

Multi-Service IronWare Software Licensing Guide

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Preface

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Document conventions

The document conventions describe text formatting conventions, command syntax conventions, and important notice formats used in Brocade technical documentation.

Notes, cautions, and warnings

Notes, cautions, and warning statements may be used in this document. They are listed in the order of increasing severity of potential hazards.

NOTE

A Note provides a tip, guidance, or advice, emphasizes important information, or provides a reference to related information.

ATTENTION

An Attention statement indicates a stronger note, for example, to alert you when traffic might be interrupted or the device might reboot.



CAUTION

A Caution statement alerts you to situations that can be potentially hazardous to you or cause damage to hardware, firmware, software, or data.



DANGER

A Danger statement indicates conditions or situations that can be potentially lethal or extremely hazardous to you. Safety labels are also attached directly to products to warn of these conditions or situations.

Text formatting conventions

Text formatting conventions such as boldface, italic, or Courier font may be used to highlight specific words or phrases.

Format	Description
bold text	Identifies command names.
	Identifies keywords and operands.
	Identifies the names of GUI elements.
<i>italic text</i>	Identifies text to enter in the GUI.
	Identifies emphasis.
Courier font	Identifies variables.
	Identifies document titles.
	Identifies CLI output.

Format	Description
	Identifies command syntax examples.

Command syntax conventions

Bold and italic text identify command syntax components. Delimiters and operators define groupings of parameters and their logical relationships.

Convention	Description
bold text	Identifies command names, keywords, and command options.
<i>italic text</i>	Identifies a variable.
value	In Fibre Channel products, a fixed value provided as input to a command option is printed in plain text, for example, <code>--show WWN</code> .
[]	Syntax components displayed within square brackets are optional. Default responses to system prompts are enclosed in square brackets.
{ x y z }	A choice of required parameters is enclosed in curly brackets separated by vertical bars. You must select one of the options. In Fibre Channel products, square brackets may be used instead for this purpose.
x y	A vertical bar separates mutually exclusive elements.
< >	Nonprinting characters, for example, passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets.
...	Repeat the previous element, for example, <code>member[member...]</code> .
\	Indicates a "soft" line break in command examples. If a backslash separates two lines of a command input, enter the entire command at the prompt without the backslash.

Brocade resources

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Click the **Support** tab and select **Document Library** to access product documentation on MyBrocade or www.brocade.com. You can locate documentation by product or by operating system.

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Brocade customers

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Online	Telephone
Preferred method of contact for non-urgent issues: • Case management through the MyBrocade portal. • Quick Access links to Knowledge Base, Community, Document Library, Software Downloads and Licensing tools	Required for Sev 1-Critical and Sev 2-High issues: • Continental US: 1-800-752-8061 • Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia Pacific: +800-AT FIBREE (+800 28 34 27 33) • Toll-free numbers are available in many countries. • For areas unable to access a toll-free number: +1-408-333-6061

Brocade OEM customers

If you have purchased Brocade product support from a Brocade OEM/solution provider, contact your OEM/solution provider for all of your product support needs.

- OEM/solution providers are trained and certified by Brocade to support Brocade® products.
- Brocade provides backline support for issues that cannot be resolved by the OEM/solution provider.
- Brocade Supplemental Support augments your existing OEM support contract, providing direct access to Brocade expertise. For more information, contact Brocade or your OEM.
- For questions regarding service levels and response times, contact your OEM/solution provider.

Software Licensing Overview

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The table below lists the individual Brocade NetIron devices and the software licensing features they support.

TABLE 1 Supported software licensing features

Features supported	NetIron XMR Series	NetIron MLX Series	NetIron CES 2000 Series BASE package	NetIron CES 2000 Series ME_PREM package	NetIron CES 2000 Series L3_PREM package	CER 2000 Series BASE package	CER 2000 Series Advanced Services package
Software-based licensing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Port based-licensing	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
License generation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
License query	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deleting a license	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Software-based licensing overview

Prior to the introduction of software-based licensing, Brocade supported *hardware-based licensing* , where an EEPROM was used to upgrade to a premium set of features. With the introduction of *software-based licensing* , one or more valid software licenses are required to run such *licensed features* on the device.

Software-based licensing is designed to work together with hardware-based licensing. The first release of software-based licensing employs a combination of hardware-based and software-based licensing. A Brocade device can use hardware-based licensing, software-based licensing, or both. Future releases that support software-based licensing will use software-based licensing only, eliminating the need for a customer- or factory-installed EEPROM on the management module or switch backplane.

Software-based licensing provides increased scalability and rapid deployment of hardware and software features on the supported Brocade family of switches. For example, for premium upgrades, it is no longer necessary to physically open the chassis and install an EEPROM to upgrade the system. Instead, the Web is used to generate, download, and install a software license that will enable premium features on the device.

How software-based licensing works

A permanent license can be ordered pre-installed in a Brocade device when first shipped from the factory, or later ordered and installed by the customer. In either case, additional licenses can be ordered as needed.

When a license is ordered separately (not pre-installed), an *entitlement certificate* or e-mail, containing a *transaction key* , is issued to the customer by Brocade as proof of purchase. The *transaction key* and license ID (*LID*) of the Brocade device are used to generate a license key from the Brocade software licensing portal. The license key is contained within a *license file* , which is downloaded to the customer's PC, where the file can then be transferred to a TFTP or SCP server, and then uploaded to the Brocade device.

Once a license is installed on the Brocade device, it has the following effect:

- The license unlocks the licensed feature and the feature becomes available immediately. There is no need to reload the software.
- When a trial license expires, the commands and CLI related to the feature are disabled, but the feature itself cannot be disabled until the system reloads.

Seamless transition for legacy devices

In this chapter, the term "legacy device" refers to a Brocade device that was shipped prior to the introduction of software-based licensing, has an EEPROM installed, and is running a software release prior to the Multi-Service IronWare release 05.0.00.

The transition to software-based licensing is seamless for legacy devices. When upgraded to a release that supports software-based licensing, these devices will continue to operate as previously configured.

Though not mandatory, Brocade recommends that once a legacy device is upgraded to a release that supports software-based licensing, the device should be registered. This will enable Brocade to track the device in case service is needed. To register the device, refer to the instructions in [Seamless transition for legacy devices](#).

NOTE

There are special considerations and instructions for legacy NetIron devices in need of replacement (via a Return Merchandise Agreement (RMA)). For details, refer to [Seamless transition for legacy devices](#).

