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FME Flow Administrator's Guide

The **FME Flow Administrator's Guide** is for users who are responsible for installing and configuring FME Flow in a Windows or Linux environment.

This document assumes that system and FME Flow administrators understand and have access to resources in the following areas:

- The location and structure of the spatial data resources you want to work with in FME Flow.
- Your web application architecture.
- FME Workbench, if you plan on installing FME Form and authoring workspaces.



 **Note** The printed document format (PDF) version of this guide does not link to topics in the FME Flow Reference Manual or FME Flow Web User Interface documentation. For further reference, see the FME Flow Documentation online at <https://docs.safe.com/fme/html/FME-Flow/Home.htm>.

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Additional FME Flow Resources

Safe Software provides the following resources to assist with your learning about FME Flow:

- FME Community is the online source for all information on Safe Software products, including documentation, demos and support resources:

<https://community.safe.com/>

- Product documentation

The most up-to-date product documentation is available on the FME Community.

Installed product documentation is available in the FME Flow installation directory > Docs.

FME Flow product documentation includes:

- FME Flow Administrator's Guide: Information on installation, licensing, upgrading and common configurations.
 - FME Flow Tutorial: An introductory course on authoring and publishing in FME Flow.
 - FME Flow Reference Manual: Developer resources and detailed technical documentation.
 - FME Flow Web User Interface: A guide to using the FME Flow's web interface.
 - FME Flow Developer's Guide: Quick-start, tutorial and sample code for working with the FME Flow APIs.
 - FME Flow REST API Specifications: Developer reference for working with the REST API.
- Training
[Training courses](#) on FME Form and FME Flow (offered by Safe Software and our reseller network).

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Things to Consider - An Overview

When you acquire FME Flow, you must decide how to deploy it on your system. There are a number of considerations:

- [Choosing a Deployment Architecture](#): Learn about your options for how to deploy FME Flow, either as a stand-alone system, or distributed on your network.
- [Planning for Security Updates](#): Understand how security updates on FME Flow-related components may affect how you decide to deploy FME Flow.
- [Planning for Scalability and Performance](#): Following installation, you can scale up your FME Flow by increasing job throughput and optimizing job performance. These are measures you can take anytime after you install. Although they may not affect your initial planning, it's important to understand your options both up front, and going forward as you work with FME Flow.

See Also

- [About Component and Job Recovery in FME Flow on page 33](#)
- [System Requirements on page 33](#)
- [Enabling FME Flow for Public Access](#)
- [Requirements for FME Workspaces on page 41](#)

Choosing a Deployment Architecture

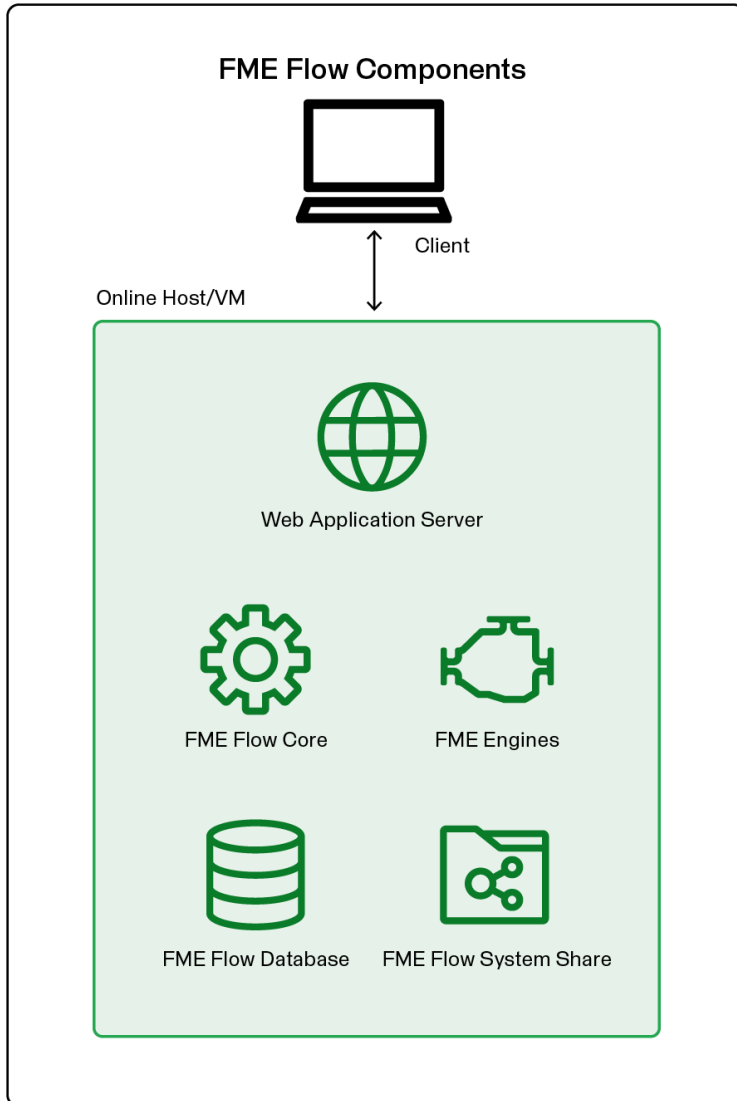
The FME Flow installer provides three options for installation:

