

Adobe® Desktop Product License Renewals - Serial Number

JELA3 Renewal Steps - Serial Number (SN)



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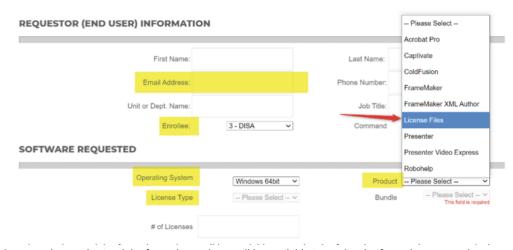


Creating a License-only package

Requesting a license-only package from Carahsoft

Users designated as a Trusted Agent with access to Carahsoft Download Portal can download license only files from Carahsoft.

- 1. Go to: https://adobe.carahsoft.com/JELA/
- 2. Users are authenticated by their email address as a Trusted Agent
- 3. Fill out the form and for Product type Select License File and for Type of License select the appropriate Product and License

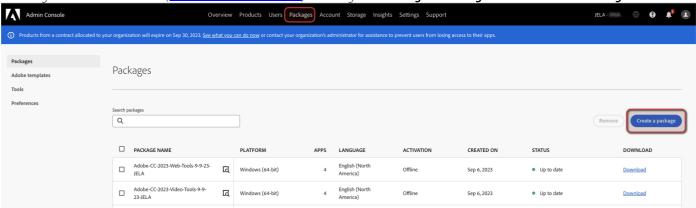


Once you have submitted the form, the package will be available immediately. If you do not see what you need, please contact your Adobe or Carahsoft representative.

Building a license-only package using the Adobe Admin Console

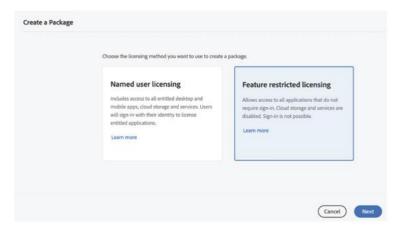
Below are the basic steps to build a license-only package and deploy to a computer using the Adobe Admin Console. Packages can be installed on individual computers, imaged to new hard drives, or installed from an organization's SCCM system.

Log in to the Admin Console (adminconsole.adobe.com) and navigate to Packages > Packages and click Create a Package



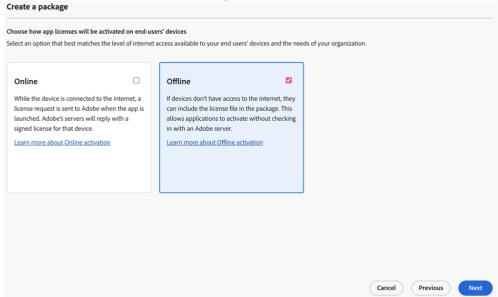
The history of all packages created by all admins in your organization is displayed.

2. Choose Feature Restricted Licensing, click Next.



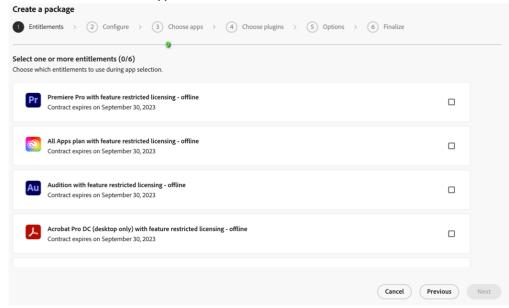


3. On the **Activation Method** screen, choose your activation method and click **Next**.



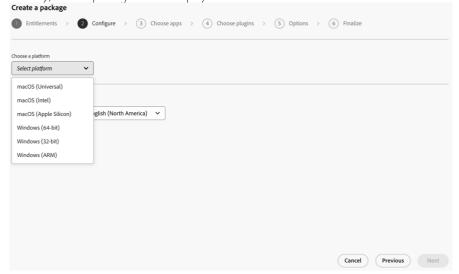
4. On the **Entitlements** screen, choose the required entitlement and click **Next**.

