# ADOBE FLASH MEDIA SERVER

**INSTALLATION GUIDE** 



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# Chapter 1: Before you begin

## **Overview of Flash Media Server**

Adobe\* Flash\* Media Server provides streaming media capabilities and a scripting engine that enable you to create and deliver a wide range of interactive media applications. Use Adobe Flash Media Streaming Server to create traditional media delivery applications, such as video on demand, live web event broadcasts, and audio streaming. Use Adobe Flash Media Interactive Server to deliver communication applications like video blogging, video messaging, and multimedia chat environments. Flash Media Server is part of Adobe's complete solution for database connectivity, directory systems, presence services, and audio and video delivery to Adobe Flash Player or Adobe AIR.

## **About the documentation**

All documents are available in LiveDocs and PDF formats. Some documents are available for installation in the Flash help panel.

Flash Media Server includes the following documentation:

- This manual, *Adobe Flash Media Server Installation Guide*, describes system requirements, server editions, and installation profiles, and explains how to install the server as either an origin or an edge server.
- Adobe Flash Media Server Technical Overview describes the server architecture, including new features, the client-server relationship, edge servers, and security features.
- Adobe Flash Media Server Configuration and Administration Guide describes how to deploy, configure, and tune the server, how to use the Administration Console to monitor the server, and how to use the Administration application programming interface (API) to monitor and configure the server.
- Adobe Flash Media Server Developer Guide explains how to set up your development environment. It also describes how to use the Flash authoring environment, the Adobe Flex authoring environment, and the Flash Media Server API to create media applications.
- *Adobe Flash Media Interactive Server Plug-in Developer Guide* documents how to create Access, Authorization, and File plug-ins in C++ that extend the capabilities of the server.
- ActionScript 3.0 Language and Components Reference documents ActionScript™ 3.0, which you can use to create client-side functionality. This document is part of the Flash or Flex documentation set, depending on which authoring tool you use.
- Adobe Flash Media Server ActionScript 2.0 Language Reference documents the version 2.0 ActionScript you can use to create client-side functionality. This document contains additional APIs and information about calling Flash Media Server resources from a Flash Player client. You may also need to use the Flash ActionScript documentation to create Flash Media Server client applications.
- Server-Side ActionScript Language Reference for Adobe Flash Media Interactive Server documents the Server-Side ActionScript you can use to write scripts on the server. Server-Side ActionScript is JavaScript 1.5 with additional classes that work only in the Flash Media Server host environment.
- Adobe Flash Media Server Administration API Reference documents the ActionScript API you can use to make your own administration and monitoring tools.

Adobe Flash Media Interactive Server Plug-in API Reference documents the C++ API you use to create plug-ins.

## Support

You may want to explore these other sources of support for Flash Media Server:

- The Flash Media Server Support Center at www.adobe.com/go/flashmediaserver\_support\_en provides TechNotes and up-to-date information about Flash Media Server.
- The Flash Media Server DevNet site at www.adobe.com/go/flashmediaserver\_desdev\_en provides tips and samples for creating Flash Media Server applications.
- The Flash Media Server Online Forum at www.adobe.com/go/flashmediaserver\_forum\_en provides a place for you to chat with other Flash Media Server users.
- For late-breaking information and a complete list of issues that are still outstanding, read the Flash Media Server release notes at www.adobe.com/go/flashmediaserver\_releasenotes\_en.

## **Third-party resources**

Adobe recommends several websites with links to third-party resources on Flash Media Server, including the following:

- Adobe Flash Media Server community sites
- Adobe Flash Media Server books
- Object-oriented programming concepts

You can access these websites at www.adobe.com/go/flashmediaserver\_resources\_en.

## **Typographical conventions**

The following typographical conventions are used in this manual:

- Code font indicates ActionScript statements, HTML tag and attribute names, and literal text used in examples.
- Italic indicates placeholder elements in code or paths. For example, attachAudio (source) means that you should specify your own value for source; /settings/myPrinter/ means that you should specify your own location for myPrinter.
- · Directory paths are written with forward slashes (/). If you are running Flash Media Server on a Windows operating system, replace the forward slashes with backslashes. When a path is specific to the Windows operating system, backslashes (\) are used.

