

F9 License Manager

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F9 License Introduction

License Overview

When F9 is first installed, it operates in 30-day trial mode with full functionality. It can be activated any time during the trial period or after the trial expires. After purchasing F9 you will get one or more Activation IDs in an email.

The activation process will create a Device ID based on your user credentials and hardware. A given F9 license activation is associated with a particular user and machine. Different users who login to the same machine can start F9's 30-day trial but will need individual licenses to use the product.

F9 licenses cannot be load balanced. For the servers with load balancing F9 named users can be configured to be automatically directed to the particular server they were activated on.

Local user profile persistence is required. Environments where local user profiles are deleted on logoff are not supported.

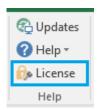
License Scenarios

F9 License Manager can be used to activate, deactivate or move an active license to new hardware from F9 product.

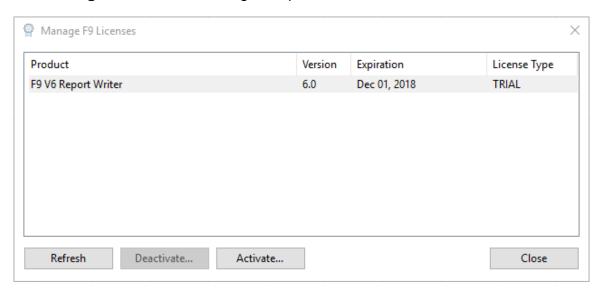
Alternatively, you also have access to the F9 Licensing Portal to manage licensing tasks including activate, deactivate, and move license(s).

1. Activate F9

- Start Excel
- F9 Ribbon select License.



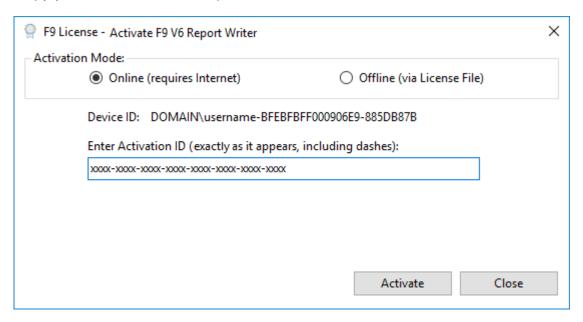
The Manage F9 Licenses dialog will open.



Select your F9 product and click Activate.

Note: To complete online or offline activation, you need your F9 Activation ID which you can get from your purchase email confirmation or the F9 Customer Portal.

Copy your Activation ID and paste it into the text box.

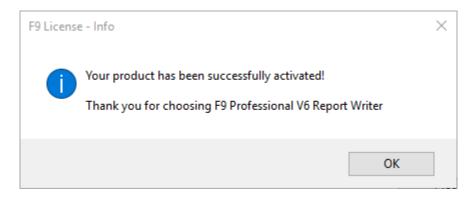


Note: If the computer where you are installing F9 has internet access, choose **Online**; otherwise choose **Offline**.

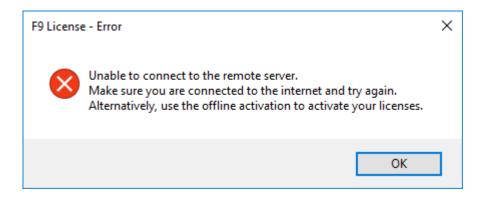
1.1 Online Activation

Click Activate to activate your product.

If successful, the F9 License – Info displays:



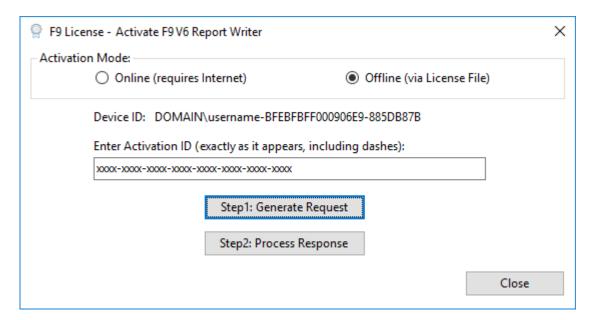
Note: If for any reason F9 cannot connect to the site that authenticates licenses, you will need to activate offline.