Note: Remember that the entitlement is what you pay for. Under JELA 3 everyone has access to Acrobat, but the Creative Cloud and Print and Publishing products are a separate purchase. If you have purchased only a single Creative Cloud product, such as Photoshop or Premiere Pro, then choose the **Single App Entitlement** (as shown below). If you have purchased the full suite, then choose the Creative Cloud **All-Apps Plan**.



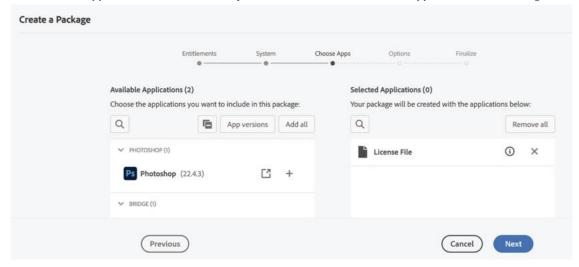
5. On the **System** screen, select the required options and then click **Next**.

Note: It's necessary to create separate packages for 32-bit and 64-bit installations. A 32-bit package can't be deployed on a 64-bit machine. Similarly, a 64-bit package can't be deployed on a 32-bit machine.





6. On the **Choose Apps** screen, make sure that **only** the **License File** is in the **Selected Applications** box on the right. Click **Next**.

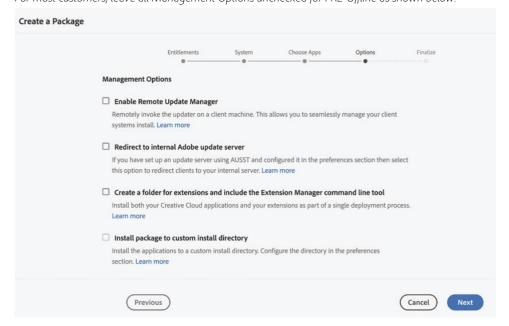


Note: If you wish to build an Application+License package, you may add in the desired applications to the Selected Applications box, and that will allow you install the latest version of the applications, however, that will create a much larger build package. A License Only package is around 5mb; an Application+License package starts around 1GB and increases to 15GB depending on the number of applications you add to the package. Adobe recommends separating out your application and license packages.

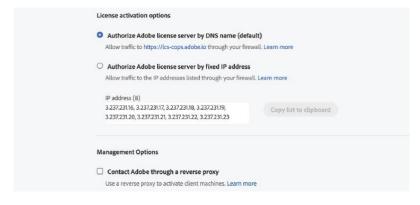
7. On the **Options** screen, select the required options (typically blank for offline deployments) and then click **Next**. **Notes**: Create a folder for extensions and include the Adobe Extension Manager command-line tool: Enables you to create a subfolder in your package folder. In this folder, include extensions that you want to install with the package. For more information, see Manage Extensions in packages.

Install package to custom install directory: Enables you to install the apps in this package to a custom install directory. The directory is defined in the Packages > Preferences tab in the Admin Console. For more information, see the Preferences.

For most customers, leave all Management Options unchecked for FRL-Offline as shown below:



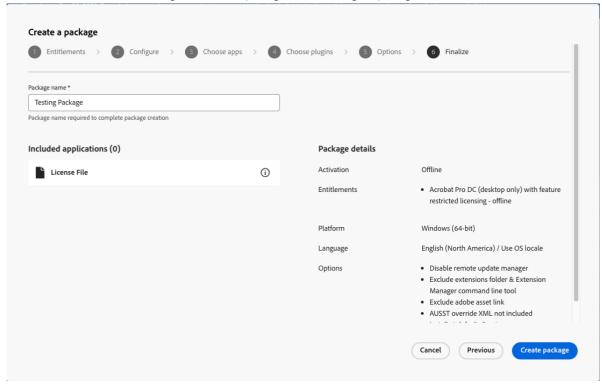
For customers using FRL-Online, there are several options that you will need to check, especially the IP address or DNS name of the Reverse Proxy that you wish FRL-Online to traverse to obtain the license certificates. These are explained <a href="https://example.com/here-examp





8. On the final screen, enter the name of the package and click Create Package

Note: You can also review the configuration for this package before building the package.