# **Chapter 2: Installing the server**

To install Adobe Flash Media Interactive Server 3, Adobe Flash Media Streaming Server 3, or Adobe Flash Media Development Server 3, review the system requirements, back up existing data, and run the installer.

Note: For information about differences between server editions, see Server editions in the Technical Overview.

## **System requirements**

For the most up-to-date requirements, see http://www.adobe.com/go/learn\_fms\_sysreqs\_en.

*Note:* When CPU usage of the server is above 80%, quality of service cannot be guaranteed.

## **Preparing to install**

#### **Designing a deployment**

A Flash Media Server deployment can be as simple as one computer or as complex as multiple clusters of edge servers and origin servers with authentication and content storage performed on separate computers. For information about designing a deployment, see the *Technical Overview*.

You must run the installer on each computer on which you want to run Flash Media Server. After running the installer, you can configure the server to run as an origin server or an edge server.

#### License files and serial numbers

Before running the installer, verify that you have a license file or a serial number. You can either use a license file or a serial number; you can't use both.

*Note:* The terms serial number and serial key have the same meaning.

If you have a serial number, you'll be asked to enter it during installation. If you have a license (LIC) file, after running the installer, place it in the *RootInstall*/licenses folder and restart the server.

If you don't enter a serial number during installation, Flash Media Development Server installs. You can enter a serial number after installation to upgrade to Flash Media Streaming Server or Flash Media Interactive Server. You can enter a serial number in the fms.ini file (located in the *RootInstall*/conf folder), in the Administration Console, or run the installer and choose to update the serial number.

If you require different or additional serial numbers or license files, contact Adobe Support and Customer Service.

#### **Third-party software conflicts**

Before installing the server, uninstall NetLimiter or any other software that wraps calls to network connections. You cannot use this type of software on a server hosting Flash Media Server. You can, however, use this type of software on computers running client applications in Flash Player or AIR.

Some antivirus programs, such as Panda Antivirus, and programs that install their own wrappers for system-level socket calls may cause Flash Media Server to fail. (Other antivirus programs, such as Norton AntiVirus™, are compatible with Flash Media Server.) If you are experiencing problems with Flash Media Server and have antivirus software installed, try removing the antivirus program.

Do not run Flash Media Server with virtualization software. Virtualization software impacts server performance and is an unsupported configuration.

## Preparing to upgrade

#### Workflow for upgrading

#### 1. Understand the upgrade paths.

For more information, see Upgrade paths.

#### 2. Back up existing data.

For more information, see Back up data.

#### 3. Uninstall the existing version of Flash Media Server.

For more information, see Uninstalling the server.

#### 4. Install the server.

For more information, see Installing the server.

#### **Upgrade** paths

You can upgrade to Flash Media Interactive Server 3 from any Flash Media Server 2 installation or from Flash Media Streaming Server. There is no upgrade path to Flash Media Streaming Server.

The Flash Media Server 3 installer performs the following:

- 1 (Windows only) Saves the existing serial number, applications directory, and conf directory (which contains the configuration files).
- **2** Uninstalls the existing Flash Media Server 2 installation.
- 3 Prompts for a serial number. If you do not enter a serial number, Flash Media Development Server is installed.

#### Back up data

- 1 Before you upgrade to Flash Media Server 3, save copies of the following folders to another computer or to external media:
  - conf/
  - licenses/
  - modules/
  - applications/
- **2** After installing the server, do the following:

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- Modify the new configuration files to match the settings from your old files that you want to keep, for example, host port settings, application and streams virtual folder settings, and so on. Restart the server.
- You don't need to copy your license files to Flash Media Server 3, as there are no upgrade paths for license
- If you have C++ plug-ins (also called *adaptors*) that you want to reuse, you must recompile them. On Windows, use MicrosoftVisual Studio .NET 2003 or Microsoft Visual C++ 2005. On Linux, use GNU Compiler Collection 3.4.x. For more information, see Working with plug-ins in Adobe Flash Media Interactive Server Plugin Developer Guide.
- Copy any applications you want to deploy on Flash Media Server 3 to the RootInstall/applications folder.