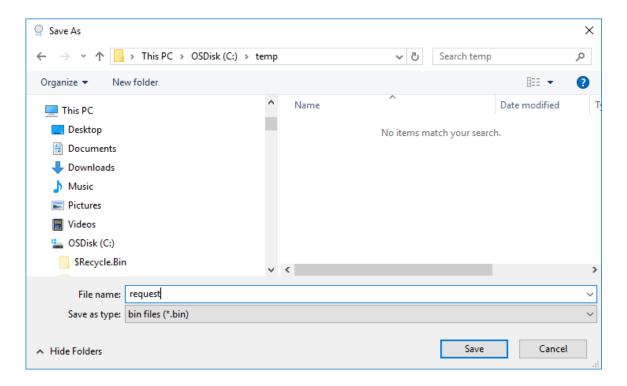
1.2 Offline Activation

If the computer where you are installing F9 does not have internet access, or if your company firewall or proxy restricts access to https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/deviceservices, perform the following steps to manually activate the F9 license (Offline).

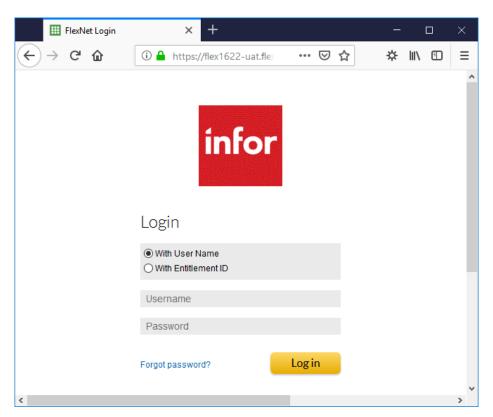
Select the Offline (via License File) option:



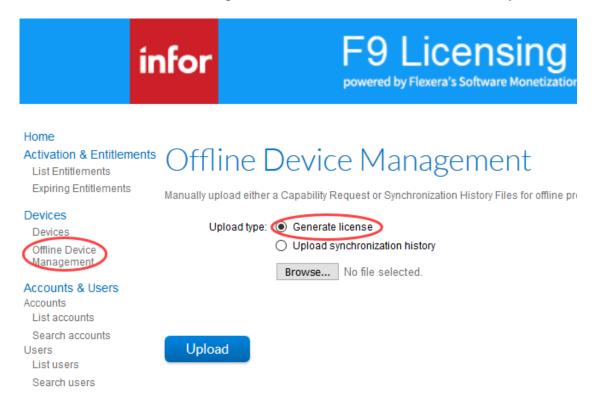
- Click Step1: Generate Request
- Browse to a directory on your computer and enter a file name
- Click Save



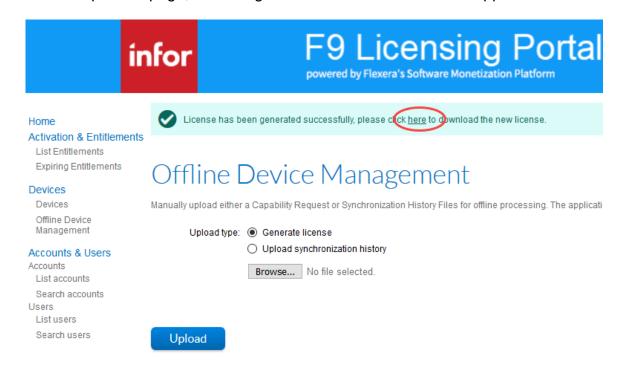
- Copy the saved .bin file to an external drive and go to a computer that has internet access
- Login to the Customer Portal https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do



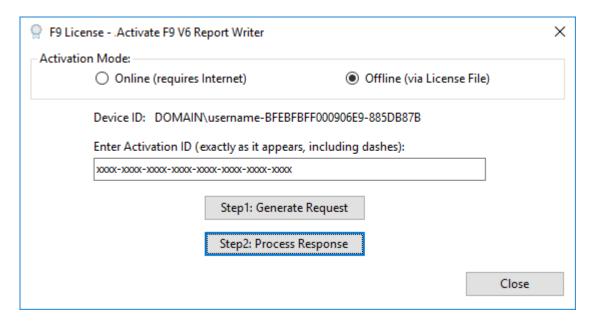
- On the left side under Devices, select Offline Device Management
- Select Generate License as Upload Type
- Browse to the saved .bin file generated on the client machine, click Upload



