

LTE License Server

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1 Introduction

 ${\it LTE}$ License Server is a floating license server allowing to dispatch your Amarisoft LTE components licenses over multiple hardwares.

2 Features

- Share licenses over multiple hardwares.
- $\bullet\,$ Allow use of VM for Amarisoft LTE/NR components.
- Command line monitor.
- $\bullet\;$ Remote API using WebSocket.

3 Requirements

3.1 Hardware requirements

• Any PC, with a network connection, which is reachable from the other PCs running Amarisoft LTE/NR components (EPC, eNodeB, etc.) requiring a floating license from this server.

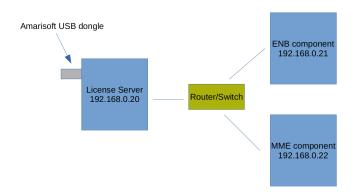
3.2 Software requirements

- A 64 bit Linux distribution. Fedora 39 is the officially supported distribution. The following distributions are known as compatible:
 - \bullet Fedora 22 to 39
 - Cent OS 7
 - Ubuntu 14 to 22

Your system requires at least GLIBC 2.17.

4 License server installation

The picture below shows a possible license server configuration.



The license server can also run on one of the PC running Amarisoft LTE/NR components.

Amarisoft provides a USB dongle containing the license key file (ltelicense.key) required by LTELICENSE to run.

This is the only file that must be present under /.amarisoft folder of the USB dongle. Component license key files (ltemme.key, lteenb.key, etc..) must no be copied in this USB key.

The USB dongle has to be mounted on the PC which acts as license server. Chapter 2.7 of installguide.pdf explains how to mount a USB drive. Once the dongle is correctly mounted, the steps below can be followed:

- If not yet done, download the SW release tarball from your Extranet (amarisoft.YYYY-MM-DD.tar.gz)
- Untar it ("tar xzf amarisoft.YYYY-MM-DD.tar.gz") and copy the ltelicense-linux-YYYY-MM-DD.tar.gz from your release tarball to your license server PC
- Untar it ("tar xzf ltelicense-linux.YYYY-MM-DD.tar.gz"). This will create a directory called YYYY-MM-DD.
- Go to the directory YYYY-MM-DD and execute the following command with ROOT priviledges. The LTELICENSE can be run directly from the directory where it has been unpacked. No need for explicit installation.

./ltelicense_server config/license.cfg

You can also install it and make it run as a service using install.sh script and OTS provided within your release tarball.

At this point your LTELICENSE should be up and running.

4.1 Adding a floating license

When requesting to Amarisoft a new license key for any of your NR/LTE components, please ask for floating license.

Once you get the component license files (like lteenb.key, ltemme.key, ...), place them under \$HOME/.amarisoft/floating/ of the license server machine.

You can configure additional paths or change this path by editing the licenses array in the configuration file config/license.cfg, (see [licenses], page 10).

Configuration file example:

```
{
  log_options: "license.level=info,all.max_size=0,license.max_size=1",
  log_filename: "/tmp/license.log",

  bind_addr: "[::]",

  licenses: [
       "/root/.amarisoft/floating/"
  ]
}
```

When license file is installed, you can restart LTELICENSE or type reload in monitor.

4.2 Connecting a component to license server

Once the license server is up and running, you can now configure the Amarisoft components (i.e eNB, MME etc..) so they can connect to the server and retrieve the floating license.

- On the PC which runs the components, create a directory called .amarisoft under \${HOME} where \${HOME} is the home directory of the root user. (example /root/.amarisoft)
- Under this directory, create a license_server.cfg file and add the license server parameters : Example :

```
{
    license_server: {
        server_addr: "192.168.1.20"
    }
}
```

- server_addr value is the IP address of your license server, change it accordingly.
- Alternatively, it is also possible to define the license_server object inside each component's configuration file, please refer to lteenb.pdf and ltemme.pdf.

4.3 Adding multiple floating licenses

The license server can provide different license types to multiple setups.

To distinguish the licenses, the tag field can be used.

