

DaVinci Configurator License Handling

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1 Introduction

The DaVinci Configurator application can be activated by a SIP license and dongle or FlexNet based license. Both, the dongle and the FlexNet based license, provide the .PRO option + supplemental options. These options activate additional product functionality within the DaVinci Configurator.

This document describes in which order the available licenses are applied and used by the DaVinci Configurator.

2 License Information

Detailed information about the current available and used licenses can be obtained by starting the DaVinci Configurator application and opening the 'Licenses' dialog (Help > Licenses).

This dialog shows the current SIP license details ('Show SIP License Details' button) and the current tool license details ('Show Tool License Details').

The tool license details dialog provides three sections:

- ▶ SIP-based licenses
- ▶ Software-based licenses
- ▶ Hardware-based licenses (USB-dongle)

2.1 SIP Based License

This section shows the currently available SIP license. A SIP license activates the BASE option of the DaVinci Configurator application.

2.2 Software Based License

This table lists all available FlexNet license information (server based or local) that can potentially be used by the DaVinci Configurator application.

For server based licenses the floating licensing and the pool licensing model is supported (see 3.1 for details).

The actual used license model is shown in the label of the 'License server' property of the 'Licenses' dialog. It can be 'Pool' or 'Floating', depending on which license model is defined within the server configuration file (see chapter 3 for details).

2.3 Hardware Based Licenses

This section contains all dongle based licenses detected by the application.

**Note**

Aladdin dongles (blue dongles) cannot be used in 64-Bit Windows with DaVinci Configurator executed in 64-Bit mode (which is the default on 64-Bit Windows). In that case the new Keyman dongles need to be used instead.

2.4 License Display

Each entry within the sections of the license details dialog will have one of the following colors indicating whether the license is valid or not and used or not. Refer to following table for details.

License Appearance	
Color	Description
black	License is valid.
blue	License is valid and used by the current running application instance.
grey	License is expired.

Table 2-1 License appearance

2.5 Display of License Server Configuration and Options

In case a FlexNet license server is configured (see 3.1 for details) the license details dialog shows the server configuration details and the according option configuration below the software-based licenses grid.

3 License Server Configuration

Flexnet licenses can be provided by using a license server. The DaVinci Configurator application only accesses these licenses when:

- ▶ No .PRO option is available at the local PC
- ▶ A valid license server connection is configured
- ▶ The `LicenseServer` option within the settings.ini file is not explicitly set to '0' (see also 3.2 and 3.3 for details)
- ▶ The pool license model is used and no .PRO option (provided by a single-seat license or dongle) is available at the local PC

Otherwise the server isn't accessed.

3.1 Server Configuration

The DaVinci Configurator application detects a license server connection if a `settings.ini` file is either placed in the executable folder or in the common files folder for Vector applications.

The search order is identical to the order of appearance in table Table 3-1.

Setting File Locations	
Location	Environment
	All
	All

Table 3-1 Settings file locations

3.1.1 Settings

Each server based license model has its own set of settings:

- ▶ server based Flexnet licenses
- ▶ server based license pool Flexnet licenses

For each license model an individual set of settings needs to be defined. Each consists of a defined number of optional server 'option usage' flags (described in 3.2) and the mandatory server connection configuration:

- ▶ : License server network ID
- ▶ : License server port



Note

The Settings.ini file may contain both server configurations. In that case the Pool based license model is used.

Defined in Settings.ini	Used License Model
Pool and Floating	Pool

Table 3-2 License precedence

3.2 Server Option Usage Configuration

The usage of server license options which are available at the configured server can be defined for each option individually.

By default all options available at the server are used by the DaVinci Configurator application. To restrict this usage the according section “ ” or “ ” of the settings file described in 3.1 may contain additional properties. One property is defined for each product option.

Server Option Usage		
Property	Value	Description
		Allow or prevent locking a server based DaVinci Developer license to enable a RTE option within the DaVinci Configurator.
		Allow or prevent using a server based .MD product option.
		Allow or prevent using a server based .RTE product option.
		Allow or prevent using a server based .WF product option.
		Allow or prevent using a server based .VTT product option.
		Blocks access to all DaVinci Configurator server based licenses. The settings.ini file is used by the DaVinci Developer application too. With settings this flag to the license server access of the DaVinci Configurator application is blocked. Use this option when a specific PC should not use DaVinci Configurator licenses but is allowed to use DaVinci Developer server based licenses.

Table 3-3 Server options

3.3 Settings File Example

Following exemplary settings file content demonstrates the structure of the file used by the DaVinci Configurator application. Note that the ‘Server Option Usage’ flags are optional.

► Floating license example:

► Pool license example:

4 Pool Licence Handling

Pool licenses can be used in following modes

- ▶ Sporadic
- ▶ Standard

4.1 Standard Licenses

Standard licenses can be retrieved from the server and are stored on the local PC until the minimum borrow period is expired.

4.1.1 Adding License Options

An existing and valid PRO standard license can be supplemented with additional license options.

To add one or more options the 'License Activation' dialog must be opened (Help > Licenses > 'Show SIP License Details' > 'Show Pool license configuration...'). Select one or more of the available options and press 'Get License'.

Added licenses become effective after restarting the application.

4.1.2 Return and Extend a Standard License

Returning and extending standard licenses is possible after the minimum borrow time is expired. These operations are supported by the 'License Activation' dialog available at Help > Licenses > 'Show SIP License Details' > 'Show Pool license configuration...'.

4.2 Sporadic Licenses

Sporadic licenses are activated on usage at 24 days per year and user.

When using sporadic licenses the DaVinci Configurator requests the user to select a server based pool license for each session. A sporadic license is returned to the server after the application has been closed.

**Note**

Sporadic licenses cannot be used with the command line version of the DaVinci Configurator (DVCmdCfg.exe).

5 SIP License

The DaVinci Configurator application can only be used in context of a specific SIP. This SIP provides a SIP license that activates the DaVinci Configurator BASE product.

6 DaVinci Developer License

A DaVinci Developer license provided by a hardware dongle or FlexNet license is used to enable the .RTE option if a DaVinci Configurator Pro license is available.

The usage of a floating DaVinci Developer license by the DaVinci Configurator application can be prevented by limiting the usage of server based licenses (see 3.2 for details).

7 Abbreviations

7.1 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description

8 Contact

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