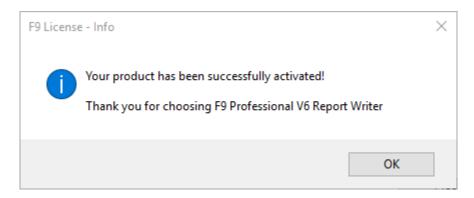
On the top of the page, a message to download the license will appear:



- Save the output .bin file
- Copy the saved .bin file to an external file and go back to your client machine
- On the F9 License Activation dialog, click Step2: Process Response



- Browse to the saved .bin file
- If successful, a message will display:



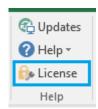
If activation continues to fail, please contact **F9 Technical Support** for more information and assistance.

2. Refresh F9 Product License

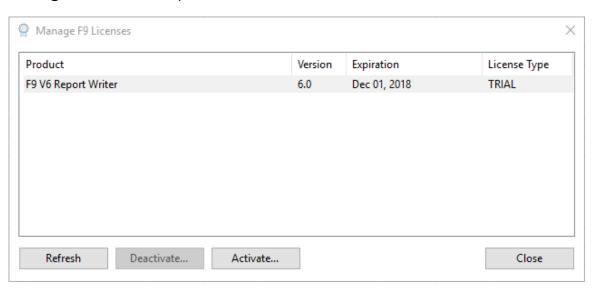
This section includes steps to retrieve and update all activated F9 product licenses with your latest status and properties. For example, if you purchased F9 as a Term license, you can check your renewal date.

In addition, F9 is periodically checking the License Portal for validity of the installed licenses. For computers with an internet connection, the check is done automatically. For computers without internet connection, users will have to perform steps related to: **Offline Refresh** when applicable.

- Start Excel
- From the F9 ribbon, select License



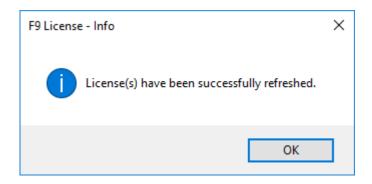
Manage F9 Licenses opens:



• Click Refresh

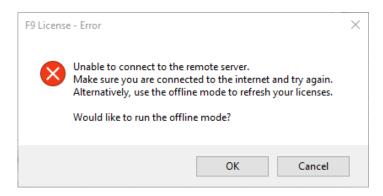
2.1 Online Refresh

• When your computer is connected to internet, the following message should appear:



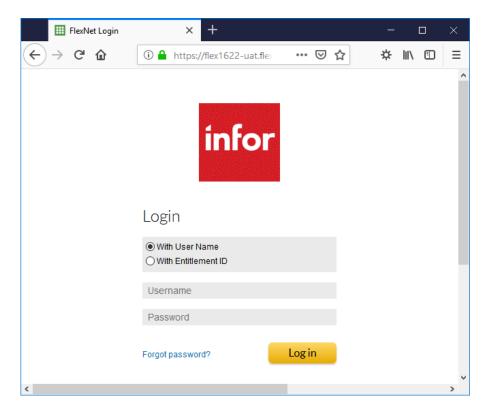
2.2 Offline Refresh

• If your computer is not connected to internet, an error displays:

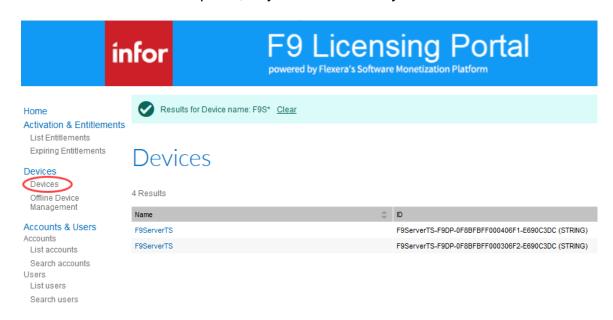


Click OK

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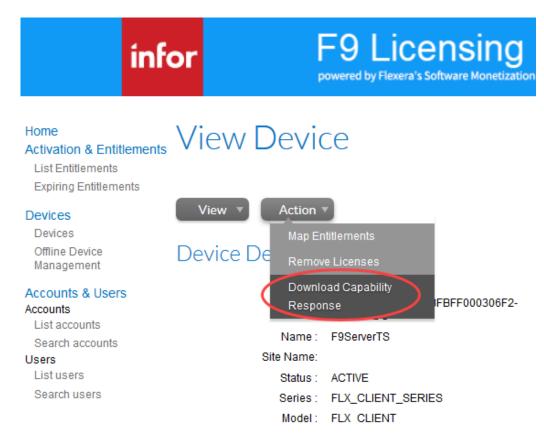
• Click **Devices** on the left panel, or you can Search by **Device name**



Click on the **Device name** link for the device to manage.