License types

The following license types are supported:

- NetIron CES Series license types:
 - NI-CES-2024-MEU - Enables Metro Edge Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 24-port models.
 - NI-CES-2024-L3U - Enables Layer 3 Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 24-port models.
 - NI-CES-2048-MEU - Enables Metro Edge Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 48-port models.
 - NI-CES-2048-L3U - Enables Layer 3 Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 48-port models.
- NetIron CER Series license types:
 - NI-CER-2024-RTUPG - Enables support to larger routing tables for NetIron CER 2000 Series 24-port models.
 - NI-CER-2048-RTUPG - Enables support to larger routing tables for NetIron CER 2000 Series 48-port models.
- Brocade MLX Series license types:
 - BR-MLX-10GX4-X - Enables license upgrade to NetIron MLX and Brocade MLXe 4-port 10-GbE (X) module with IPv4, IPv6, and MPLS hardware support (requires XFP optics).
 - BR-MLX-1GCx24-X - Enables 24-port 1 Gbps copper module for wire-speed performance.
 - BR-MLX-1GFx24-X - Enables 24-port 1 Gbps fiber module for wire-speed performance.
 - BR-MLX-100GX1-2PUPG - Enables 100 GbE second port license upgrade (requires CFP optics).
 - BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-MUPG - Enables 20-port (M) interface module license upgrade from 1-GbE to 1-GbE/10-GbE combo port (requires SFP+ optics for 10G use).
 - BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-X2UPG - Enables 20-port (X2) module license upgrade from 1-GbE to 1-GbE/10-GbE combo port (requires SFP+ optics for 10G use).
- Trial license - Also called a temporary license, this license enables a license-controlled feature to run on the device on a temporary basis. A trial license enables demonstration and evaluation of a licensed feature and can be valid for a period of 45 days. For more information about a trial license, refer to [License types](#).

- Normal license – Also called a permanent license, this license enables a license-controlled feature to run on the device indefinitely.

Software license terminology

The following terms are used in this document:

This section defines the key terms used in this chapter.

- Entitlement certificate – The proof-of-purchase certificate (*paper-pack*) issued by Brocade when a license is purchased. The certificate contains a unique transaction key that is used in conjunction with the *license ID (LID)* of the Brocade device to generate and download a software license from the Brocade software portal.
- License file – The file produced by the Brocade software portal when the license is generated. The file is uploaded to the Brocade device and controls access to a *licensed feature* or feature set.
- License ID (LID) – The identification number that uniquely identifies the Brocade device. The LID is used in conjunction with a transaction key to generate and download a software license from the Brocade software portal. The software license is tied to the LID of the Brocade device for which the license was ordered and generated.
- Licensed feature – Any hardware or software feature or set of features that require a valid software license in order to operate on the device.
- Transaction key – This unique key, along with the *LID*, is used to generate a software license from the Brocade software portal. The transaction key is issued by Brocade when a license is purchased. The transaction key is delivered according to the method specified when the order is placed:
 - **Paper-pack** – The transaction key is recorded on an *entitlement certificate*, which is mailed to the customer.
 - **Electronic** – The transaction key is contained in an e-mail, which is instantly sent to the customer after the order is placed. The customer receives the e-mail within a few minutes after the order is placed, though the timing will vary depending on the network, Internet connection, and so on.
 - If a delivery method was not specified at the time of the order, the key will be delivered via paper-pack.

Licensing rules

The following licensing rules apply to all Brocade NetIron devices that support software licensing:

- A license is tied to the unique LID of the fixed configuration switch for which the license was ordered. Therefore, a license can be used on one particular device only. It cannot be used on any other device.
- More than one license can be installed per device concurrently.
- More than one trial license can be in effect at the same time, as long as each trial license applies to a unique licensed feature.
- A trial license cannot replace or supersede a normal license.

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Generating a license

Before you can use a software license, you must generate it from the Brocade software portal.

The following procedure demonstrates how to generate and obtain a software license.

1. Order a license.
You will receive the license transaction key in the form of a paperpack or electronic transaction key. When you receive the paperpack or electronic transaction key, retrieve the LID of your Brocade device by entering the **show license id** command on the device. If you have received a paperpack transaction key, write the LID in the space provided on the entitlement certificate and on the unit ID label.

NOTE
To order and obtain a trial license, contact your Brocade representative.

NOTE
Do not discard the entitlement certificate or e-mail with the electronic key. Keep it in a safe place in case it is needed for technical support or product replacement (RMAs).

NOTE
The line cards on the Brocade SLX 9850 each have their own LID's that are different from the chassis LID. You must use the Line Card LID to obtain licenses for the Line Cards.

2. Log in to the Brocade software portal at <http://swportal.brocade.com> and complete the software license request. If you do not have a login ID and password, request access by following the instructions on the screen.

The following figure shows the Software Licensing portal login window.

FIGURE 1 Software Licensing portal login window

SIGN IN / REGISTER

PRODUCTS & SERVICES POSSIBILITIES SUPPORT MORE SEARCH

LOGIN

User Name

Password

Software Licensing ▼

LOGIN

Help
Forgot your ID or password?

RUCKUS CUSTOMERS, please continue to use the
RUCKUS SUPPORT PORTAL.

REGISTER WITH BROCADE

Register your Brocade products and gain access to MyBrocade, Brocade Communities and Brocade Training.

REGISTER NOW

If you did not receive your registration activation email, [Click Here.](#)

MORE PURCHASE OPTIONS

[How to buy](#)

3. Enter your user name and password and click **LOGIN**.
The **License Generation** window appears.

FIGURE 2 License Generation window

BROCADE Greetings, User **SIGN OUT**

LICENSE Generation
LICENSE Query

Identify Information Results

LICENSE GENERATION

Please proceed for license generation with activation key. Read [Input Guidelines](#)

Activation Key (Transaction key/Token/Certificate)

CANCEL NEXT

4. Enter the licensing transaction key, token, or certificate and click **Next**. The **License Information** window is displayed.

FIGURE 3 License Information window

The screenshot shows the Brocade web interface for license generation. The top navigation bar includes the Brocade logo and a user greeting: "Greetings, slkopsadm" with a "SIGN OUT" link. On the left, a sidebar contains "LICENSE Generation" (active) and "LICENSE Query". A progress bar at the top indicates the current step is "Information", with "Identify" and "Results" as previous and next steps respectively. The main content area displays the license ID "BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-X2UPG" with a "Remove" button. Below this, there are two sections: "CUSTOMER INFORMATION" with a text field containing "slkopsadm@brocade.com" and a "More Info" link; and "PRODUCT INFORMATION" with a text field containing "CWB0419L038" and a "More Info" link. At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled "I have read and accept the Brocade End User License Agreement" and two buttons: "GENERATE" and "CANCEL".