- Express
- Distributed/Fault Tolerant
- Distributed Engine

Express

An Express architecture installs all the required components of FME Flow on a single host machine, and is the quickest and easiest way to get started with FME Flow.


Express Install



- [Install FME Flow: Express Installation for Windows on page 45](#)
- [Install FME Flow: Express Installation for Linux on page 56](#)

Distributed

A Distributed installation provides options for spreading components across a network to achieve a 2- or 3-tiered architecture. This approach allows greater control of some components that you provide and maintain yourself, such as a database server for the FME Flow Database, and a web application server. You can provide redundancy with some elements, but if you require high availability, consider a fault-tolerant architecture (see below) instead. If you are considering fault tolerance in the future, you should start with a distributed installation now for an easier transition.


 **Note** The FME Flow distributed and fault-tolerant options share the same installer.

To learn more, see [Distributing FME Flow Components on page 19](#).

Fault-Tolerant

A fault-tolerant installation provides options for spreading components across a network, ensuring high availability, and allows choices to maintain some components yourself, such as a database server for the FME Flow Database, and a web application server.

Comprised of redundant FME Flow Core and web application server components spread across additional host machines, this architecture ensures that if a hardware component fails, FME Flow remains online. This installation requires only a single FME Flow System Share and FME Flow Database server (which, optionally, can serve a custom database with replication.) A third-party load balancer is required, which directs incoming traffic to one of the redundant web application servers.

 **Note** The FME Flow distributed and fault-tolerant options share the same installer.

To learn more, see [Planning for Fault Tolerance on page 22](#).

Distributed Engine

The Distributed Engine installation allows you to build onto an existing FME Flow installation by [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#).

Reasons you might want to provide a distributed engine include:

- Utilizing an Esri ArcGIS license on a separate host machine.
- Hosting FME Engines on a different OS than your web application server and FME Flow Core.
- Utilizing system resources of other machines.
- Placing FME Engines in close proximity to your data.

For more information, see [Planning for Scalability and Performance on page 30](#).

