

# Updating from versions 4.11.1 through 5.14



To update to License Statistics version 6.18 and newer from versions older than 6.0, you must first update to version 6.0 or newer (v6.17.6 is recommended).



Due to database structure changes made in version 5.14, ensure that the free disk space for [MySQL temporary files](#) is at least double the current size of the database during the migration. The additional disk space is needed only temporarily for the migration.

1. Back up the following files:
  - License Statistics configuration file (*xflicstat.cfg*), located in the License Statistics installation directory by default
  - License Statistics license file (*license.lic*), located in the License Statistics installation directory by default
  - 3rd party utilities (for example, query tools), which should be moved to a location *outside* of the License Statistics installation directory to avoid their removal by the installer
2. Back up the database, depending on which database hosting you are using:
  - [Backing up an embedded database](#)
  - [Backing up an external database](#)
3. Download the License Statistics installation from the [License Statistics download page](#).
4. [Stop License Statistics](#).
5. [Remove the current installation](#).
6. If you are using an external database, [upgrade/install the new database server to MySQL 5.7](#).



This step applies only when upgrading License Statistics with an external database. This step is required to successfully install and run License Statistics v5.15 and above.

7. [Install License Statistics](#).



Do not run License Statistics yet.

8. Restore the database, depending on which database hosting you are using:
  - [Restoring an embedded database](#)
  - [Restoring an external database](#)
9. [Import](#) or [activate](#) the license
10. [Import or restore your configuration settings](#).



Avoid replacing the new *xflicstat.cfg* file with your backed up copy, due to risk of incompatibility. We recommend that you configure the new *xfclisat.cfg* file by copying the values from the old file to the new file as needed.



If you created a new MySQL database in step 6, make sure you are using the proper credentials for the new MySQL 5.7 database.

11. [Start License Statistics](#).
12. Update the query tool paths on the [License Server administration](#) page to refer to the new directory.



The query tool executable (and the path provided in the License Statistics UI) must be local, so if specifying a query tool, ensure that the executable is on the same machine as the License Statistics installation.