The licenses object in the configuration file config/license.cfg can look as the example below.

tag can be anything.

Each HW setup running a component (i.e eNB, MME etc..) has to be configured with a matching tag, as below:

If the components run on the same HW the license_server object can be defined inside each configuration file (enb.cfg, mme.cfg, ...).

All license key files related to your license server (same code id) can be donwloaded by clicking on "All" link on your Extranet.

Once you have unzipped the tarball, place the corresponding key files under the paths indicated in the the licenses object.

4.4 Multiple LTELICENSE instances running on the same PC

A single license server can delivery floating licenses to many components, however if you have more than one USB dongles you can also run multiple instances of ltelicense_server on the same server.

In case of two USB dongles, mount also the second usb key and run a second license server, you should now have two instances of the follwing:

```
./ltelicense_server config/license.cfg
```

In the configuration of each license server (license.cfg) you need to define different port numbers in bind_addr and which license key file to use in licenses array, like the following:

Second instance

Inside each component configuration file (like enb.cfg or mme.cfg) you need to set the license server port number you want to connect to, examples:

```
license_server:{
    server_addr:192.168.0.20:9050,
}
license_server:{
    server_addr:192.168.0.20:9051,
}
```

4.5 OpenSSL

LTELICENSE has been compiled against openssl version 1.1.1w.

If your system does not have compatible version installed you may have this error message at startup:

error while loading shared libraries: libssl.so.1.1: cannot open shared object file: No To overcome this problem, you may:

- Copy libssl.so.1.1 and libcrypto.so.1.1 from libs subdirectory of your release tarball. If you have installed software with automatic install script, this should have been done automatically.
- Compile and install proper openssl version yourself

In case of persisting issue, raise a ticket from our support site at https://support.amarisoft.com/ with the information provided by below commands executed in LTELICENSE directory:

```
uname -a
ls -l
ldd ./ltelicense
openssl version
```

5 Configuration reference

5.1 Configuration file syntax

The main configuration file uses a syntax very similar to the Javascript Object Notation (JSON) with few extensions.

- 1. Supported types:
 - Numbers (64 bit floating point). Notation: 13.4
 - Complex numbers. Notation: 1.2+3*I
 - Strings. Notation: "string"
 - Booleans. Notation: true or false.
 - Objects. Notation: { field1: value1, field2: value2, }
 - Arrays. Notation: [value1, value2,]
- 2. The basic operations +, -, * and / are supported with numbers and complex numbers. + also concatenates strings. The operators !, | |, &&, ==, !=, <, <=, >=, > are supported too.
- 3. The numbers 0 and 1 are accepted as synonyms for the boolean values false and true.
- 4. {} at top level are optional.
- 5. " for property names are optional, unless the name starts with a number.
- 6. Properties can be duplicated.

If properties are duplicated, they will be merged following [JSON merge rules], page 9, with overriding occurring in reading direction (last overrides previous). Ex:

```
{
    value: "foo",
    value: "bar",
    sub: {
        value: "foo"
    },
    sub: {
        value: "bar"
    }
}
Will be equivalent to:
{
    value: "bar",
    sub: {
        value: "bar"
    }
}
```

7. Files can be included using *include* keyword (must not be quoted) followed by a string (without:) representing the file to include (path is relative to current file) and terminating by a comma.

Arrays can't be included.

Merge will be done as for duplicate properties.

If file1.cfg is:

```
value: "foo",
include "file2.cfg",
foo: "foo"
```

```
And file2.cfg is:
    value: "bar",
    foo: "bar"
Final config will be:
{
    value: "bar",
    foo: "foo"
}
```

8. A C like preprocessor is supported. The following preprocessor commands are available:

#define var expr

Define a new variable with value expr. expr must be a valid JSON expression. Note that unlike the standard C preprocessor, expr is evaluated by the preprocessor.

#undef var

Undefine the variable var.

#include expr

Include the file whose filename is the evaluation of the string expression expr.

#if expr Consider the following text if expr is true.