Disaster Recovery

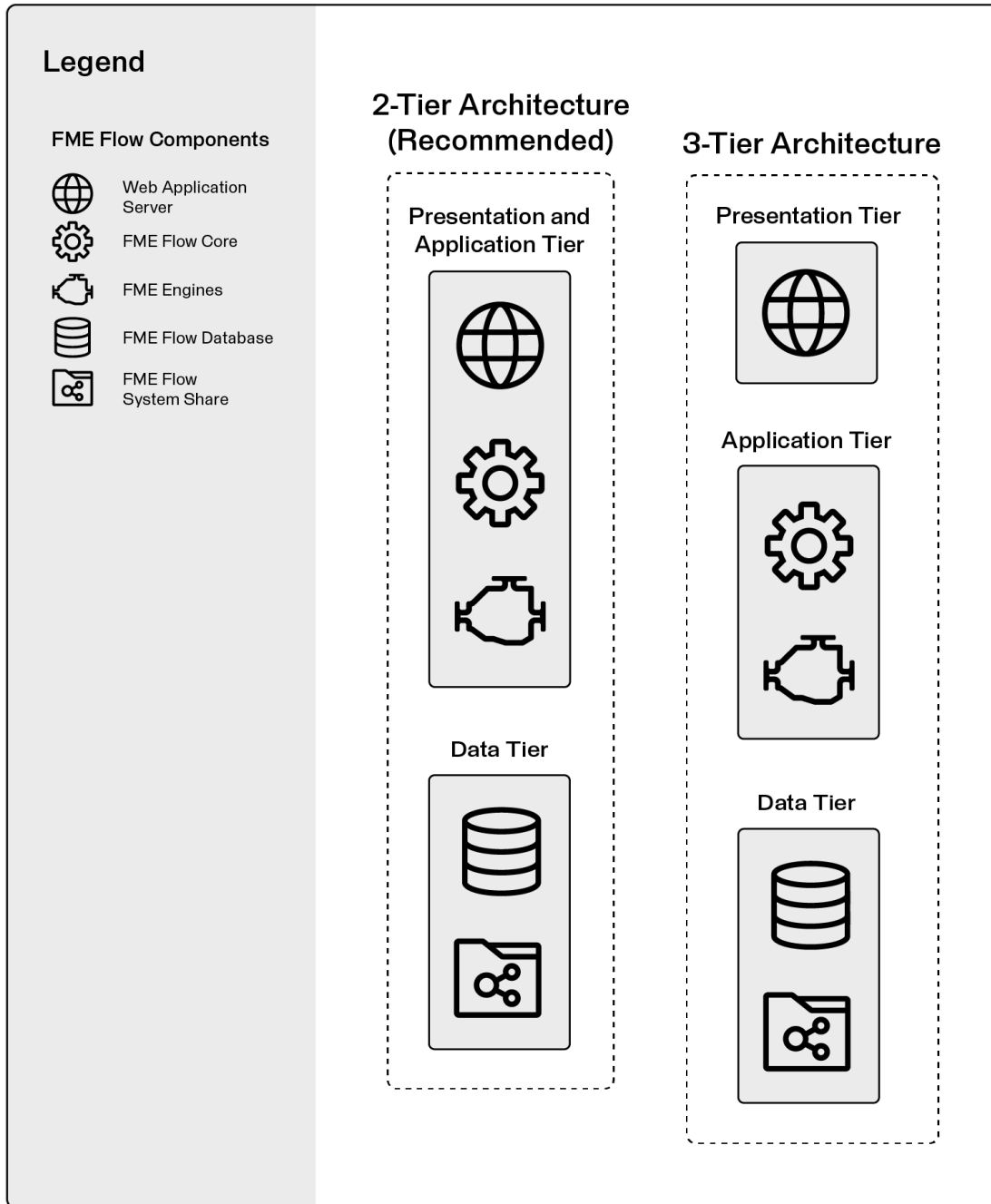
Disaster recovery is primarily concerned with recovering FME Flow operations and data in the event of a major failure of a data center. The general concept of disaster recovery is that if one data center fails, the second data center can be brought online after a manual redirect, and start accepting requests. Disaster recovery can be incorporated into any of the other architectures discussed here.

For more information, see [Planning for Disaster Recovery on page 26](#).

Distributing FME Flow Components

You can distribute the components of an FME Flow installation to achieve an n-tier architecture. Both 2-tier and 3-tier configurations are supported:

Distributed Component Supported Architecture Options




In a 2-tier architecture, an Apache Tomcat web application server runs the FME Flow Web Services, and is installed alongside the the FME Flow Core and FME Engines. Only the FME Flow Database is installed separately, along with a remote file system for the FME Flow System Share.