FIGURE 4 License Information window

This screenshot shows the same Brocade web interface but for a different license. The progress bar still shows "Information" as the current step. The license ID displayed is "BR-NTWADV-IP-BASE" with a "Remove" button. The "CUSTOMER INFORMATION" section contains a text field with "User@brocade.com" and a "More Info" link. The "PRODUCT INFORMATION" section contains a text field with "Serial #" and a "More Info" link. The "I have read and accept the Brocade End User License Agreement" checkbox and "GENERATE" and "CANCEL" buttons are also present at the bottom.

FIGURE 5 License Information window

BROCADE 

Greetings, User  SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation 

LICENSE Query 

Identify  Information  Results 

ICX-MACSEC-LIC 

7D95DB2E6B3BD31B4F5B4A

CUSTOMER INFORMATION*

User@brocade.com

[More Info](#)

PRODUCT INFORMATION*

License ID(LID) / Serial #

[More Info](#)

☐ I have read and accept the Brocade [End User License Agreement](#)

GENERATE

CANCEL

FIGURE 6 License Information window

BROCADE 

Greetings, User  SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation 

LICENSE Query 

Identify  Information  Results 

BR-VDX6740-8X10G-POD 

426497D3234385E30C6090

CUSTOMER INFORMATION*

User@brocade.com

[More Info](#)

PRODUCT INFORMATION*

License ID(LID) / Serial # / MB #

[More Info](#) **Sample LID :**
10.00.00.XX:XX:XX:XX:XX

☐ I have read and accept the Brocade [End User License Agreement](#)

GENERATE

CANCEL

FIGURE 7 License Information window

BROCADE Greetings, User ≡ SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation ●

LICENSE Query ○

● Identify — ● Information — ○ Results

BR-SLX-9540-ADV-LIC-P

DOEB6FF4E09C44B9B9D881

Remove

CUSTOMER INFORMATION*

User@brocade.com

More Info

PRODUCT INFORMATION*

License ID(LID) / Serial # / MB #

More Info Sample LID: 10.00.00.XXXXXXXXXX

☐ I have read and accept the Brocade End User License Agreement

GENERATE

CANCEL

FIGURE 8 License Information window

BROCADE Greetings, User ≡ SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation ●

LICENSE Query ○

● Identify — ● Information — ○ Results

BR-SLX-9140-ADV-LIC-P

DOEB6FF4E09C44B9B9D881

Remove

CUSTOMER INFORMATION*

User@brocade.com

More Info

PRODUCT INFORMATION*

License ID(LID) / Serial # / MB #

More Info Sample LID: 10.00.00.XXXXXXXXXX

☐ I have read and accept the Brocade End User License Agreement

GENERATE

CANCEL

5. Enter the requested information in the **Product Information** field.
6. Read the Brocade End User License Agreement and select the **I have read and accept** check box.

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7. Click **Generate**.

The **Results** window displays an order summary and the results of the license request.

- If the license request is successful, the Status field shows "Success" and the **License** field contains a hyperlink to the generated license file. The license file is automatically sent by e-mail to the specified customer e-mail address.
- If the license request fails, the reason it failed and the action to be taken is displayed on the page.

FIGURE 9 Results window

The screenshot shows the Brocade web interface. At the top left is the Brocade logo. At the top right, it says "Greetings, slkopsadm" followed by a menu icon and "SIGN OUT". On the left side, there is a vertical navigation bar with "LICENSE" and "Query" links. The main content area is titled "CUSTOMER INFORMATION" and shows an email address "slkopsadm@brocade.com". Below this is a section titled "PRODUCT INFORMATION" which contains a table with the following data:

STATUS	LICENSE	SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY	DESCRIPTION
Success	License	BR-MLX-13X20-U3G-X2UPG	Serial # CWB0419L038	8D8BF4FB2896C9D985063	MLX 20-PR1X210-GBE LICUPG TO 1-10/GBE

At the bottom right of the main content area, there are two buttons: "EXPORT TO EXCEL" and "GENERATE ANOTHER LICENSE".

FIGURE 10 Results window

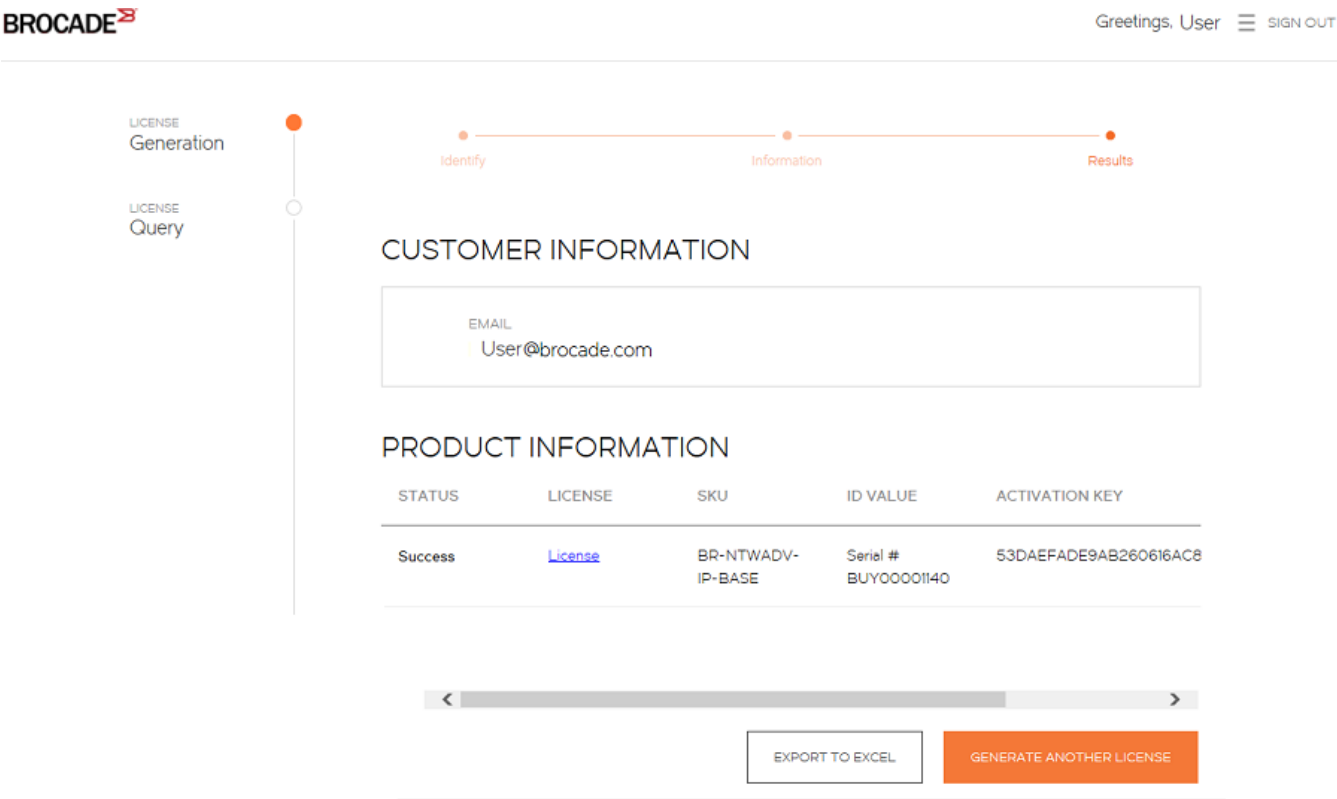


FIGURE 11 Results window

BROCADE

Greetings, User ≡ SIGN OUT

LICENSE
Generation

LICENSE
Query

Identify

Information

Results

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

EMAIL

User@brocade.com

PRODUCT INFORMATION

STATUS	LICENSE	SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY
Success	License	ICX-MACSEC-LIC	Serial # eavIULmFij	7D95DB2E6B3BD31B4F5B4