## Installing the server

#### **Install the server on Windows**

- 1 Double-click the installation file, FlashMediaServer3.exe, and follow the prompts in the installation wizard. This file is on your installation CD, or you may have downloaded it.
- **2** Read and accept the License Agreement to continue the installation process.
- 3 If an existing Flash Media Server installation is found, choose whether to reinstall, update the serial number, or remove the server.
- 4 Enter a serial number.
  - If you don't enter a serial number, Flash Media Development Server 3 installs. See License files and serial numbers.
- **5** Accept the default installation location or enter a new location.
- **6** Select the components to install.
- 7 Accept the default location for the Flash Media Server program shortcuts, or enter a new location to which the shortcuts should be installed.
- **8** Enter a user name and password for the first valid server administrator.
  - These values are written to the fms.ini file in the RootInstall/conf folder. You can use the Administration Console to add other administrators later.
- 9 Accept the default server ports for Flash Media Server and Flash Media Administration Server or enter new
- 10 Review your installation choices. Click Back to make any necessary changes.
- 11 Click Install.
  - *Note:* On Windows, Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 Redistributable Package also installs.
- 12 The final installation step gives you the opportunity to view the Readme.htm file, start Flash Media Server, and select the option to start Flash Media Server manually when you reboot your computer. Select any options you'd like and click Finish.

The installation is complete. If you configured it to start, Flash Media Server starts.

- 13 If you have a Flash Media Server 3 license (LIC) file, place it in the RootInstall/licenses folder and restart the server.
- **14** To verify your installation, see Verifying installation.

#### Install the server on Linux

- 1 Log in as a root user (required to install Flash Media Server).
- **2** Locate the installation file, FlashMediaServer3.tar.gz.

This file is on your installation CD, or you may have downloaded it.

- **3** Copy the file to a directory on your local disk.
- **4** Open a shell window and switch to the directory with the installation file.
- **5** Untar the installation file:

```
tar -xzf FlashMediaServer3.tar.gz
```

A directory with the installation program is created.

- **6** At the shell prompt, enter cd and navigate to the directory created in step 5.
- **7** Start the installation program with the following command:
  - ./installFMS

The installation program starts and displays a welcome message.

**8** Press Enter to start the installation.

By default, Flash Media Server is installed to the /opt/adobe/fms directory.

**9** Follow the installation instructions on your screen.

Enter a user for Flash Media Server processes to run as. The default is the "nobody" user. (The user you select is also the owner of the Flash Media Server files.) Your choices are written to the fms.ini file; you can edit the fms.ini file to modify this and other security properties later, if needed.

You will be asked to enter a serial number. If you don't enter a serial number, or if you enter an invalid serial number, Flash Media Development Server is installed. After installation, you can enter a serial number in the fms.ini file to upgrade to Flash Media Streaming Server or Flash Media Interactive Server.

10 Review the summary of the installation options you have chosen, which are displayed in the installer.

The installation is complete. If you configured it to start automatically, the Flash Media Server service starts. To start the server manually, enter fmsmgr server fms start. If you're in the RootInstall directory, enter ./fmsmgr server fms start.

- 11 If you have a Flash Media Server 3 license (LIC) file, place it in the RootInstall/licenses folder and restart the server.
- **12** To verify your installation, see Verifying installation.

#### Stacking license files and serial numbers

You can stack Flash Media Interactive Server 3 license files and serial numbers to increase the number of processors a computer hosting the server can use. You can stack an unlimited number of license files and serial numbers.

Note: You cannot stack license files or serial numbers for Flash Media Streaming Server 3.

#### Use the Administration Console to stack serial numbers

- 1 Choose Start > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Administration Console to open the Administration Console.
- 2 Click Manage Servers.
- 3 Click License.
- **4** Enter a serial number and click Add Serial Key.

You do not need to restart the server.

*Note:* The terms serial key and serial number have the same meaning.

#### Use the configuration files to stack serial numbers

- 1 In the *RootInstall*/conf folder, open the fms.ini file.
- **2** Enter the serial numbers into the SERVER.LICENSEINFO parameter. You can enter multiple serial numbers separated by semicolons (;).
- **3** Restart the server.