The build status of the package is displayed in the Status column on the Packages page.

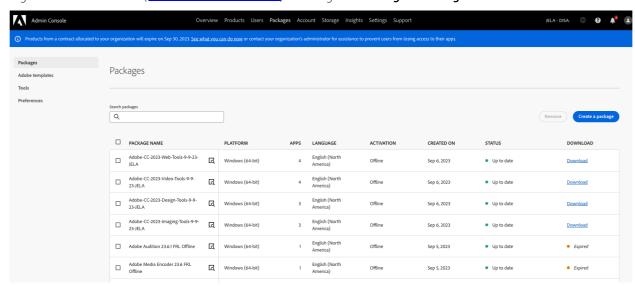
If the package is built successfully, it will attempt to download to the admin's desktop and displays the Download link in the Availability column.

A package is available in the Admin Console for up to three days. To check the time remaining to download the package, click the row item for the package. It displays the package details.

If you are creating macOS packages, the Adobe Package Downloader is downloaded to your computer. Open and run to complete download of package. For further details, see Adobe Package Downloader.

To download and distribute a previously built package

1. Log in to the Admin Console (adminconsole.adobe.com) and navigate to Packages > Packages



2. Select the package you wish to download a click **Download**



Note: Packages are only available for 3 days. If the License-Only package was built more than three days previously, you will need to create the package again.



Build an Application+License package

If you wish to add an application to the renewal license, you will be building an Application+License package.

Requesting an Application+License package from Carahsoft

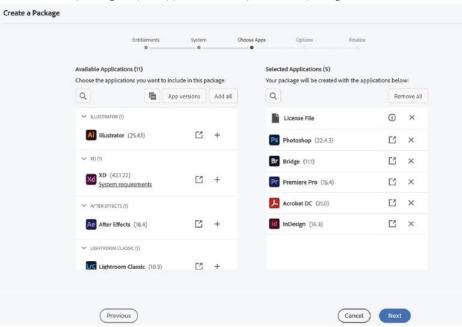
If you are a trusted agent and are using Carahsoft, then choose the appropriate bundle in the form as shown in <u>Building the license-only package using Carahsoft</u> and ensure that you are *not* choosing the license only package. Choose one of the other package options that includes the license, or talk to your Carahsoft/Adobe representative to request something unique.

Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an email with a direct download link.

Building an Application+License package in the Adobe Admin Console

Follow the steps as shown in <u>Building a license-only package using the Adobe Admin Console</u>, but in <u>Step 6</u>, add in the desired applications to the **Selected Applications** box, as shown in the image below, and that will allow you install the latest version of the applications. Complete the rest of the steps as described.

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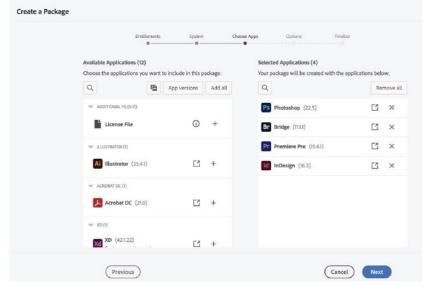
If you wish to update the desktop application without changing the license, you will be building an Application-only package.

Requesting an Application-only package from Carahsoft

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Building an Application-only package in the Adobe Admin Console

If you are building the package using the Adobe Admin Console, as shown in <u>Building a license-only package using the Adobe Admin Console</u>, then follow the steps, but in <u>Step 6</u>, add in the desired applications to the **Selected Applications** box, remove the **License File** from the **Selected Applications** as shown below. Complete the rest of the steps as described.





