

# TIME\_ZONES

The TIME\_ZONES directive defines the allowed time zones relative to GMT.

The time zones are specified by entering a comma-separated list of numeric values that represent the offset from GMT. Time zones that are earlier than GMT must be preceded by a minus sign (-).

For example, an entry of "-5" specifies the time zone GMT -05:00. An entry of "-5,1,2" specifies three different time zones in which the license may be used.

This directive can be used with network or local licenses.

## Usage and recommendations

Time zone restricted licenses, also known as WAN (Wide Area Network) licenses, let you control license usage based on geographical location. You can restrict a license to a single time zone or multiple time zones in a comma-separated list. The time zones are specified as numbers that are the hours offset to GMT.

Using time zone restricted licensing, you can ensure that licenses are used only in the country or region you intend. For example, you may sell licenses in the Continental U.S. and China at different prices. To make a license valid only in the Continental U.S., you would specify the time zones -8, -7, -6, -5 in the license file. For China, you would specify the time zone GMT 8 in the license file. This way, you can be sure that licenses aren't shared between a company's departments in the U.S. and China but are purchased separately.