#else Alternative of #if block.

#elif Composition of #else and #if.

#endif End of #if block.

#ifdef var

Shortcut for #if defined(var)

#ifndef var

Shortcut for #if !defined(var)

In the JSON source, every occurrence of a defined preprocessor variable is replaced by its value.

9. Backquote strings: JSON expression can be inserted in backquote delimited strings with the \${expr} syntax. Example: 'abc\${1+2}d' is evaluated as the string "abc3d". Preprocessor variables can be used inside the expression. Backquote strings may span several lines.

5.1.1 JSON merge rules

Merge overriding direction depends on context, i.e source may override destination or the opposite.

JSON merge is recursive for Objects and Arrays.

```
Example, merging
{
   foo: { value: "bar" },
   same: "one",
   one: 1
}
   with
{
   foo: { value: "none", second: true },
```

```
same: "two",
  two: 1
}
  Will become:
{
   foo: { value: "bar", second: true },
    same: "one",
   one: 1
   two: 1
}
  assuming first object overrides second one.
```

In case of Array merging, the final array length will be the maximum length of all merged arrays.

For each element of the final array, merge will be done considering defined elements only.

```
{
    array: [0, 1, 2, { foo: "bar" } ],
    array: [3, 4],
    array: [5, 6, 7, { bar: "foo" }, 8 ]
}
    Will be merged to:
{
    array: [5, 6, 7, { foo: "bar", bar: "foo" }, 8 ],
}
```

5.2 Global properties

bind_addr

String. Set the IP address (and optional port) on which the license server will listen to component requests. The default port is 9050. It is normally the IP address of the network interface connected to other components.

licenses

Array. List of path or license files to use with this server.

Each member can be a string representing a path or a filename.

Path will be parsed recursively and all license inside will be used.

Member can also be an object with following parameters:

file String. Represent a path or filename.

Optional string. If set, server will allocate license to client with same tag field.

com_addr Optional string. Address of the WebSocket server remote API. See [Remote API], page 12.

If set, the WebSocket server for remote API will be enabled and bound to this address.

Default port is 9006.

Setting IP address to [::] will make remote API reachable through all network interfaces.

com_name Optional string. Sets server name. LICENSE by default

com_ssl_certificate

Optional string. If set, forces SSL for WebSockets. Defines CA certificate filename.

com_ssl_key

Optional string. Mandatory if *com_ssl_certificate* is set. Defines CA private key filename.

com_ssl_peer_verify

Optional boolean (default is false). If true, server will check client certificate.

com_ssl_ca

Optional string. Set CA certificate. In case of peer verification with self signed certificate, you should use the client certificate.

com_log_lock

Optional boolean (default is false). If *true*, logs configuration can't be changed via config_set remote API.

com_log_us

Optional boolean (default is false). If true, logs sent by log_get remote API response will have a timestamp_us parameters instead of timestamp

com_auth Optional object. If set, remote API access will require authentication.

Authentication mechanism is describe in [Remote API Startup], page 14, section.

passfile Optional string. Defines filename where password is stored (plaintext).

If not set, password must be set

password Optional string. Defines password.

If not set, passfile must be set.

unsecure Optional boolean (default false). If set, allow password to be sent plaintext.

NB: you should set it to true if you access it from a Web Browser (Ex: Amarisoft GUI) without SSL (https) as your Web Browser may prevent secure access to work.

com_log_count

Optional number (Default = 8192). Defines number of logs to keep in memory before dropping them.

Must be between 4096 and 2097152).

log_filename

String. Set the log filename. If no leading /, it is relative to the configuration file path. See [Log file format], page 20.

log_options

String. Set the logging options as a comma separated list of assignments.

- layer.level=verbosity. For each layer, the log verbosity can be set to none, error, info or debug. In debug level, the content of the transmitted data is logged.
- layer.max_size=n. When dumping data content, at most n bytes are shown in hexa. For ASN.1, NAS or Diameter content, show the full content of the message if n > 0.