Deploy Application Packages to Standalone Network

Deploying

After you create the FRL package you have incorporated into your software deployment process.

- Install by double-clicking the package file. See this document for details.
- Use third-party tools.
- Deploy using command line on Windows computers.

Further information

More details can be found at:

https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/using/create-frl-packages.html

https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/kb/adobe-package-downloader.html

https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/package/help/deploying-packages.html

https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/package/help/deploying-packages-

sccm.html https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/package/help/deploying-

packages-ard.html

FRL-Online

Install an FRL-Online license

You install and FRL-Online license by running a script from the Adobe-Licensing-Toolkit that comes in a License-Only Package against the included .json file that is also included in the License-Only Package. The image below is a screenshot of a downloaded License-Only Package showing the Adobe-Licensing-Toolkit script executable as well as the license .json file. The .json files are always named ngl-preconditioning- data.json



Scripts

The script to install a license is found in the Adobe Licensing Toolkit that is downloaded with a License-Only Package as noted above. FOR WINDOWS:

adobe-licensing-toolkit.exe --precondition --install --filePath <absolute path of the .json file>

adobe-licensing-toolkit.exe -p -i -f <absolute path of the .json file>

FOR MACOS:

sudo ./adobe-licensing-toolkit --precondition --install --filePath <absolute path of the .json file> Short form:

sudo ./adobe-licensing-toolkit -p -i -f <absolute path of the .json file>

Steps

1. On the computer, check that there is not already an active license.

To do this, open the Licensing Toolkit script and check by performing an "adobe-licensing-toolkit -l" that's a lowercase "L" at the end – call to determine if the licenses are deployed.



The script should return **Operation Successfully Completed** and there should be no licenses shown as in the image above. Note: If there are licenses shown that should not be there, perform the steps in **Remove an FRL-Online license** below first.

2. Run the Install License script and point to the .json file from above: adobe-licensing-toolkit -p -i -f <absolute path of the .json file>

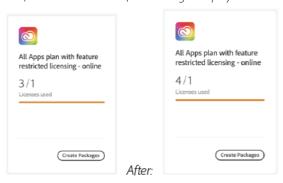


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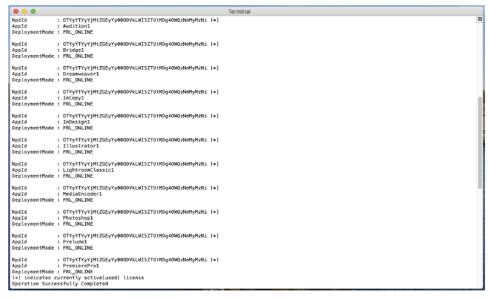
Before:

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3. The reported number of FRL-Online licenses in the Admin Console will increment. So, if you open your Admin Console and look at the FRL License, the number on the left will have gone up by 1



4. Check that the licenses were added adobe-licensing-toolkit -I



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Terminal

IFRL-Mac:~ geoff$ sudo ./adobe-licensing-toolkit -l

Adobe Licensing Toolkit (1.1.0.98)
License Details

Operation Successfully Completed

FRL-Mac:~ geoff$
```

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2. Run the Install License script and point to the .json file from above: adobe-licensing-toolkit -p -i -f <absolute path of the .json file>