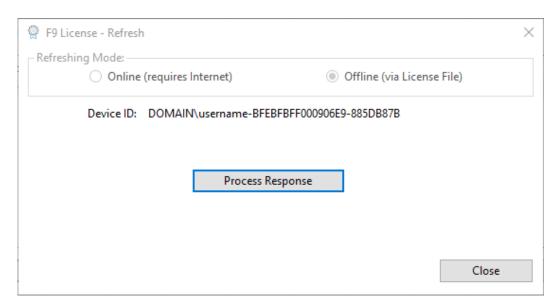


From View Device + Action, click Download Capability Response

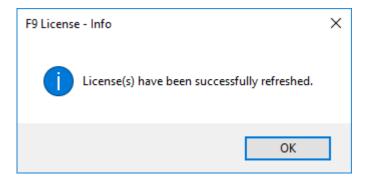


• The Browser will prompt to save as a .bin file.

- Copy the saved .bin file to a shared location.
- Back on the computer without internet access, click Process Response



• If successful, the following message displays:

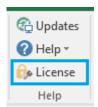


3. Moving F9 Product Licenses

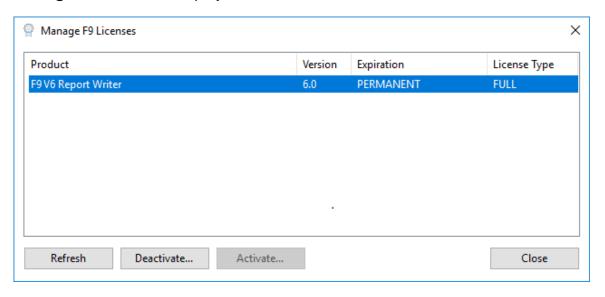
A given F9 product license, once activated, is connected to its hardware and current environment. From time to time, it may be necessary to transfer an active license to new hardware and this functionality is made available within F9.

Before a license can be activated on new hardware, the running copy of F9 must first be deactivated.

- Start Excel
- From the F9 ribbon, select the **License**.



Manage F9 Licenses displays:



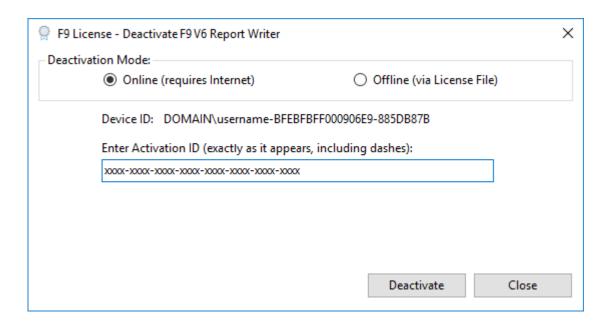
Select your F9 product and click Deactivate.

Note: To complete online or offline deactivation, you need your **F9 Activation ID** provided within your purchase email confirmation or via the F9 Customer Portal.

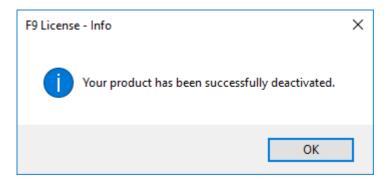
Note: If the computer where you are installing F9 has internet access, choose **Online**; otherwise choose **Offline**.

3.1 Online Deactivation

- Copy your Activation ID and paste it into the text box.
- Click Deactivate.

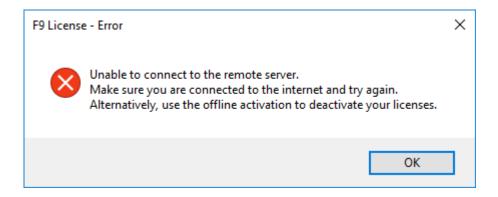


If successful, the following message displays:



• Now you can use your deactivated F9 license on a new machine.