- layer.payload=[0|1]. Dump ASN.1, NAS, SGsAP or Diameter payload in hexadecimal.
- layer.key=[0|1]. Dump security keys (NAS and RRC layers).
- layer.crypto=[0|1]. Dump plain and ciphered data (NAS and PCDP layers).
- time=[sec|short|full]. Display the time as seconds, time only or full date and time (default = time only).
- time.us=[0|1]. Dump time with microseconds precision.
- file=cut. Close current file log and open a new one.
- file.rotate=now. Move and rename to the same directory or to the directory pointed by file.path and open a new log file (Headers are kept).
- file.rotate=size. Every time log file size reaches size bytes, move and rename to the same directory or to the directory pointed by file.path, and open a new log file (Headers are kept).
 - Size is an integer and can be followed by K, M or G.
- file.rotate=#count. Everytime number of logs in log file reaches count, move and rename to the same directory or to the directory pointed by file.path, and open a new log file (Headers are kept).

 Size is an integer and can be followed by K, M or G.
- file.path=path. When log rotation is enabled (file.rotate set), rename and move current log to this path instead of initial log path.
- append=[0|1]. (default=0). If 0, truncate the log file when opening it. Otherwise, append to it.

Available layers are: license

log_sync Optional boolean (default = false). If true, logs will be synchronously dumped to file

Warning, this may lead to performances decrease.

6 Remote API

You can access LTELICENSE via a remote API.

Protocol used is WebSocket as defined in RFC 6455 (https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6455).

Note that Origin header is mandatory for the server to accept connections.

This behavior is determined by the use of nopoll library.

Any value will be accepted.

To learn how to use it, you can refer to our the following tutorial (https://tech-academy.amarisoft.com/RemoteAPI.html).

6.1 Messages

Messages exchanged between client and LTELICENSE server are in strict JSON format.

Each message is represented by an object. Multiple message can be sent to server using an array of message objects.

Time and delay values are floating number in seconds.

There are 3 types of messages:

• Request

Message sent by client.

Common definition:

message String. Represent type of message. This parameter is mandatory and depending on its value, other parameters will apply.

message_id

Optional any type. If set, response sent by the server to this message will have same message_id. This is used to identify response as WebSocket does not provide such a concept.

start_time

Optional float. Represent the delay before executing the message.

If not set, the message is executed when received.

absolute_time

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, start_time is interpreted as absolute.

You can get current clock of system using time member of any response.

standalone

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, message will survive WebSocket disconnection, else, if socket is disconnected before end of processing, the message will be cancelled.

loop_count

Optional integer (default = 0, max = 1000000). If set, message will be repeated loop_count time(s) after loop_delay (From message beginning of event). Response will have a loop_index to indicate iteration number.

```
loop_delay
              Optional number (min = 0.1, max = 86400). Delay in seconds to repeat message
              from its start_time. Mandatory when loop_count is set > 0.
• Response
  Message sent by server after any request message as been processed.
  Common definition:
  message
             String. Same as request.
  message_id
              Optional any type. Same as in request.
              Number representing time in seconds since start of the process.
  time
              Usefull to send command with absolute time.
              Number representing UTC seconds.
  utc
• Events
  Message sent by server on its own initiative.
  Common definition:
             String. Event name.
  message
```

Number representing time in seconds.

If authentication is not set, message will be ready:

Usefull to send command with absolute time.

6.2 Startup

time

When WebSocket connections is setup, LTELICENSE will send a first message with name set to com_name and type set to LICENSE.

```
"message": "ready",
         "type": "LICENSE",
          "name": <com_name>,
          "version": <software version>,
          "product": <Amarisoft product name (optional)>
  If authentication is set, message will be authenticate:
          "message": "authenticate",
         "type": "LICENSE",
         "name": <com_name>,
          "challenge": <random challenge>
  To authenticate, the client must answer with a authenticate message and a res parameter
where:
     res = HMAC-SHA256( "<type>:<password>:<name>", "<challenge>" )
  res is a string and HMAC-SHA256 refers to the standard algorithm (https://en.
wikipedia.org/wiki/HMAC)
  If the authentication succeeds, the response will have a ready field set to true.
     {
          "message": "authenticate",
```

If any other message is sent before authentication succeeds, the error "Authentication not done" will be sent as a response.

