

# Host merging

The information on this page refers to License Statistics v6.21 and newer, which introduced Host Merging.

You can use Host Merging to merge duplicate hosts in cases where there is a one-to-one match of a single known hostname and a single unknown hostname that have the same IP address.

If there are multiple hosts with different hostnames and the same IP address, they cannot be merged, because it is not possible to determine which hosts should be merged.

To perform host merging:

1. Go to the **Administration: Data Management** page. (This page is visible only for License Statistics administrator users.)
2. Under the Host Merging section, click **Merge**.  
A grid displays the details of the host(s) that will be merged and a confirmation to continue with (or cancel) the merge.

Host Merging

Preview

	1st IP Address	Hostname	Mergeable
1	192.168.18.100		No
2	192.168.18.101	192.168.18.100 desktop-1 desktop-2 desktop-3	No
3	192.168.18.5	desktop-egf5kcd	Yes
4	192.168.31.185	win11-ryba	Yes

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Warning: Upon restarting License Statistics, this operation will merge duplicated hosts that are identified in the grid above as mergeable, based on their IP addresses.

Hosts cannot be merged when there are multiple candidates with the same IP address and different known hostnames.

This operation cannot be undone.

Continue?

Yes No

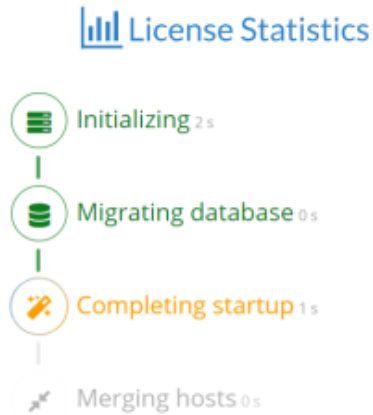
3. Click **Yes** to confirm the merge.
4. After confirming the merge, it will be scheduled but will not be executed until License Statistics is restarted. You can cancel the merge operation any time before License Statistics is restarted by clicking **Cancel** in the box that displays in the Host Merging area.

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Duplicated hosts will be merged upon restarting License Statistics

Cancel

5. After restarting License Statistics, the Host Merging operation will be indicated on the initialization screen.



6. After the hosts are merged, they will be reported as one host on License Statistics reports, and counted as one for licensing purposes.



It is not possible to remove all potential host duplicates, especially in a network where the IP address has the potential to change often. In such cases, License Statistics is not able to find reliable merging candidates, and will not allow merging due to the risk of corrupting collected data.



Although it is possible to run the Host Merging operation multiple times, we recommend [enabling \(r\)DNS lookup](#) to avoid duplicate creation instead of merging hosts later.