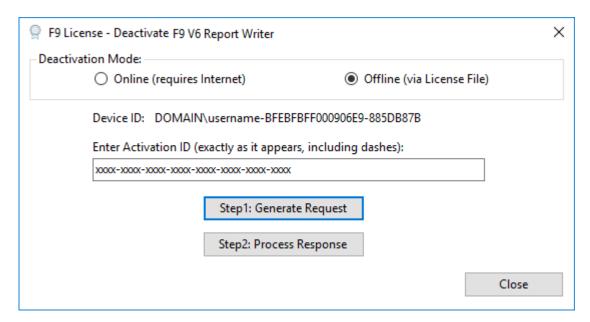
Note: If F9 cannot connect to the site that authenticates F9 product licenses, deactivation will fail and you will need to deactivate the product offline.



3.2 Offline Deactivation

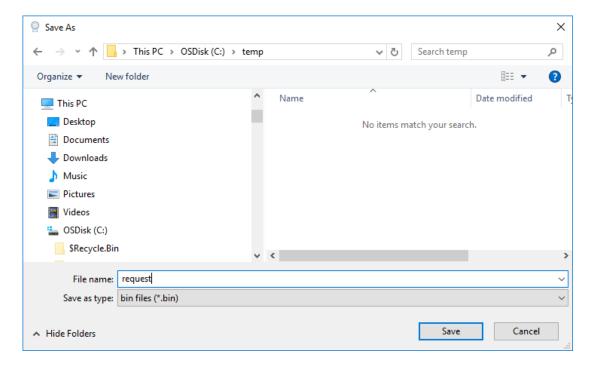
If you are installing F9 on a computer that does not have internet access, or if your company firewall or proxy restricts access to the https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/deviceservices site, please perform the following steps to manually deactivate the F9 license.

Select Offline (via License File)

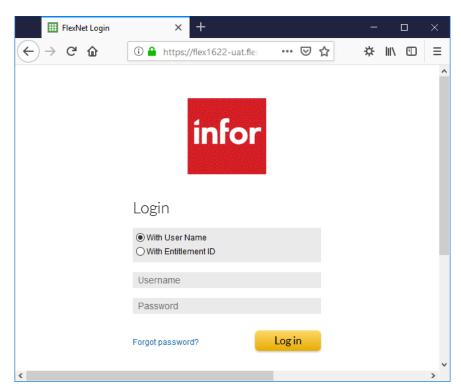


- Click Step1: Generate Request
- Browse to a directory on your computer and type a file name

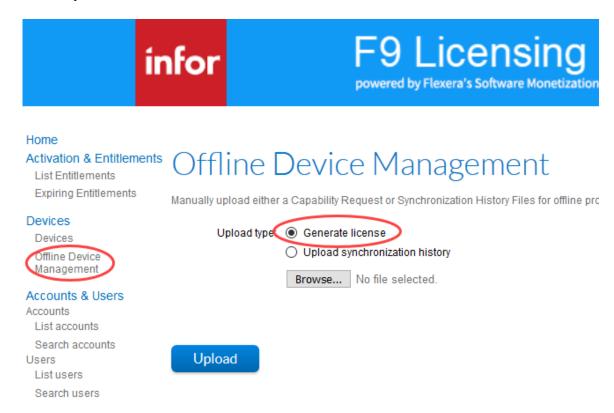
Click Save



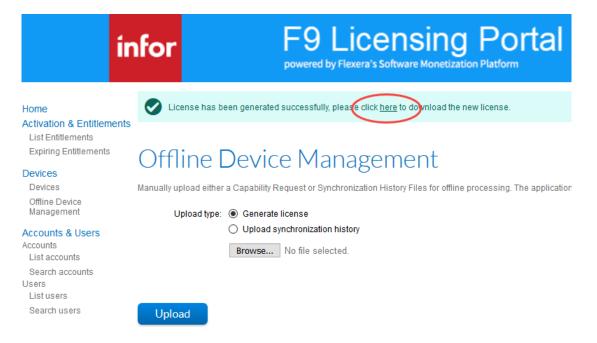
- Copy the saved .bin file to an external drive
- Go to a computer that has internet access
- Login to the Customer Portal https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do