<>

EXPORT TO EXCEL

GENERATE ANOTHER LICENSE

FIGURE 12 Results window

LICENSE
Generation

LICENSE
Query

Identify

Information

Results

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

EMAIL

User@brocade.com

PRODUCT INFORMATION

STATUS	LICENSE	SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY
Success	License	BR-VDX6740-8X10G-POD	LID 10.00.50.EB.1A.1E.95.25	426497D3234385E3

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EXPORT TO EXCEL

GENERATE ANOTHER LICENSE

BROCADE

Greetings, User SIGN OUT

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FIGURE 13 Results window

BROCADE

Greetings, User ≡ SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation

LICENSE Query

Identify Information Results

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

EMAIL
User@brocade.com

PRODUCT INFORMATION

STATUS	LICENSE	SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY
Success	License	BR-SLX-9540-ADV-LIC-P	Serial # eevIUJmFij	D0E86FF4E09C44B9B9D881

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EXPORT TO EXCEL GENERATE ANOTHER LICENSE

FIGURE 14 Results window

BROCADE

Greetings, User ≡ SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation

LICENSE Query

Identify Information Results

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

EMAIL
User@brocade.com

PRODUCT INFORMATION

STATUS	LICENSE	SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY
Success	License	BR-SLX-9140-ADV-LIC-P	Serial # eevIUJmFij	D0E86FF4E09C44B9B9D881

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EXPORT TO EXCEL GENERATE ANOTHER LICENSE

8. Click the hyperlink in the **License** field to download the license file to your PC.
9. Upload the license file to the Brocade device. You can also refer to the e-mail sent with the license files for instruction on installing a license.
10. Click **Export to Excel** to export the results to a Microsoft Excel file or click **Generate Another License** to generate a new license.

Querying a license

To view software license information for a particular product, you can use the License Query option with an Activation key or License ID (LID).

1. To display the License Query window, you must select the **Unit License Query** option, from the **License Management Welcome** window, select **License Management > Brocade NOS > Unit License Query**.

FIGURE 15 License Query window

Click **input guidelines** for more information on the input value.

2. You must enter the **License ID, Serial #** or **Activation Key** to query a particular product.

3. Click **Search**. Depending on the status of the license (for example, whether or not the license was generated), the report includes the following product information:

- Product name SKU
- ID value
- Activation key
- License
- Created date
- Capacity
- Customer name
- Description

FIGURE 16 License Product Information window

BROCADE Greetings, sllkpsadm ≡ SIGN OUT

License Generation
License Query

Identify

Results

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Name: IP

SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY	LICENSE	CREATED DATE	CAPACITY	CUSTOMER	DESCRIPTION
BR-MLX-10G20-M	Serial # CWB049L038 ID 0000	80E1BF4FB2896C9D985053	License	22-Sep-2016		NL-IX	MLX20-F 10-GBE/10 (M) COM...
BR-MLX-10G20-UI0G-X2UPG	SW Serial # DKA00001553	80E1BF4FB2896C9D985053	License	22-Sep-2016		NL-IX	MLX20-10G20-GB LICUPG...

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EXPORT TO EXCEL

SEARCH ANOTHER UNIT

FIGURE 17 License Product Information window

BROCADE Greetings. SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation
LICENSE Query

Identify Results

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Name: IP

SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY	LICENSE	CREATED DATE	CAPACITY	CUSTOMER
ICX7450-24-E	Serial # CYT3345K02W LID 0000					
ICX-MACSEC-LIC	SW Serial # DBJ00003385	C66AF644266F00A48EC3E7	License	07-May-2015		

EXPORT TO EXCEL SEARCH ANOTHER UNIT

FIGURE 18 License Product Information window

BROCADE Greetings. SIGN OUT

LICENSE Generation
LICENSE Query

Identify Results

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Name: NOS

SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY	LICENSE	CREATED DATE	CAPACITY	CUSTOMER	DESCRIP
BR-VDX6740-24-F	Serial # CPL2322K15P						
40-1000927-06	MB Serial # CGS0420K092						
LID-00001-01	License ID(LID) 10.00.50.EB.1A.1E95.25						