```
Terminal

[FRL-Mac:~ geoff$ sudo ./adobe-licensing-toolkit -p -i -f ./ngl-preconditioning-data.json ]
Adobe Licensing Toolkit (1.1.0.98)
Operation Successfully Completed
FRL-Mac:~ geoff$
```

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```
Terminal
DeploymentMode : FRL_OFFLINE
CacheExpiry : Sun Mar 13 04:00:01 2022 EDT
LicenseId : 210EFCF65C38AE0ECBEA
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NpdId
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NpdId
                      LightroomClassic1
FRL_OFFLINE
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                    : MediaEncoder1
: FRL_OFFLINE
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NpdId
                    : MGNjZTYzM2MtMWQ5Ni00Y2IzLTq3ZjUtNWQyZDU4MzQ5NjQ5 (*)
AppId : CharacterAnimator1
DeploymentMode : FRL_OFFLINE
                      Sun Mar 13 04:00:01 2022 EDT
CacheExpiry
LicenseId
                      210FFCF65C38AF0FCBFA
Licenseld : ZIGETCHSSL38AEBELBEA
LicenseExpiry : Sun Mar 13 04:00:01 2022 EDT
(*) indicates currently active(used) license
Operation Successfully Completed
FRL-Mac:~ geoff$ ||
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Note that for FRL-Offline the **LicenseExpiry** Expiration date is included in the output so that you can determine when the applications will stop working. Again, the **LicenseExpiry** is the "drop dead" date, which means the application will stop working after this date.



Appendix

Latest Application releases

Subscribe to application update notifications

As an Admin in the Adobe Admin Console, you can subscribe to an email where you are informed weekly of application updates. This is documented here: https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/using/update-overview.html

To enable email updates:

- 1. In the Admin Console, choose Packages > Preferences.
- 2. To enable notifications, select the check box in the Notifications section.

Note: If you have downloaded a pre-created package, then the Packages page shows you the updates that are available for the applications in your package. For details, see <u>Manage packages</u>.

Release notes

The latest features in the desktop applications are described below.

Note: **GREEN** text means the application is available for both Named User and FRL deployments. **RED** text means the application is only available for Named User deployments.

Creative Cloud Desktop App cation (CCDA):	oli-https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/kb/ccda-teams-enterprise-release-notes.html
Photoshop:	https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/using/whats-new.html
Acrobat Pro:	https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/release-note/release-notes-acrobat-reader.html
Illustrator:	https://helpx.adobe.com/illustrator/release-notes.html
InDesign:	https://helpx.adobe.com/indesign/release-notes.html
Premiere Pro:	https://helpx.adobe.com/premiere-pro/release-note/release-notes-premiere-pro.html
After Effects:	https://helpx.adobe.com/after-effects/release-note/release-notes-after-effects.html
XD:	https://helpx.adobe.com/xd/help/whats-new.html
Dreamweaver:	https://helpx.adobe.com/dreamweaver/release-notes.html
Animate (Flash Pro):	https://helpx.adobe.com/animate/release-notes.html
Prelude:	https://helpx.adobe.com/prelude/release-note/release-notes-prelude.html
Bridge:	https://helpx.adobe.com/bridge/bridge-releasenotes.html
Lightroom Classic:	https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/help/whats-new.html
Lightroom:	https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-cc/using/whats-new.html
Audition:	https://helpx.adobe.com/audition/audition-releasenotes.html
InCopy:	https://helpx.adobe.com/incopy/release-note/incopy-cc-release-notes.html
Character Animator:	https://helpx.adobe.com/adobe-character-animator/release-notes.html
Rush (Premiere Rush):	https://helpx.adobe.com/premiere-rush/release-notes/release-notes-premiere-rush.html
Media Encoder:	https://helpx.adobe.com/media-encoder/release-notes.html
Substance by Adobe:	Painter: https://substance3d.adobe.com/documentation/spdoc/release-notes-
	156565522.html Designer: https://substance3d.adobe.com/documentation/sddoc/release-
	notes-180191967.html Sampler: https://substance3d.adobe.com/documentation/sadoc/all-
Fresco:	https://helpx.adobe.com/fresco/using/whats-new.html
	changes-188973140.html
Aero:	https://helpx.adobe.com/aero/using/whats-new.html
Dimension:	https://helpx.adobe.com/dimension/using/whats-new.html
Adobe Express	https://helpx.adobe.com/express/using/whats-new.html https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/kb/single-app-products-list.html
Single Apps Plan	https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/using/single-app.html
CC Product Matrix (N, N-1, N-2)	https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/kb/apps-deployed-without-base-versions.html
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