted Publishers.
- 2. Close Excel
- 3. Run Excel again and you should see F9 attach.
- 4. A security warning will display:



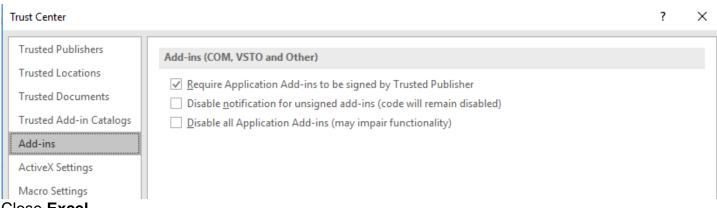
5. Select "Click for more details".



6. Click the arrow from **Enable Content**.



- 7. Select Advanced Option
- 8. Select **Enable all code published with this publisher** and that will add F9 to the Trusted Publishers.
- 9. In the Trust Center under Trusted Publishers, F9 should now be listed.
- 10.In the **Trust Center** window, click on **Add-ins** and make sure that the check box Disable all Application Add-ins is **not checked**:



11.Close Excel.

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