EXPORT TO EXCEL SEARCH ANOTHER UNIT

FIGURE 19 License Product Information window

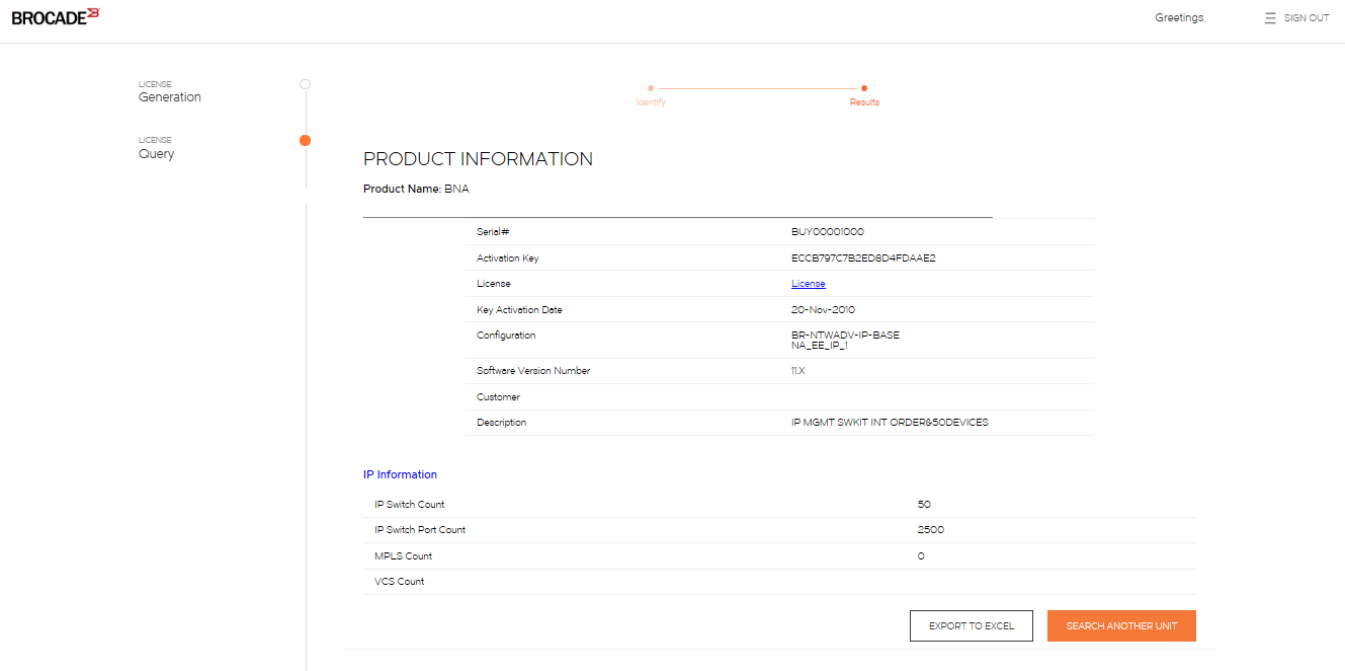


FIGURE 20 License Product Information window

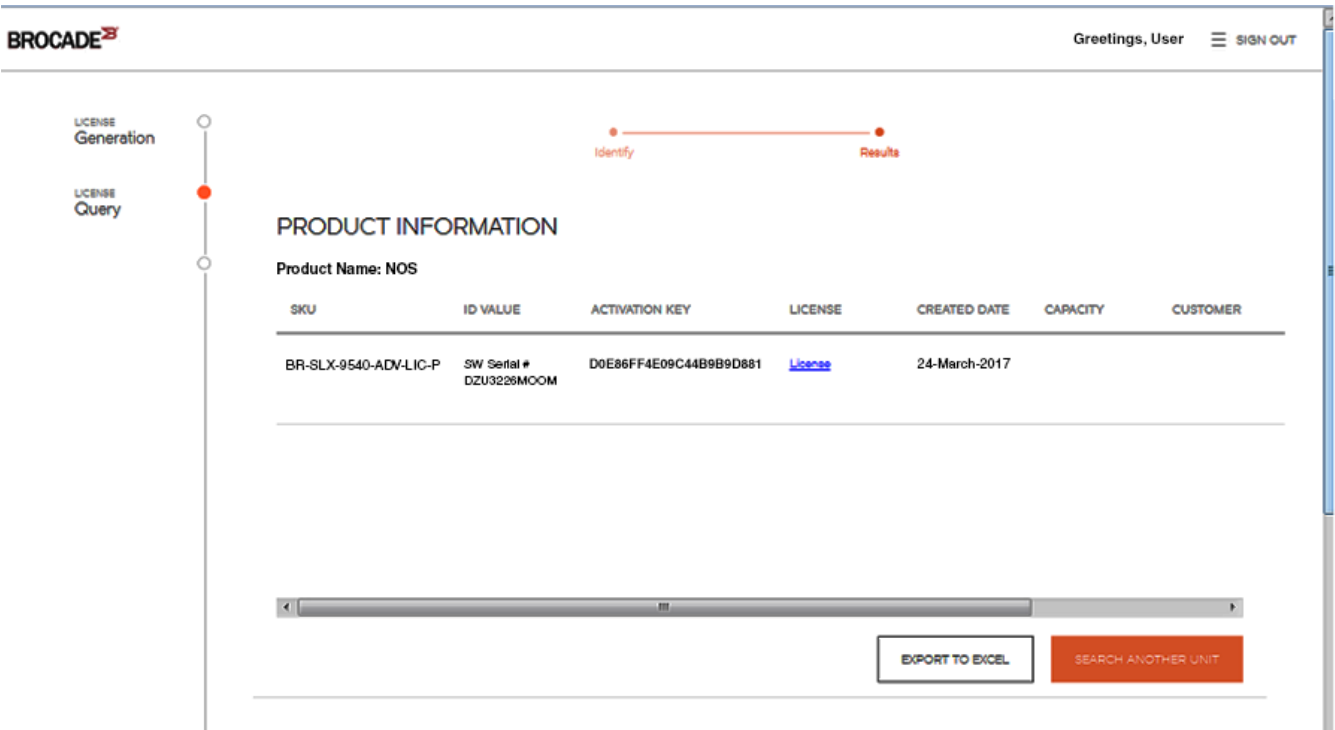


FIGURE 21 License Product Information window

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LICENSE Generation
LICENSE Query

Identify Results

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Name: NOS

SKU	ID VALUE	ACTIVATION KEY	LICENSE	CREATED DATE	CAPACITY	CUSTOMER
BR-SLX-9140-ADV-LIC-P	SW Serial # CBJ00003385	D0E86FF4E09C44B9B9D881	License	09-February-2017		

[EXPORT TO EXCEL](#) [SEARCH ANOTHER UNIT](#)

In the figure, the first row under PRODUCT INFORMATION displays hardware-related information and the second row displays software-related information. If the query is performed before the transaction key is generated, the hardware-related information will not appear as part of the search results. Similarly, if the query is performed before the license is generated, some of the information in the software-related information will not be displayed.

4. Click **more** or **less** in **ID value** to view the License ID.
5. Click the **License** hyperlink to download the license information.
6. Click **Export to Excel** to download the report for sharing or archiving purposes, or Click **Search Another Unit** to query another product.

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This chapter describes the configuration tasks for generating and obtaining a software license and installing the license on the Brocade device.

Configuration tasks

Perform the tasks in the order listed in [Table 2](#) to configure software licensing.

TABLE 2 Configuration tasks for software licensing

Configuration task		Available information
1	Order the desired license.	For a list of available licenses and associated part numbers, refer to Configuration tasks .
2	Retrieve the LID of the Brocade device. If you received the transaction key via paper-pack, record the LID on the entitlement certificate in the space provided.	Viewing the license on page 34
3	Log in to the Brocade software portal to generate and obtain the license file.	Configuration tasks
4	Upload the license file to the Brocade device.	Configuration tasks
5	Verify that the license is installed.	Verifying the license file installation on page 32

Installing a license file

Once you obtain a license file, place it on a TFTP or SCP server to which the Brocade device has access, and then use TFTP or SCP to copy the file to the license database of the Brocade device.

Using TFTP to install a license file

To copy a license file from a TFTP server to the license database of the Brocade device, enter a command such as the following at the privileged EXEC level of the CLI.

```
device# copy tftp license 10.1.1.1 lic.xml
```

Syntax: `copy tftp license IP_addresslicense_filename_on_host`

The *IP_address* variable is the address of the IPv4 TFTP server.

