
3.1.3. Borrowing Application Licenses on Windows

License borrowing (available only on Windows machines) allows a user to take a license for use outside of the company facility, such as for an engineer to take a license home on his laptop. Before users can take advantage of license borrowing, the site administrator needs to set up the borrowing environment (see [Run the ANSYS Borrow Utility](#)).

License borrowing is available only if you have borrowable licenses and only on Windows machines; however, the license server machine that is managing the licenses can be any system that ANSYS, Inc. supports as a license server. You cannot run both borrowed and non-borrowed licenses simultaneously. For example, if you borrow licenses but remain connected to a network from which you can use licenses, you will be able to use only the borrowed licenses. Likewise, if the machine on which you borrowed licenses is also a license server from which you could normally use licenses, you would be able to use only the borrowed licenses. You can borrow only one task of any particular license.

This option is available only for the client version of **ANSLIC_ADMIN**.

1. Connect to the network where the license server machine is running.
2. Launch the client license borrowing utility: **Start > ANSYS 2020 R1 > ANSYS Client Licensing > Client ANSLIC_ADMIN Utility 2020 R1**. Select **Run the ANSYS Borrow Utility**.
3. On the Borrow tab, specify the version number and return date. The return date defaults to the third day from the current date.

If you change any of the borrowing criteria, the product list will automatically update in five seconds. To update the list immediately, click the **Update Delay (sec)** button.

4. Select the product(s) you want to borrow. The product list includes add-on features or geometry interfaces. If you do not see a product listed that you think should be available, verify that you have selected the correct version.
5. Click **Borrow**.
6. Disconnect from the network. Note that even when you've disconnected from the network, you must still run the products from the same account you used to borrow the licenses. For example, if you use a network account to borrow the licenses, you cannot then run from a local account.

Be sure to verify that you can run the correct product with the borrowed licenses from your machine **AFTER** you've disconnected from the network. If you encounter any difficulties, reconnect to the network, return the license, and then re-borrow the correct license.

If you keep a license for the full amount of time, there is no need to check the license back in. Your borrowed license will simply expire at the end of the borrow period, and the license will be released into the pool of available licenses.

To return a license early:

1. Reconnect to the same license server from which you borrowed the license(s).
2. Launch the client license borrowing utility: **Start>All Programs> ANSYS 2020 R1> ANSYS Client Licensing> Client ANSLIC_ADMIN Utility 2020 R1**. Select **Run the ANSYS Borrow Utility**.
3. Select the **Return** tab. Click **Return all**. If you want to keep some but not all of the licenses you borrowed, you will need to re-borrow them.
4. Disconnect from the network.

The license(s) you borrowed will be returned to the pool of available licenses.

Note: You must return borrowed licenses from the same account you used to borrow the licenses originally.

Some multi-feature products include other products and/or add-on features. The utility will automatically check out any such included products or add-on features. If you borrow one of these multi-feature products and then click the **Return** tab, you will see the product you selected, as well as any other products and add-ons that it includes. If you return a multi-feature product early, these products and add-on features will also be returned.

Compatibility between versions — Flexera Software has created an incompatibility in license borrowing between FlexNet releases. Since different versions of FlexNet are used at most releases, the borrowed licenses are not compatible between different ANSYS releases. The ANSBORROW utility includes a selection for the ANSYS version you are planning to run using the borrowed license. Choose your version carefully, because you will only be able to run one of the versions at a time with borrowed licenses.

The ANSBORROW utility allows you to borrow either initial release or service pack (SP) versions. The SP versions for a given platform use the same FlexNet version as the initial release; therefore, licenses selected for an SP should work for the initial release.