6.3 Errors

If a message produces an error, response will have an error string field representing the error.

6.4 Sample nodejs program

You will find in this documentation a sample program: ws.js.

It is located in doc subdirectory.

This is a node program that allow to send message to LTELICENSE.

It requires nodejs to be installed:

```
dnf install nodejs npm
npm install nodejs-websocket
```

Use relevant package manager instead of NPM depending on your Linux distribution.

Then simply start it with server name and message you want to send:

```
./ws.js 127.0.0.1:9006 '{"message": "config_get"}'
```

6.5 Common messages

```
config_get
```

Retrieve current config.

Response definition:

```
type Always "LICENSE"
```

name String representing server name.

logs Object representing log configuration.

With following elements:

layers Object. Each member of the object represent a log layer configuration:

layer name

Object. The member name represent log layer name and parameters are:

level See [log_options], page 11,

max_size See [log_options], page 11,

key See [log_options], page 11,

crypto See [log_options], page 11,

payload See [log_options], page 11,

count Number. Number of bufferizer logs.

rotate Optional number. Max log file size before rotation.

rotate_count

Optional number. Max log count before rotation.

path Optional string. Log rotation path.

bcch Boolean. True if BCCH dump is enabled (eNB only).

mib Boolean. True if MIB dump is enabled (eNB only).

locked Optional boolean. If true, logs configuration can't be changed with config_set API.

config_set

Change current config.

Each member is optional.

Message definition:

logs

Optional object. Represent logs configuration. Same structure as config_get (See [config_get logs member], page 15).

All elements are optional.

Layer name can be set to all to set same configuration for all layers. If set and logs are locked, response will have logs property set to locked.

log_get Get logs.

This API has a per connection behavior. This means that the response will depend on previous calls to this API within the same WebSocket connection.

In practice, logs that have been provided in a response won't be part of subsequent request unless connection is reestablished. To keep on receiving logs, client should send a new log_get request as soon as the previous response has been received.

If a request is sent before previous request has been replied, previous request will be replied right now without considering specific min/max/timeout conditions.

Message definition:

min Optional number (default = 1). Minimum amount of logs to retrieve.

Response won't be sent until this limit is reached (Unless timeout occurs)

curs).

max Optional number (default = 4096). Maximum logs sent in a response.

 $\mbox{timeout} \quad \mbox{Optional number (default = 1)}. \mbox{ If at least 1 log is available and no more}$

logs have been generated for this time, response will be sent.

allow_empty

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, response will be sent after timeout, event if no logs are available.

rnti Optional number. If set, send only logs matching rnti.

ue_id Optional number. If set, send only logs with matching ue_id.

layers

Optional Object. Each member name represents a log layer and values must be string representing maximum level. See [log_options], page 11. If layers is not set, all layers level will be set to debug, else it will be set to none.

Note also the logs is also limited by general log level. See [log_options], page 11.

short

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, only first line of logs will be dumped.

headers Optional boolean. If set, send log file headers.

start_timestamp

Optional number. Is set, filter logs older than this value in milliseconds.

end_timestamp

Optional number. Is set, filter logs more recent than this value in milliseconds.

max_size Optional number (default = 1048576, i.e. 1MB). Maximum size in bytes of the generated JSON message. If the response exceeds this size, the sending of logs will be forced independently from other parameters.