The *license_filename_on_host* is the file name of the license file.

Using Secure Copy to install a license

SSH and Secure Copy (SCP) must be enabled on the Brocade device before the following procedure in this section can be performed.

To copy a license file from an SCP-enabled client to the license database of the Brocade device, enter a command such as the following on the SCP-enabled client.

```
c:\scp c:\license\license101 terry@10.1.1.1:license
```

Syntax: `scp license_file_on_host user @ IP_address :license`

The *license_file_on_host* is the file name of the license file.

The *IP_address variable* is the address of the IPv4 TFTP server.

The *user variable* is the user name.

Verifying the license file installation

Use the **show license** command to verify that the license is installed on the device. Details about this command are in the [Viewing the license database](#) on page 35.

Using a trial license

NOTE

A trial license must be ordered and installed by a Brocade representative.

A trial license enables demonstration and evaluation of a licensed feature and can be valid for a period of up to 45 days. A licensed feature operating under a trial license has the same functionality (CLI and show commands) as does a licensed feature operating under a normal license.

What happens when a trial license expires

A trial license expires when it exceeds the specified expiration time or date. The countdown starts when the trial license is generated. When the license expires, the licensed feature will continue to run as configured until the system is reloaded. When the system is reloaded, the CLI commands related to the licensed feature will no longer be available.

If a second trial license is installed after the first license expires, the second trial license will not be activated if installed before the first license expires.

NOTE

Trial licenses are not cumulative. The new license replaces the current license. To extend the license, you must contact your Brocade representative.

Console, syslog, and trap messages for trial license expiration

Three days prior to the date that a trial license is set to expire, the following warning message will appear daily on the console. Syslog and trap messages will also be generated.

```
SYSLOG: <12>Jan 1 00:00:00 624-top License: Package NI-CES-2024-L3U with LID BCYXXXXXXX expires in 3 days
```

On the day that the license will expire, a warning message will appear every two hours.

SYSLOG: <12>Jan 1 00:00:00 624-top License: Package NI-CES-2024-L3U with LID BCYXXXXXXXXX expires in 4 hours

When the license has expired, the following message will appear on the console. Syslog and trap messages will also be generated.

```
SYSLOG: <13>Jan 1 00:00:00 624-top License: NI-CES-2024-L3U with LID BCYXXXXXXXXX has expired
```

Renewing or extending a trial license

A trial license can be extended once by another trial license of the same type, or by a normal license of the same type. To avoid any interruptions to the network, obtain and install the second trial license before the first license expires. When extended by another trial license, the duration is not cumulative. The countdown starts when the trial license is generated.

To extend the license, you must contact your Brocade representative.

NOTE

The start and end date of each trial license is predefined, based on the date and time it is generated.

Deleting a license

A license will remain in the license database until it is deleted. If you want to delete a license, Brocade recommends that you first disable the licensed feature before deleting the associated license.

To delete a license, enter a command such as the following at the privileged EXEC level of the CLI.

```
device# license delete 1
```

The **license delete** command immediately removes the license from the license database. The CLI commands related to the licensed feature will no longer be available from the CLI. The licensed feature will continue to run as configured until the software is reloaded, at which time the feature will be disabled and removed from the system. Syslog and trap messages are generated when the license is deleted.

Syntax: **license delete** *index_number*

The *index_number* is a valid license index number. This information can be retrieved from the **show license** command output.

Transferring a license

A license can be transferred between Brocade devices if the following conditions are true:

- The device is under an active support contract.
- The license is being transferred between two similar models (for example, from a 24-port model to another 24-port model or from a 48-port model to another 48-port model).

NOTE

A license transfer is intended for retrieving licenses from defective units. The licenses are removed from the defective unit in the database and the unit is flagged as removed from service.

NOTE

Transferring a license is only available within Brocade, and externally for designated partners with specific accounts in the Brocade software portal. Contact your Brocade representative for more information.

Special replacement instructions for legacy devices

A legacy device refers to a Brocade device that was shipped prior to the introduction of software-based licensing, has an EEPROM installed, and is running a software version prior to the Multi-Service IronWare 05.0.00 release.

For Brocade legacy devices in need of replacement (via a Return Merchandise Agreement (RMA)), the following actions must be taken:

- If the replacement device will be upgraded to a software release that supports software-based licensing, registration of the replacement device is required after the software is upgraded.
- If the replacement device will be using a software release that does *not* support software-based licensing, follow these instructions:
 1. Prior to shipping the device in need of replacement back to the factory, remove the EEPROM from the device. To remove the EEPROM, follow the instructions in the appropriate hardware installation guide or in the instructions that shipped with the EEPROM.
 2. After removing the EEPROM, store it in a safe place.
 3. When the replacement device is received from the factory, install the same EEPROM in the device. To do so, follow the instructions that shipped with the EEPROM.

Viewing information about software licenses

The show commands associated with software licensing are issued on the Brocade device, at any level of the CLI.

NOTE

You can also view information about software licenses from the Brocade software portal. Refer to [Viewing information about software licenses](#).

Viewing the license

Brocade devices that ship during and after the release of software licensing will have the license ID (LID) imprinted on the label affixed to the device. You can use the **show version** command as well to view the LID on these devices, and on devices that shipped before the release of software licensing.

Use the **show version** command to display the serial number, license, and LID of the device. The following example output shows a CES unit with the RT_SCALE and ADV_SVCS_PREM licenses.

```
device#show version
System: NetIron CER (Serial #: K40533F00H, Part #: 40-1000372-04)
License: RT_SCALE, ADV_SVCS_PREM (LID: BCYXXXXXXXX)
Boot : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from code flash
IronWare : Version 5.3.0T183 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Jan 20 2012 at 18:56:08 labeled as ce05300
(14385657 bytes) from Primary
CPLD Version: 0x00000010
Micro-Controller Version: 0x0000000d
Extended route scalability
PBIIF Version: 0x56
800 MHz Power PC processor 8544 (version 8021/0022) 400 MHz bus
```

```
512 KB Boot Flash (AM29LV040B), 64 MB Code Flash (MT28F256J3)
2048 MB DRAM
```

Viewing license information for line card modules

Brocade supports licensing for the following line card modules. With these licenses, the user can upgrade the MLXe 20x1G (-M) and MLXe 20x1G (-X2) module to the 1G/10G (combo) module, BR-MLX-10Gx20 20-port 1/10GbE.