#### Stack license files

❖ Place a LIC file in the *RootInstall*/licenses folder and restart the server.

Note: Flash Media Server 2.0 LIC files are ignored.

## Starting and stopping the server

#### Start and stop the server in Windows

#### Start the server from the Start menu

- 1 Choose Start > All Programs > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Start Adobe Flash Media Server 3
- 2 Choose Start > All Programs > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Start Flash Media Administration Server 3

#### Stop the server from the Start menu

- 1 Choose Start > All Programs > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Stop Flash Media Administration Server 3
- 2 Choose Start > All Programs > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Stop Adobe Flash Media Server 3

#### Start, stop, or restart the server from the Services window

- 1 Choose Start > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services
- 2 Select Flash Media Server (FMS) from the Services list and click Stop, Start, or Restart.
- 3 Select Flash Media Administration Server from the Services list and click Stop, Start, or Restart.

#### Start and stop the server in Linux

On Linux, Flash Media Server is installed as a service. You start and stop the Flash Media Server service using the fmsmgr utility.

Use the fmsmgr utility to perform other tasks as well, such as configuring the service to start automatically when the system is started. For more information, see "Managing the server on Linux" on page 72 in the Configuration and Administration Guide.

#### Start, stop, or restart Flash Media Server

- 1 Log in as a root user.
- **2** Change to the directory where the server is installed.
- **3** Open a shell window and type one of the following:

```
./fmsmgr server start|stop|restart
```

#### Start, stop, or restart the Administration Server

- 1 Log in as a root user.
- **2** Change to the directory where the server is installed.
- **3** Open a shell window and type one of the following:

```
./fmsmgr adminserver start|stop|restart
```

## Uninstalling the server

#### **Uninstall from Windows**

Uninstalling the server on Windows removes all files installed by the Flash Media Server installer unless the files were modified. Any folders and files that you added or modified after installation are not uninstalled.

#### **Uninstall from a Windows computer**

- 1 Back up existing data. See Back up data.
- **2** Do one of the following:
  - Select Start > Programs > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Uninstall Adobe Flash Media Server 3.
  - Choose Start > Control Panel > Add or Remove Programs, select the version of Flash Media Server or Flash Communication Server you want to remove and click Remove.
- **3** In the confirmation dialog box, click Yes.

Flash Media Server is removed from your computer. A second confirmation dialog box appears when the process is complete.

#### **Uninstall from Linux**

Uninstalling the server on Linux removes all files in the Flash Media Server root directory, including files and directories that you created.

#### **Uninstall from a Linux computer**

- 1 Back up existing data. See Back up data.
- **2** Log in to the server where Flash Media Server was installed.
- 3 Switch to the root user, or a user with root permissions. Normally, you would use su root to switch to the root user.

4 At the shell prompt, enter cd /opt/adobe/fms.

By default, /opt/adobe/fms is the directory where Flash Media Server is installed. If you installed the server in a different directory, replace /opt/adobe/fms with the actual installation location.

- **5** Enter the following to run the uninstall script:
  - ./uninstallFMS
- **6** Follow the instructions.

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# **Verifying installed files**

#### **Installed files on Windows**

If you chose the default folder in the installer, the installation folder is C:\Program Files\Adobe\Flash Media Server 3.

*Note:* The documentation refers to the default folder as RootInstall.

The Flash Media Server 3 folder contains the following items:

Name	File or Folder	Description
applications	Folder	The default directory that holds Flash Media Server applications. When you create an application, create a folder in the applications folder with the application's name, for example, applications/mediaApp. Use this name in the client NetConnection call to connect to the application (for example, nc.connect("rtmp://someFMSserver.com/mediaApp")).
		You can change the location of the applications directory in the Flash Media Server 3/conf/fms.ini file or in the AppsDir tag in the Vhost.xml configuration file.
certs	Folder	The certificates of trusted Certificate Authorities. The installer imports certifications from the Microsoft Windows certificate store into a format and location accessible by Open SSL.
conf	Folder	Contains the hierarchy of XML configuration files and the fms.ini file.
documentation	Folder	Contains the documentation in PDF format.
licenses	Folder	Contains the LIC files (signed FMS licenses). The LIC file establishes the licensed capabilities of the server.
logs	Folder	As soon as the server is started, it creates a logs directory containing all of the server logs.
modules	Folder	Contains plug-ins that extend the functionality of the server.
samples	Folder	Contains plug-in sample files.
scriptlib	Folder	Contains Server-Side ActionScript (ASC) files to use in server-side scripts. You can change this location in the ScriptLibPath tag in the Application.xml file.
tools	Folder	Contains BAT files that you can use to start or stop the main server and the Administration Server. Also contains the fmscheck.exe, flvcheck.exe, and far.exe tools.
FMSAdmin.exe	File	Flash Media Administration Server. When administrators connect to the server with the Administration Console, they are actually connected to the Administration Server, which communicates with the server to perform administration tasks. To call an Administration API, Flash Media Administration Server must be running.
FMSCore.exe	File	The executable where Flash Media Server services run. All script execution and streaming takes place from this location.
FMSEdge.exe	File	Monitors for connections to Flash Media Server, and passes connections to an FMSCore process. There can be more than one instance of FMSEdge running on the system.
FMSMaster.exe	File	The main Flash Media Server executable.

Name	File or Folder	Description
unins000.exe	File	Uninstalls the server.
dh1024.pem and dh512.pem	Files	Key files for SSL connections.
vcredist_x86.exe	File	Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 Redistributable Package.
f_server.ico, start.ico, stop.ico, fms_installer.ico	File	The Flash Media Server icons.
fms_adminConsole.swf and fms_adminConsole.htm	Files	The Administration Console and the HTML page in which it is embedded.
License.htm	File	The End User License Agreement.
ReadMe.htm	File	Late-breaking information and important details about Flash Media Server.
Miscellaneous DLL files	Files	The server uses various DLL files to provide functionality that the Windows platform can't provide, including js32.dll, the Server-Side ActionScript engine (Mozilla SpiderMonkey).

### **Installed files on Linux**

If you chose the default directory in the installer, the installation directory is /opt/adobe/fms/.

*Note:* The documentation refers to the default folder as RootInstall.

The fms directory contains the following items:

Name	File or Directory	Description
applications	Directory	The default directory that holds Flash Media Server applications. When you create an application, create a folder in the applications folder with the application's name, for example, applications/mediaApp. Use this name in the client NetConnection call to connect to the application (for example, nc.connect("rtmp://someFMSserver.com/mediaApp")).  You can change the location of the applications directory in the Flash Media Server 3/conf/fms.ini file or in the AppsDir tag in the Vhost.xml configuration file.
conf	Directory	Contains the hierarchy of XML configuration files and the fms.ini file.
documentation	Directory	Contains the documentation in PDF format.
licenses	Directory	The directory in which to copy LIC files (signed FMS licenses). The LIC file establishes the licensed capabilities of the server.
logs	Directory	As soon as the server is started, it creates a logs directory containing all of the server logs.
modules	Directory	Contains plug-ins that extend the functionality of the server.
samples	Directory	Contains plug-in sample files.
scriptlib	Directory	Contains Server-Side ActionScript (ASC) files to use in server-side scripts. You can change this location in the ScriptLibPath tag in the Application.xml file.
fms_adminConsole.swf and fms_adminConsole.htm	Files	The Administration Console and the HTML page in which it is embedded.
fmsadmin	File	The Flash Media Administration Server. When administrators connect to the server with the Administration Console, they are actually connected to the Administration Server, which communicates with the server to perform administration tasks. To call an Administration API, this file must be running.