Installing the web application server on the same host machine as the FME Flow Core is the recommended architecture for a distributed installation.

A 3-tier architecture separates the web application server to another host machine, splitting the presentation and application tiers.

In a 2- or 3-tier scenario, you can provide and manage the following components:

- The web application server provided by the installer is Apache Tomcat. Optionally, you can [provide your own web application server](#), instead of using the one shipped with the installer.
- The FME Flow Database can be hosted on a PostgreSQL database server provided by the installer, or you can [configure the database on your own server](#) using PostgreSQL (recommended), Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle. If using an Oracle database server, you must [obtain the Oracle Database JDBC Driver](#).

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

- A remote file system to host the FME Flow System Share, which includes Repositories and Resources.

Things to Consider

When planning a distributed architecture, keep in mind the following:

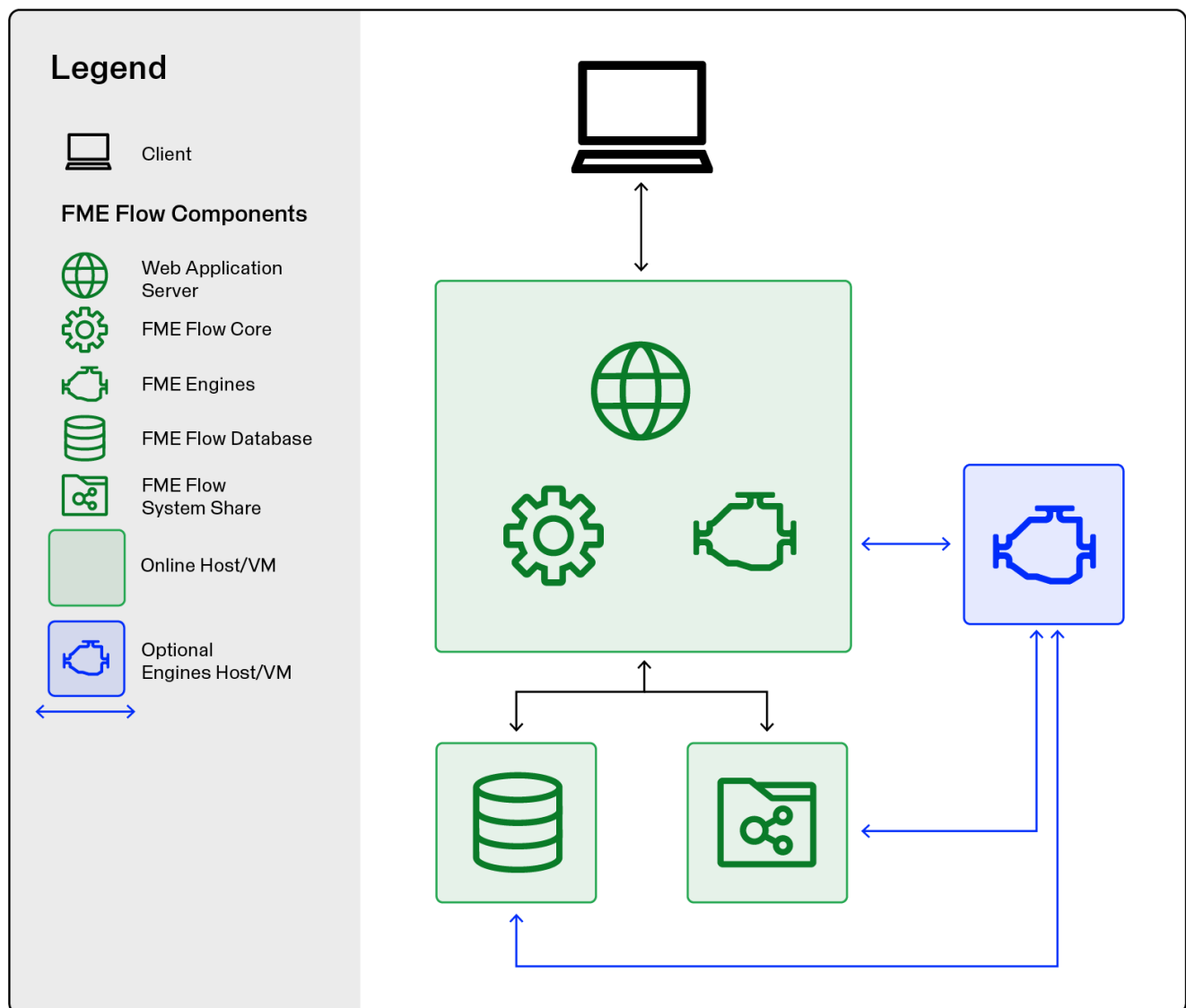
- Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes. For more information, see FME Flow Ports.
- Although the FME Flow Database and System Share will not have data redundancy by default, this can be set up by your organization.