The following example output displays the line card module with the 20x10G-1G-AND-10G-MODE license installed.

```
device#show version slot 3
=====
SL 1: BR-MLX-10Gx20 20-port 1/10GbE Module (Serial #: CWB0306K013, Part #: 60-1003017-01)
License: 20x10G-1G-AND-10G-MODE, 20x10G-WITH-1G-MODE-ONLY (LID: eydFIJLmFFr)
Boot : Version 5.7.0T175 Copyright (c) 1996-2014 Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.
Compiled on May 5 2014 at 10:42:40 labeled as xmlprm05700
(447073 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor : Version 5.7.0T175 Copyright (c) 1996-2014 Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.
Compiled on May 5 2014 at 10:43:08 labeled as xmlb05700
(564163 bytes) from code flash
IronWare : Version 5.7.0pT177 Copyright (c) 1996-2014 Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Sep 30 2014 at 16:05:44 labeled as xmlp05700p021
(7801298 bytes) from Primary
FPGA versions:
Valid PBIF Version = 2.01, Build Time = 7/16/2014 9:13:00

Valid XPP Version = 2.01, Build Time = 6/20/2014 21:37:00

MACXPP100G 0
MACXPP100G 1
1199 MHz MPC 8541 (version 8021/1051) 599 MHz bus
512 KB Boot Flash (MX29LV040C), 66846720 Bytes (~63 MB) Code Flash (MT28F256J3)
2048 MB DRAM, 8 KB SRAM, 286331153 Bytes (~273 MB) BRAM
LP Slot 1 uptime is 1 hours 10 minutes 43 seconds
=====
All show version done
```

Viewing the license database

To display general information about all software licenses in the license database, use the **show license** command.

To display detailed information about a particular license, use the **show license index_number** command.

The following example output displays a Brocade MLXe unit with the 20x10G-1G-AND-10G-MODE license installed on the BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-X2 module.

```
device#show license
Index Package Name          Lid      Slot  License Type  Status  License Period
1      20x10G-WITH-1G-MODE-ONLY eydFIJLmFFr S3     normal      active  unlimited
2      20x10G-1G-AND-10G-MODE  eydFIJLmFFr S3     normal      active  unlimited
3      20x10GbE-X2-Scaling-UPG   eydFIJLmFFr S3     normal      active  unlimited
```

Syntax: **show license** [*index_number*]

[Table 3](#) describes the information displayed by the **show license** command.

TABLE 3 Output from the show license command

Field	Description
Index	The license hash number that uniquely identifies the license.
+package name	The package name for the license.
+lid	The license ID. This number is embedded in the Brocade device.
Slot	Indicates that the license is active in the specified slot for the line card.
+license type	Indicates whether the license is normal (permanent) or trial (temporary).

TABLE 3 Output from the show license command (continued)

Field	Description
+status	Indicates the status of the license: • Valid - A license is valid when the LID matches the serial number of the device for which the license was purchased, and the package name is recognized by the system. • Active - The license is valid and in effect on the device. • Not used - The license is not in effect on the device. • Expired - For trial licenses only, this indicates that the trial license has expired.
+license period	If the license type is trial (temporary), this field will display the number of days the license is valid. If the license type is normal (permanent), this field will display "unlimited".
Trial license information	
The following details display in the output of the show license/index_number command.	
+ days used	The number of days the trial license has been in effect.
+ hours used	The number of hours the trial license has been in effect.
+ days left	The number of days left before the trial license expires.
+ hours left	The number of hours left before the trial license expires.

Viewing active packages installed in the device

Use the show version command to view the active packages that are currently installed in the device.

NOTE

The active package name is not the same as the license name.

Table 4 lists the supported software packages.

TABLE 4 Software packages

Product	Software package name	License needed?
NetIron CES	NetIron CES 2000 Series BASE	No
	NetIron CES 2000 Series ME_PREM	Yes
	NetIron CES 2000 Series L3_PREM	Yes
NetIron CER	CER 2000 Series BASE	No
	CER 2000 Series ADV_SVCS_PREM	Yes

NetIron licensed features and part numbers

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Brocade NetIron CES Series and the Brocade NetIron CER Series devices licensed features and part numbers

The following table lists the supported licensed features, associated image filenames, and related part numbers for the Brocade NetIron CES Series and the Brocade NetIron CER Series devices.

NOTE
There are no changes to the part numbers for products with pre-installed (factory-installed) licenses. These part numbers are listed for reference in the last column of the following tables.

TABLE 5 Licensed features and part numbers for the NetIron CES devices

Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
EPREM Metro Edge Premium (Metro Edge Premium License) • All Classic Layer 2 capabilities • Base Layer 3 (RIP and static routes) • QoS and ACLs • Management via SNMP and CLI • IP over MPLS (IGP shortcuts) • GRE • Policy Based Routing (PBR) • Provider Bridges (IEEE 802.1ad) • Provider Backbone Bridges (IEEE 802.1ah) • In-band management for PB/PBB network • OSPF and ISIS • Connectivity Fault Management (IEEE 802.1ag) and Service OAM • Ethernet Service Instance (ESI) framework • Multi-VRF • MPLS (VPLS, VLL)	cer05700.bin	24 ports: NI-CES-2024-MEU	• NI-CES-2024F-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2024F-MEPREM-DC • NI-CES-2024C-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2024C-MEPREM-DC • NI-CES-2024FX-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2024FX-MEPREM-DC • NI-CES-2024CX-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2024CX-MEPREM-DC
		48 ports: NI-CES-2048-MEU	• NI-CES-2048F-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2048F-MEPREM-DC • NI-CES-2048C-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2048C-MEPREM-DC

TABLE 5 Licensed features and part numbers for the NetIron CES devices (continued)

• 802.3ah Link OAM • Static IPv6 • RIPng • OSPFv3 • IS-ISv6			• NI-CES-2048FX-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2048FX-MEPREM-DC • NI-CES-2048CX-MEPREM-AC • NI-CES-2048CX-MEPREM-DC
EPREM L3_PREM (Layer 3 Premium License) • All Classic Layer 2 capabilities • Base Layer 3 (RIP and static routes) • QoS and ACLs • Management via SNMP and CLI • Full Layer 3 capabilities, including OSPF, ISIS, and BGP • Multi-VRF • Static IPv6 • RIPng • IS-ISv3 • OSPFv3 • BGP shortcuts (requires L3_PREM and ME_PREM) • GRE • Policy Based Routing (PBR)	cer05700.bin	24 ports: NI-CES-2024-L3U	• NI-CES-2024F-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2024F-L3PREM-DC • NI-CES-2024C-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2024C-L3PREM-DC • NI-CES-2024FX-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2024FX-L3PREM-DC • NI-CES-2024CX-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2024CX-L3PREM-DC
		48 ports: NI-CES-2048-L3U	• NI-CES-2048F-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2048F-L3PREM-DC • NI-CES-2048C-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2048C-L3PREM-DC • NI-CES-2048FX-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2048FX-L3PREM-DC • NI-CES-2048CX-L3PREM-AC • NI-CES-2048CX-L3PREM-DC