Name	File or Directory	Description
fmscore	File	The executable where Flash Media Server services run. The way the server is configured determines how many services run on a single FMSCore. All script execution and streaming takes place from this location.
fmsedge	File	Monitors for connections to Flash Media Server and passes connections to a FMSCore process. There can be more than one instance of FMSEdge running on the system.
fmsmaster	File	The Flash Media Server application.
js32.so	File	The Server-Side ActionScript engine (Mozilla SpiderMonkey).
License.htm	File	The Flash Media Server license agreement.
ReadMe.htm	File	Late-breaking information and important details about Flash Media Server.
far tool		Command-line compiler utility that lets you package all server-side scripts into one archive file.
tcSrvMsg	File	Server component.
fms	Script	Packages the combination of calling adminserver and server at the same time.
fmsconfig and fmsini	Files	Configuration files used by the server during installation.
uninstallFMS	Script	Uninstalls the server.
installFMS	Script	Installs the server.
fmsmgr	Script	Starts and stops the server. It also checks on status and other actions, such as controlling autostart status.
adminserver	Script	Start, stop, and restart the Administration Server directly. This script is also used to set up fmsadmin correctly.

## Verifying that applications can run

#### **Connect to the Administration Console**

Flash Media Server installs with an auxiliary server, Flash Media Administration Server, that lets you query and manage Flash Media Server. To verify that Flash Media Administration Server was installed successfully, open the Administration Console and connect to the Administration Server.

#### To open the Administration Console on Windows:

- 1 Choose Start > All Programs > Adobe > Flash Media Server 3 > Flash Media Administration Console.
- **2** Enter the Server Address. If the Administration Console is on the same computer as Flash Media Server, you can use localhost.
- 3 Enter the user name and password you created during installation in the Username and Password fields. If you can't remember your user name or password, they're stored in the SERVER . ADMIN\_USERNAME and SERVER.ADMIN PASSWORD variables in the fms.ini file located in the *RootInstall*\conf directory.

#### To open the Administration Console on Linux:

- 1 If you aren't running a GUI desktop environment, copy the RootInstall/fms\_adminConsole.swf and RootInstall/fms adminConsole.htm files to a computer running a Linux GUI desktop environment or to a computer running a Windows or Mac operating system and open the fms\_adminConsole.htm file in a browser.
- 2 If you can't log in to the Administration Console, take the following steps:
  - Verify that Flash Media Server and Flash Media Administration Server are running.
  - Verify your user name and password in the fms.ini file.
  - Check the system logs for errors.
  - Contact Adobe Support.

#### Run the vod service

The vod (video on demand) service is a publishing point that lets you copy audio and video files to the server and start streaming them without building an application or configuring the server.

#### Publish a stream

- Double-click the RootInstall/samples/applications/vod/vodtest.html file to open the application in a browser.
- 2 Click Go to stream the sample.flv file or select another version of the sample file from the drop-down menu and click Go.
- **3** If you can't see the video playing, take the following steps:
  - Verify that the *RootInstall*/applications/vod directory is installed and contains the following files: allowedHTMLdomains.txt, allowedSWFdomains.txt, Application.xml, and main.far. The RootInstall/applications/vod/media folder should contain the media files. If any files are missing, uninstall and reinstall the server.
  - Use the Services window (Windows) or the service window (Linux) to verify that Flash Media Server and Flash Media Administration Server are running.
  - Verify that the URL in the sample vod client is rtmp://localhost/vod/sample.flv.
  - Check the system logs for errors.
  - Contact Adobe Support.

For information about configuring the vod service for use in a production environment, see Adobe Flash Media Server Developer Guide.

#### Run the live service

The live service is a publishing point that lets you use Flash Media Encoder to stream live video without building a service or configuring the server.

#### Publish and view a live stream

- Connect a camera to your computer.
- **2** Open Flash Media Encoder and click Start.
- 3 Double-click the RootInstall/samples/applications/live/livetest.html file to open the client application in a browser and see the live stream.
- **4** If you can't see the live stream playing, take the following steps:

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- Verify that the *RootInstall*/applications/live directory is installed and contains the following files: allowedHTMLdomains.txt, allowedSWFdomains.txt, Application.xml, and main.far. If it doesn't, uninstall and reinstall the server.
- Use the Services window (Windows) or the service window (Linux) to verify that Flash Media Server and Flash Media Administration Server are running.
- Verify that the URL in the sample live client is rtmp://localhost/live/livestream.
- Verify that the URL in Flash Media Encoder is rtmp://localhost/live and the Stream is livestream.
- Check the system logs for errors.
- Contact Adobe Support.

For information about configuring the live service for use in a production environment, see the *Developer Guide*.

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