Response definition:

logs Array. List of logs. Each item is a an object with following members:

data Array. Each item is a string representing a line of log.

timestamp

Number. Milliseconds since January 1st 1970. Not present if com_log_us is set in configuration.

timestamp_us

Number. Microseconds since January 1st 1970. Only present if com_log_us is set in configuration.

layer String. Log layer.

level String. Log level: error, warn, info or debug.

dir Optional string. Log direction: UL, DL, FROM or TO.

ue_id Optional number. UE_ID.

cell Optional number (only for PHY layer logs). Cell ID.

rnti Optional number (only for PHY layer logs). RNTI.

frame Optional number (only for PHY layer logs). Frame number

(Subframe is decimal part).

channel Optional string (only for PHY layer logs). Channel name.

src String. Server name.

idx Integer. Log index.

headers Optional array. Array of strings.

discontinuity

Optional number. If set, this means some logs have been discarded due to log buffer overflow.

microseconds

Optional boolean. Present and set to true if com_log_us is set in configuration file.

log_set Add log.

Message definition:

log Optional string. Log message to add. If set, layer and level are manda-

tory.

layer String. Layer name. Only mandatory if log is set.

level String. Log level: error, warn, info or debug. Only mandatory if log is

set.

dir Optional string. Log direction: UL, DL, FROM or TO.

ue_id Optional number. UE_ID.

flush Optional boolean (default = false). If set, flushes fog file.

rotate Optional boolean (default = false). If set, forces log file rotation.

cut Optional boolean (default = false). If set, forces log file reset.

log_reset

Resets logs buffer.

license Retrieves license file information.

Response definition:

products String. List of products, separated by commas.

user String. License username.

validity String. License end of validity date.

id Optional string. License ID.

id_type Optional string. License ID type. Can be host_id or dongle_id

uid Optional string. License unique ID. filename Optional string. License filename.

server Optional string. License server URL.

server_id

Optional string. License server ID.

quit Terminates Itelicense.

help Provides list of available messages in messages array of strings and events to register in events array of strings.

stats Report statistics for LTELICENSE.

Every time this message is received by server, statistics are reset.

Warning, calling this message from multiple connections simultaneously will modify the statistics sampling time.

Response definition:

cpu Object. Each member name defines a type and its value cpu load in % of one core.

instance_id

Number. Constant over process lifetime. Changes on process restart.

6.6 License messages

reload Force license reload.

If config file has been changed, modifications will be applied.

list Retrieve licenses states.

Response definition:

licenses Array of objects representing licenses with following properties:

uid String. License unique ID

products String. List of associated products separated by commas.

origin String. License origin.

tag Optional string. Associated tag

max Integer. Maximum number of allowed connections.

version String. License version limit.

connections

Array of object representing current connections:

product String. Associated product

name String. Name

origin String. Connection host and port

message Send message to all connected clients.

Message definition:

text String. Message to send.

7 Command line monitor reference

The following commands are available:

help Display the help. Use help command to have a more detailed help about a command.

log [log_options]

Display the current log state. If *log_options* are given, change the log options. The syntax is the same as the *log_options* configuration property.

msg message

Send a message to all connected component in their monitor window.

msgto client_id message

Send a message to a specific client.

client List connected clients.

close client_id [message]

Send a close message to a spcific clent, with an option text.

list List all license with their state.

reload Reload licenses from configured path. If config file has been changed, path will be

updated has well.

quit Stop server.

8 Log file format

9 Change history

9.1 Version 2024-09-13

- added license remote API
- com_logs_lock parameter is renamed to com_log_lock. com_logs_lock is still supported for backward compatibility
- added com_log_us parameter

9.2 Version 2024-06-14

- OpenSSL library is upgraded to 1.1.1w
- added clients, close and msgto monitor commands

9.3 Version 2023-12-15

• added com_ssl_ca parameter for SSL verification

9.4 Version 2023-06-10

• com_logs_lock parameter added to disable logs configuration change via remote API

9.5 Version 2023-03-17

- com_addr and bind_addr parameters now use [::] address instead of 0.0.0.0 in the delivered configuration file to allow IPv6 connection
- reload command now handles configuration file modifications

9.6 Version 2022-12-16

• utc parameter is added to remote API response messages

9.7 Version 2022-06-17

- OpenSSL library is upgraded to 1.1.1n
- start_timestamp and end_timestamp are added to log_get API

9.8 Version 2021-12-17

• license monitor command is added

10 License

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