TABLE 6 Licensed features and part numbers for the NetIron CER devices

Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
Advanced Services Premium: • All base features • Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) • Layer 2 VPNs using VPLS and VLLs • Provider Bridges (IEEE 802.1ad) • Provider Backbone Bridges (IEEE 802.1ah)	cer05700.bin	24 ports: NI-CER-2024-ADV	• NI-CER-2024F-ADVPREM-AC • NI-CER-2024F-ADVPREM-DC • NI-CER-2024C-ADVPREM-AC • NI-CER-2024C-ADVPREM-DC • NI-CER-2024FX-ADVPREM-AC

TABLE 6 Licensed features and part numbers for the NetIron CER devices (continued)

- Connectivity Fault Management (IEEE 802.1ag) and Service OAM - Ethernet Service Instance (ESI) framework			- NI-CER-2024FX-ADVPREM-DC - NI-CER-2024CX-ADVPREM-AC - NI-CER-2024CX-ADVPREM-DC
		48 ports: NI-CER-2048-ADV	- NI-CER-2048F-ADVPREM-AC - NI-CER-2048F-ADVPREM-DC - NI-CER-2048C-ADVPREM-AC - NI-CER-2048C-ADVPREM-DC - NI-CER-2048FX-ADVPREM-AC - NI-CER-2048FX-ADVPREM-DC - NI-CER-2048CX-ADVPREM-AC - NI-CER-2048CX-ADVPREM-DC
CER-RT: Adds additional memory to support larger routing tables. - IPv4: 1.5M - IPv6: 256K - IPv4+IPv6 simultaneously: 1.45M+256K	cer05700.bin	IP_ROUTE_SCALE	- NI-CER-2024F-RT-AC - NI-CER-2024F-RT-DC - NI-CER-2024C-RT-AC - NI-CER-2024C-RT-DC - NI-CER-2024FX-RT-AC - NI-CER-2024FX-RT-DC - NI-CER-2024CX-RT-AC - NI-CER-2024CX-RT-DC - NI-CER-2048F-RT-AC - NI-CER-2048F-RT-DC - NI-CER-2048C-RT-AC - NI-CER-2048C-RT-DC - NI-CER-2048FX-RT-AC - NI-CER-2048FX-RT-DC - NI-CER-2048CX-RT-AC - NI-CER-2048CX-RT-DC

Brocade MLX Series devices licensed features and part numbers

The following table lists the supported licensed features, associated image filenames, and related part numbers for the Brocade NetIron MLX Series devices.

TABLE 7 Brocade MLX Series and Netlon routers

Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
10x4G license upgrade (Netlon MLX and Brocade MLXe): 4-port 10-GbE (X) module with IPv4/IPv6/MPLS hardware support - requires XFP optics. Supports 1 million IPv4 routes.	xgmacsp2_05600.bin	BR-MLX-10GX4-XUPG	BR-MLX-10GX4-X
100 GbE second port license upgrade: Brocade MLX Series 100 GbE second port license upgrade — requires CFP optics.	xpp2x100_05600.bin	BR-MLX-100GX1-2PUPG	BR-MLX-100Gx2-X
License upgrade to 10-GbE for the 1-GbE (M) module (Brocade MLXe). To upgrade from 1-GbE to 10-GbE, purchase license: BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-MUPG. The BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-MUPG license is displayed on the CLI with package name 20x10G-1G-AND-10G-MODE. MLXe 20-port 1-GbE (M) combo license upgrade support from 1-GbE to 10-GbE mode.	xpp20x10g3_05700.bin	BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-MUPG	
License upgrade to 10-GbE for the 1-GbE (X2) module (Brocade MLXe). Purchase license: BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-X2UPG The BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-X2UPG license is displayed on the CLI with 3 package names: 20x10GbE-X2-Scaling-UPG, 20x10G-WITH-1G-MODE-ONLY, and 20x10G-1G-AND-10G-MODE. MLXe 20-port 1-GbE (X2) combo license upgrade support from 1-GbE to 10-GbE mode.	xpp20x10g3_05700.bin	BR-MLX-1GX20-U10G-X2UPG	
10x10-X2 license (Brocade MLXe) Purchase license: 10x10G-X2-MODE 10-port GbE/1GbE (X2) SFP+ and SFP combo module. Supports 2 million IPv4 and 8 million IPv6 routes in			BR-MLX-10GX10-X2

TABLE 7 Brocade MLX Series and NetIron routers (continued)

Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
hardware. MACSEC enabled. No trial licenses available. Ungradable from 10-port GbE to 20-port GbE using additional software license.			
10x10-X2 license upgrade from 10-GbE(X2) to 20-GbE port (Brocade MLXe) To upgrade from 10-GbE to 20-GbE port, purchase license: 10x10G-20PUPG 10-port GbE/1GbE (X2) SFP+ and SFP combo module ungradable to 20-port GbE. Supports 2 million IPv4 and 8 million IPv6 routes in hardware. MACSEC enabled.		BR-MLX-10GX10-20PUPG	
24x1G Copper license upgrade: Enables 24-port 1Gbps copper module for wire-speed performance	pbifmrj_05600.bin xppmrj_05600.bin statsmrj_05600.bin	BR-MLX-1GX24-XUPG	BR-MLX-1GCx24-X
24x1G Fiber license upgrade: Enables 24-port 1Gbps fiber module for wire-speed performance.	pbifmrj_05600.bin xppmrj_05600.bin statsmrj_05600.bin	BR-MLX-1GX24-XUPG	BR-MLX-1GFx24-X

Troubleshooting

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This appendix contains information about specific system log messages that you may find useful when you perform your Multi-Service IronWare software licensing.

Syslog messages

The table below lists the syslog messages supported for software-based licensing.

Message	License: Package <i><package_name></i> with LID <i><LID_number></i> is added
Explanation	Indicates that the license package has been added.
Message Level	Informational
Message	License: Package <i><package_name></i> with LID <i><LID_number></i> is removed
Explanation	Indicates that the license package has been deleted.
Message Level	Informational
Message	License: Package <i><package_name></i> with LID <i><LID_number></i> expires in <i><number></i> days
Explanation	The trial license is about to expire. This message will begin to display 3 days before the expiration date, and every day until the license will expire.
Message Level	Warning
Message	License: Package <i><package_name></i> with LID <i><LID_number></i> expires in <i><number></i> hours
Explanation	The trial license is about to expire. This message will begin to display every 2 hours on the last day that the license will expire.
Message Level	Warning
Message	License: Package <i><package_name></i> with LID <i><LID_number></i> has expired
Explanation	The trial license has expired.
Message Level	Notification