- We recommend installing the web application server on a system that is synchronized to the same time zone as the FME Flow Core. Differing time zones may result in improper timing of Schedule Initiated triggers.

Recommended 2-tier Architecture

This diagram demonstrates the recommended 2-tier architecture, with the web application server, FME Flow Core, and FME Engines running on the same host, and separate servers for the FME Flow Database and FME Flow System Share. Optionally, you can [add FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#) or access [Remote Engines Services](#).

Distributed Install



Implementing a Distributed Architecture

Perform a distributed installation of FME Flow according to the 2-tier or 3-tier procedure:

- [Distributing Components \(2-Tier\)](#)
- [Distributing Components \(3-Tier\)](#)

Or, after an [Express](#) installation, perform the following reconfigurations, where necessary:

- [Moving the Web Applications Server to Another Machine](#)
- [Moving the FME Flow System Share to Another Machine](#)

Planning for Fault Tolerance


The goal of a fault-tolerant environment is to ensure that if a hardware component fails, FME Flow remains online.

The fault tolerant architecture is comprised of multiple, redundant web application servers (to run the FME Flow Web Services) and FME Flow Cores spread across separate host machines. FME Engines can be hosted on the same machine, across [additional hosts](#) on the same network, or [across networks](#).

A third-party load balancer is required, which directs incoming traffic to one of the redundant web components.

The web application server provided by the installer is Apache Tomcat. Optionally, [you can provide your own web application server](#) instead of using the one shipped with the installer. We recommend installing the web application server on the same system as the Core, but this component can also be distributed.

The FME Flow Database can be hosted on a PostgreSQL database server provided by the installer, or you can [configure the database on your own server](#) using PostgreSQL (recommended), Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle. We recommend providing your own database server configured for redundancy. If using an Oracle database server, you must [obtain the Oracle Database JDBC Driver](#).

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

Organizations are expected to maintain the FME Flow Database and FME Flow System Share (a file system for hosting Repositories and Resources) on their own fault-tolerant servers. This ensures the fault-tolerant FME Flow has reliable access to workspaces, repositories, resources, and other items.

