

# License server log file

The license server can produce a log file that details activity such as client connections or disconnections, license checkout/checkin, and other server activity. For Unix operating systems, the log file may also contain [exit signals](#).

In the configuration file, you can control the following settings for the license server log:

- Specify normal or extended logging. When using extended logging note that:
  - Extended logging results in greater detail in the log file.
  - Extended logs can be [imported into License Statistics](#) to obtain denied request statistics.
- Specify the interval for log file rotation. Generally, data written to the log file is useful only for a limited time, so log rotation is recommended for removing old log data and reducing the storage requirements of the log file.
- Specify the desired output location for the log.

See [License server configuration file](#) for more details about the above log settings. You can also control these log settings using the web-based UI, as described in [Enabling and configuring license server logging](#).

Over time, the log file can grow to a substantial size depending on licensing activity, so it is best to write the log to a local file system rather than across a network.

If the log file is deleted, the license server will create a new log file on the next write.