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The License Administrator (hkey) is a GUI-based utility. You can use the command **sesictrl** to perform some of the operations that the License Administrator does. These operations are:

- installation of keystrings once redeemed through http://www.sidefx.com/services/licenses/ (http://www.sidefx.com/services/licenses/)
- returning of licenses
- generation of diagnostic information

Please refer to this FAQ (https://www.sidefx.com/faq/question/how-do-i-set-up-the-houdini-environment-for-command-line-tools/) to access the Houdini command line tools.

To view the available options, just type:

```
sesictrl
```

The easiest way to install license entitlements is to run:

```
sesictrl redeem
```

You will be prompted for your licensing email login and password. After you are logged in, you can follow the instructions given to you.

To generate the license diagnostic file:

```
sesictrl diagnostic
```

To return licenses:

```
sesictrl return-license LicenseID
```

To manually install keystrings that have already been generated:

```
sesictrl install keystring
```

A new keystring begins at the keyword: `SERVER` , `LICENSE` , `INCREMENT` , `UPGRADE` or `EXTEND` .

For more information on how to have keystrings generated, read the section How do I install licenses without Internet Access. (/faq/license-management/#faq26)