Importing LDAP user groups

The information on this page refers to License Statistics v6.14 and newer, which replaced Import/No_Import flags with proper filters. If you are using a version previous to v6.14, see documentation for previous versions.

License Statistics lets you import user groups you have defined in an LDAP directory. Importing your user groups from LDAP eliminates the need to create user groups manually, which can be time consuming if you have a large number of users.

Importing your LDAP user groups also gives you one centralized place to manage your groups. License Statistics refreshes the user group data every 6 hours, so changes to user groups made in Active Directory, such as newly added or removed users, will be reflected automatically in License Statistics. In addition, for users imported from LDAP, hovering over usernames in License Statistics grids (such as in Users - History - Usage and Features - Realtime - Usage pages) shows user details, giving you more information about the users included in your usage statistics.

To import your LDAP user groups, you must provide the information needed to connect to your LDAP server, as described in Connecting to an LDAP server.

ⓘ   You cannot manually remove LDAP user groups. If you disable LDAP, the imported user groups will persist.

To remove previously imported LDAP user groups, it is recommended to configure the LDAP import filter to exclude all users from the search results. The next scheduled run or manual import will synchronize users and user groups. All users who do not match the filter will be disconnected from LDAP groups. Empty groups will be automatically deleted.

Using import flags

ⓘ   Although retained for compatibility purposes, the License_Statistics=No_Import and License_Statistics=Import flags described below are no longer needed for License Statistics v6.0 and newer. As of License Statistics v6.0, you can specify any valid LDAP filter using the Enable LDAP Users Import option in the Administration: LDAP page, which is a much easier method for choosing which groups and users to import.

You can use the Microsoft administration tools on the Active Directory server to individually specify which of your Active Directory user groups should be imported. If you do not have any import flags set for a group, only the users that already exist in License Statistics are imported.

Excluding groups from being imported

To exclude any of your Active Directory user groups from being imported, add "License_Statistics=No_Import" to the "Notes" field of the group properties for each of the user groups you do not want to import, as shown in the example below.

When you set the filter **(!(info=*License_Statistics=No_Import*))**, all users in the group are excluded from the import.

Including groups to be imported

To include any of your Active Directory user groups for importing, add "License_Statistics=Import" to the "Notes" field of the group properties for each of the user groups you want to import, as shown in the example below.

When you set a filter **(info=*License_Statistics=Import*)** for a group, all users in the group are imported.

Domain Admins Properties

Object	Security	Attribute Editor

General	Members	Member Of	Managed By

Domain Admins

Group name (pre-Windows 2000):   Domain Admins

Description:

E-mail:

Group scope
- ○ Domain local
- ● Global
- ○ Universal

Group type
- ● Security
- ○ Distribution

Notes:

License_Statistics=Import

[OK]   [Cancel]   [Apply]   [Help]