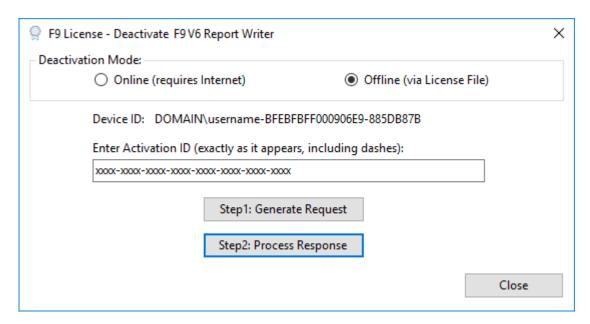
- On the left side under Devices, select Offline Device Management
- Select Generate License as Upload Type
- Browse to the saved .bin file generated on the client machine
- Click Upload



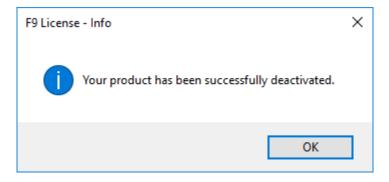
On top of the page, the message to download the license will appear:



- Save the output .bin file to the machine
- Copy the saved .bin file to an external file location
- Go back to your client machine
- From F9 License Activation dialog, click Step2: Process Response



• If successful, the following message displays:

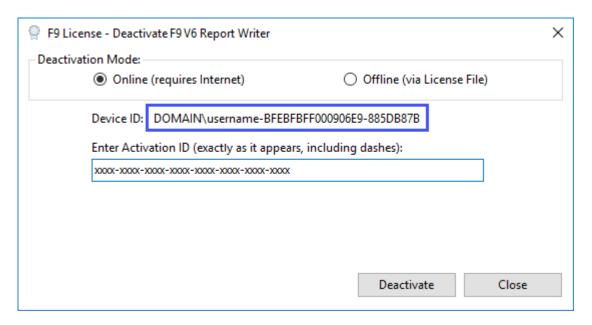


If deactivation continues to fail, please contact **F9 Technical Support** for more information and assistance.

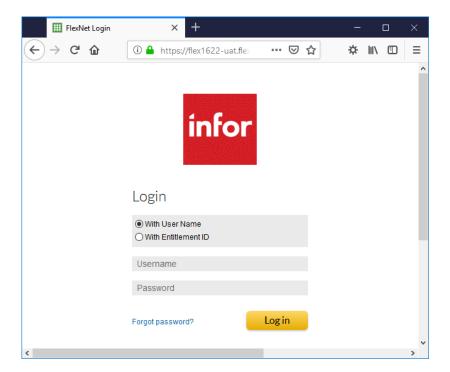
4. Manually Deactivating F9 Product Licenses

If an F9 product license cannot be deactivated using the above process, the next steps can be followed.

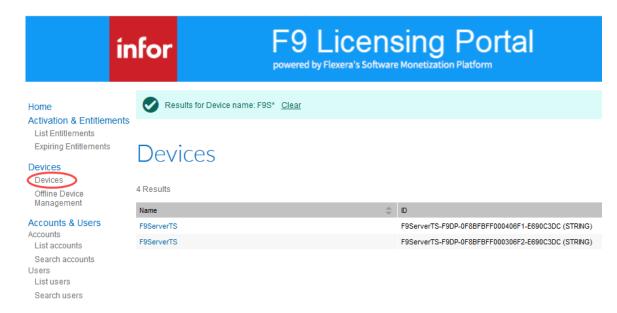
From Deactivate, copy the **Device ID**



 Login to the Customer Portal https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do



Click Devices on the left panel, or you can also Search by Device name



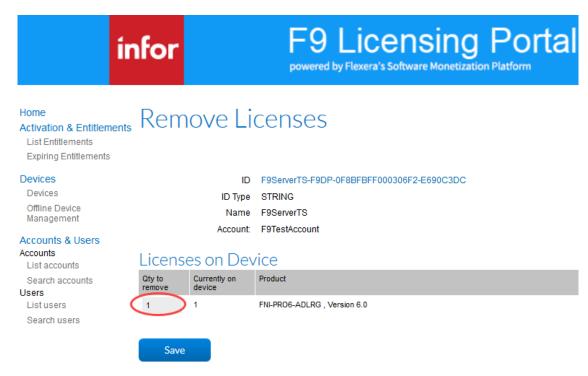
Click on the **Device name** link for the device to deactivate