Things to Consider

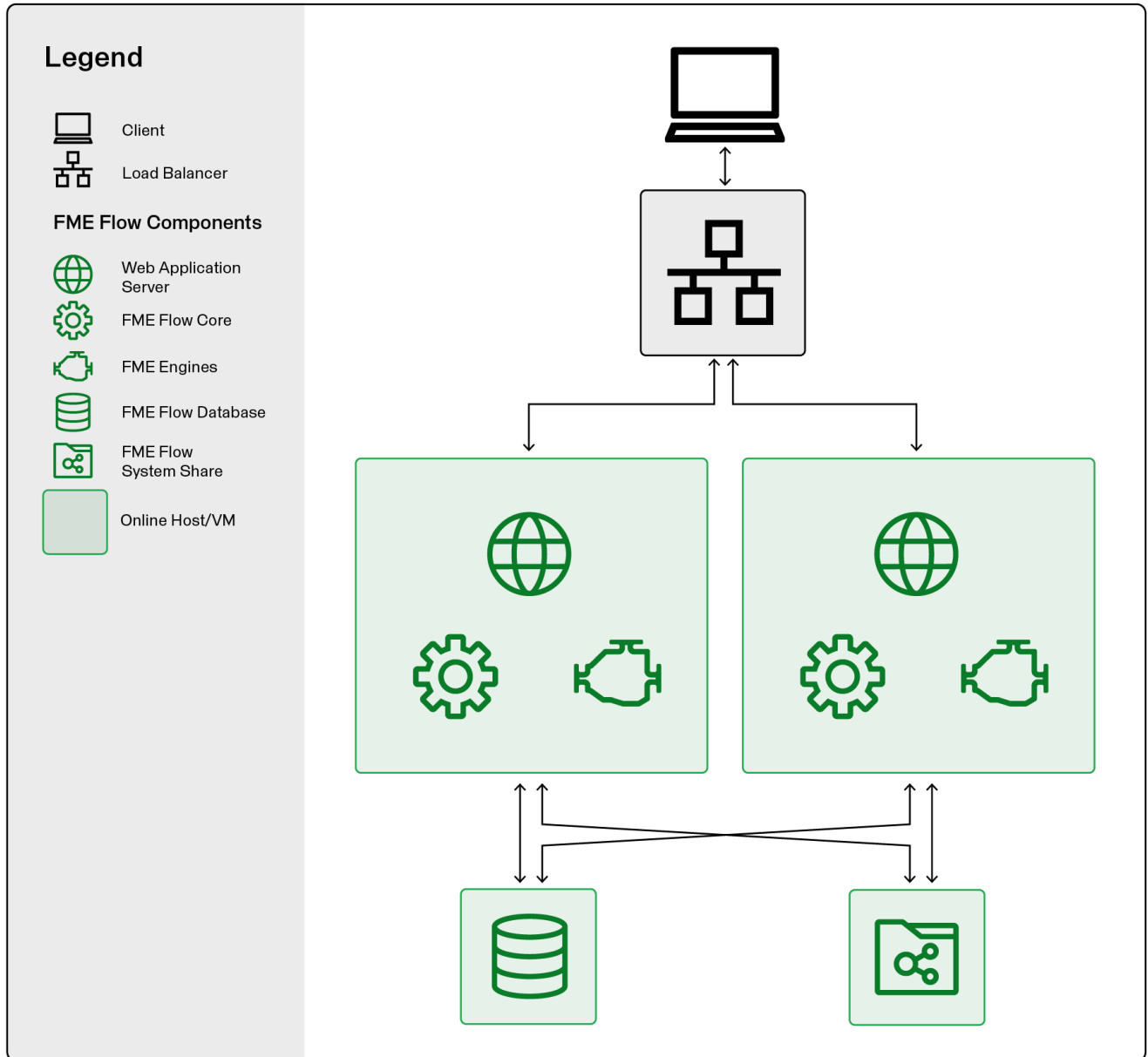
When planning a fault-tolerant architecture, keep in mind the following:

- Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes. For more information, see FME Flow Ports.
- We recommend installing all FME Flows on systems that are synchronized to the same time zone. If time zones differ across FME Flows, unexpected issues may arise, including:
 - Improper timing of Schedule Initiated triggers.
 - Inconsistent or misleading timestamps in log files (accessed from Resources).
- In a fault tolerant installation of FME Flow, the Automations triggers UDP Message Received and Email Received (SMTP) (and corresponding Notification Service UDP Publisher and SMTP Publisher) are not supported. To receive email messages, consider the Email Received (IMAP) trigger instead.