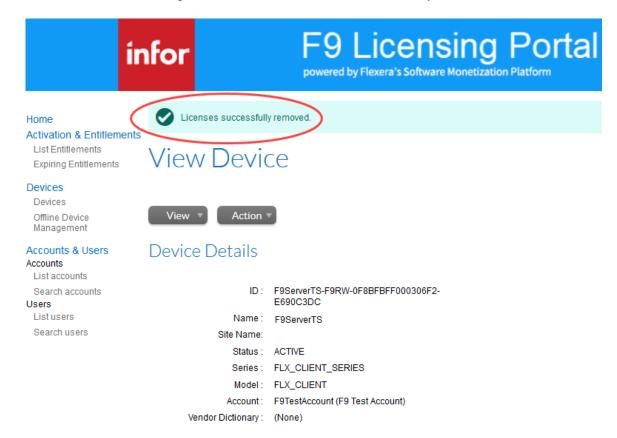
• Under Action, click Remove Licenses



- Type a number in the Quantity to remove field under Licenses on Device
- Click Save



You will see a message that the License was successfully removed:

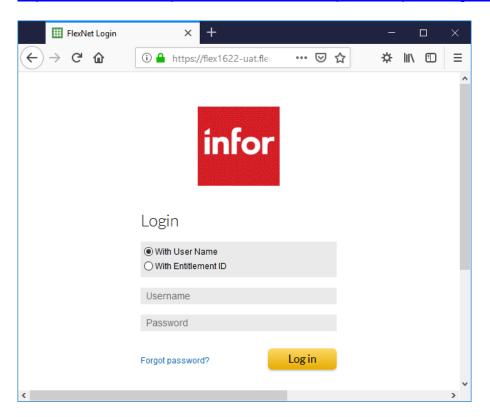


IMPORTANT: Once F9 is deactivated, the F9 license will be trial or expired, depending on the number of days left from trial period.

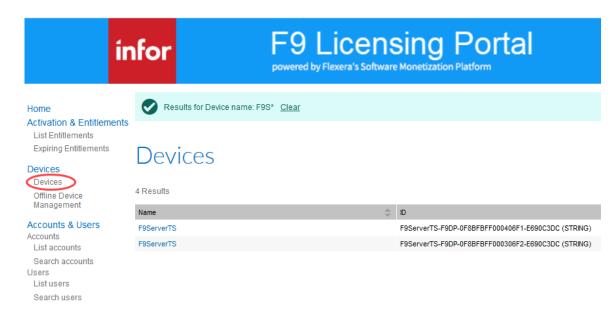
5. Manually Activating F9 Product Licenses

This section includes another way to activate F9 licenses.

 Login to the Customer Portal https://inforf9.flexnetoperations.com/flexnet/operationsportal/logon.do



Click Devices on the left panel, or you can Search by Device name

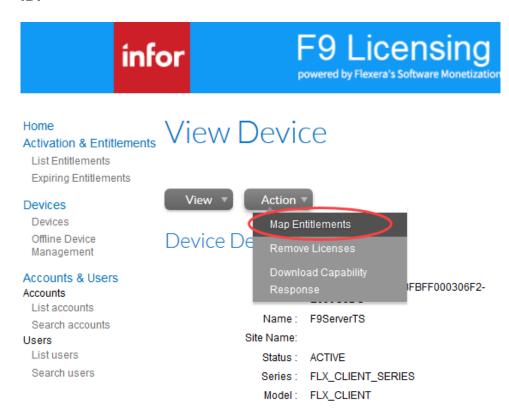


Click on the **Device name** link for the device you wish to activate a license

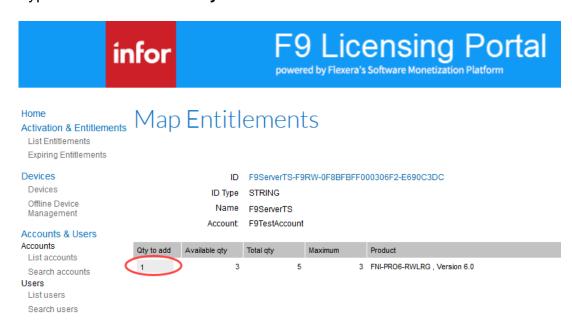


Under Action, click Map Entitlements

Please note that tis option is not available if user is logged using Entitlement ID.



Type a number for Quantity to add and click Save



• You will see a message that the License was successfully mapped:



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