Example Architectures

Example 1: FME Engines hosted on the same machine as the web application server and FME Flow Core

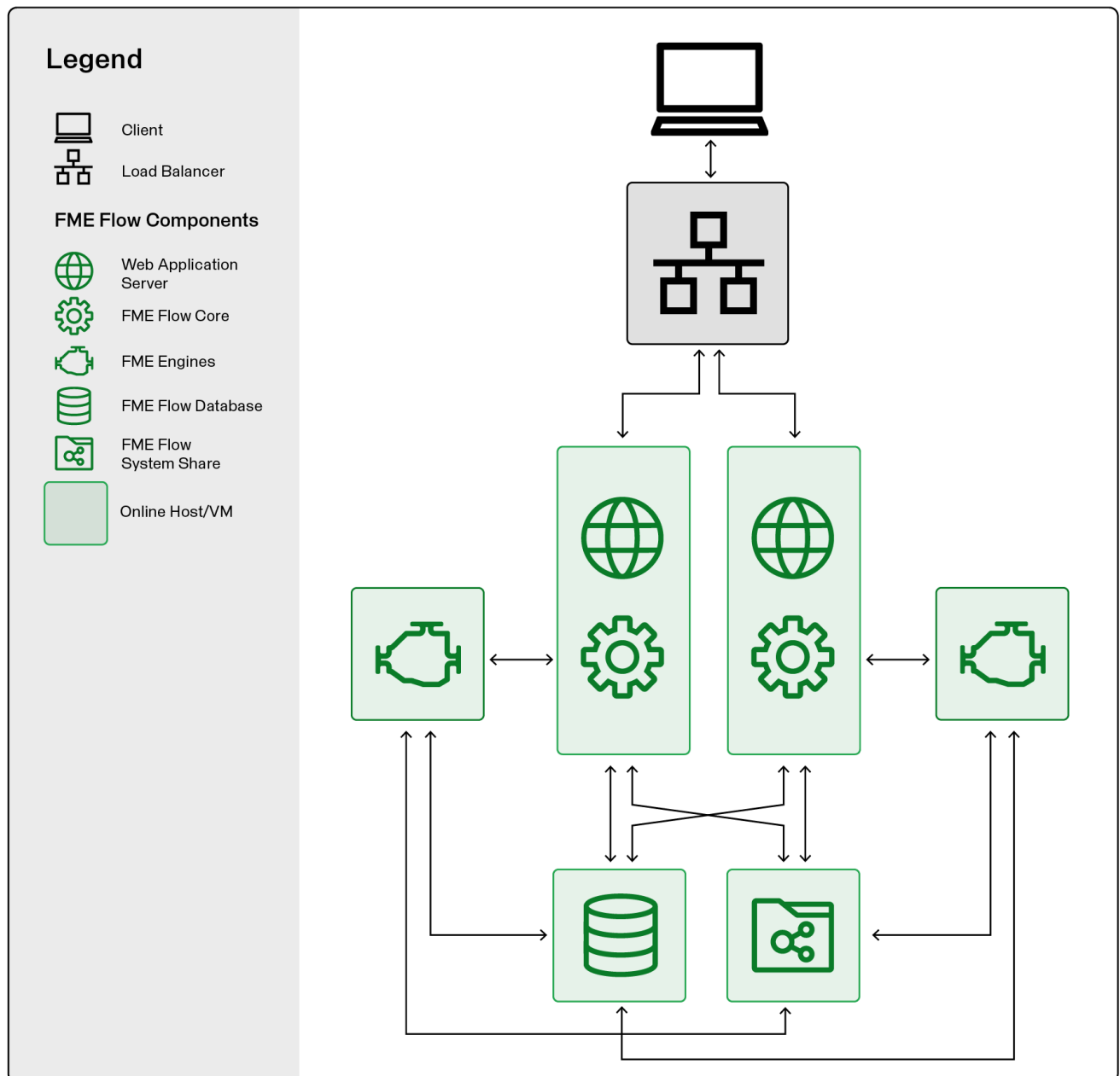
Fault Tolerant Install Example 1



Example 2: FME Engines distributed and hosted on a separate machine from the web application server and FME Flow Core

There can be any number of distributed FME Engine hosts associated with the FME Flow Core.

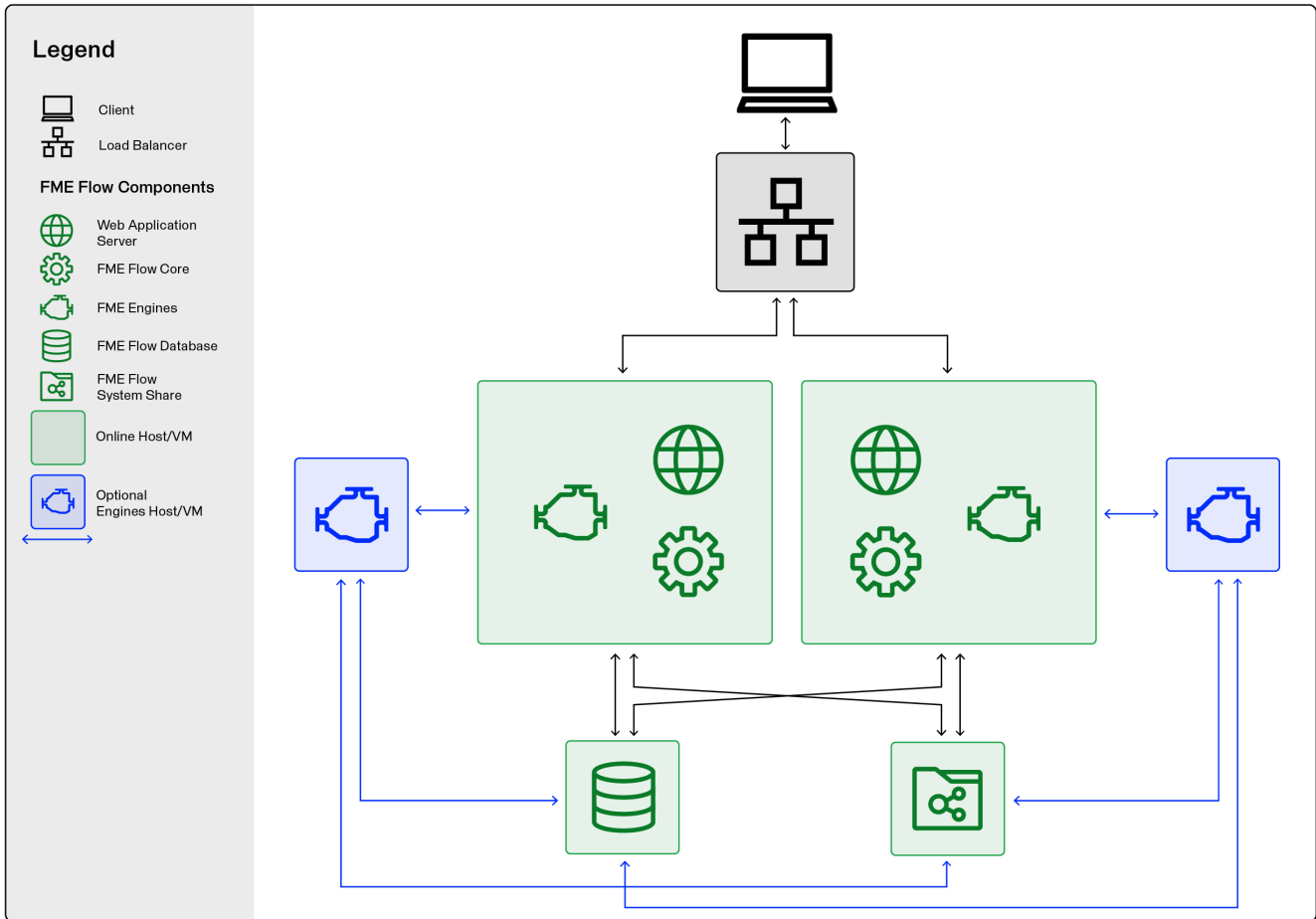
Fault Tolerant Install Example 2



Example 3: A combination of examples 1 and 2

Some FME Engines are hosted on the same machine as the web application server and FME Flow Core, and others are distributed.

Fault Tolerant Install Example 3



To Install a Fault Tolerant System

- Proceed to [Installing a Scalable, Fault-Tolerant FME Flow on page 63.](#)

Planning for Disaster Recovery

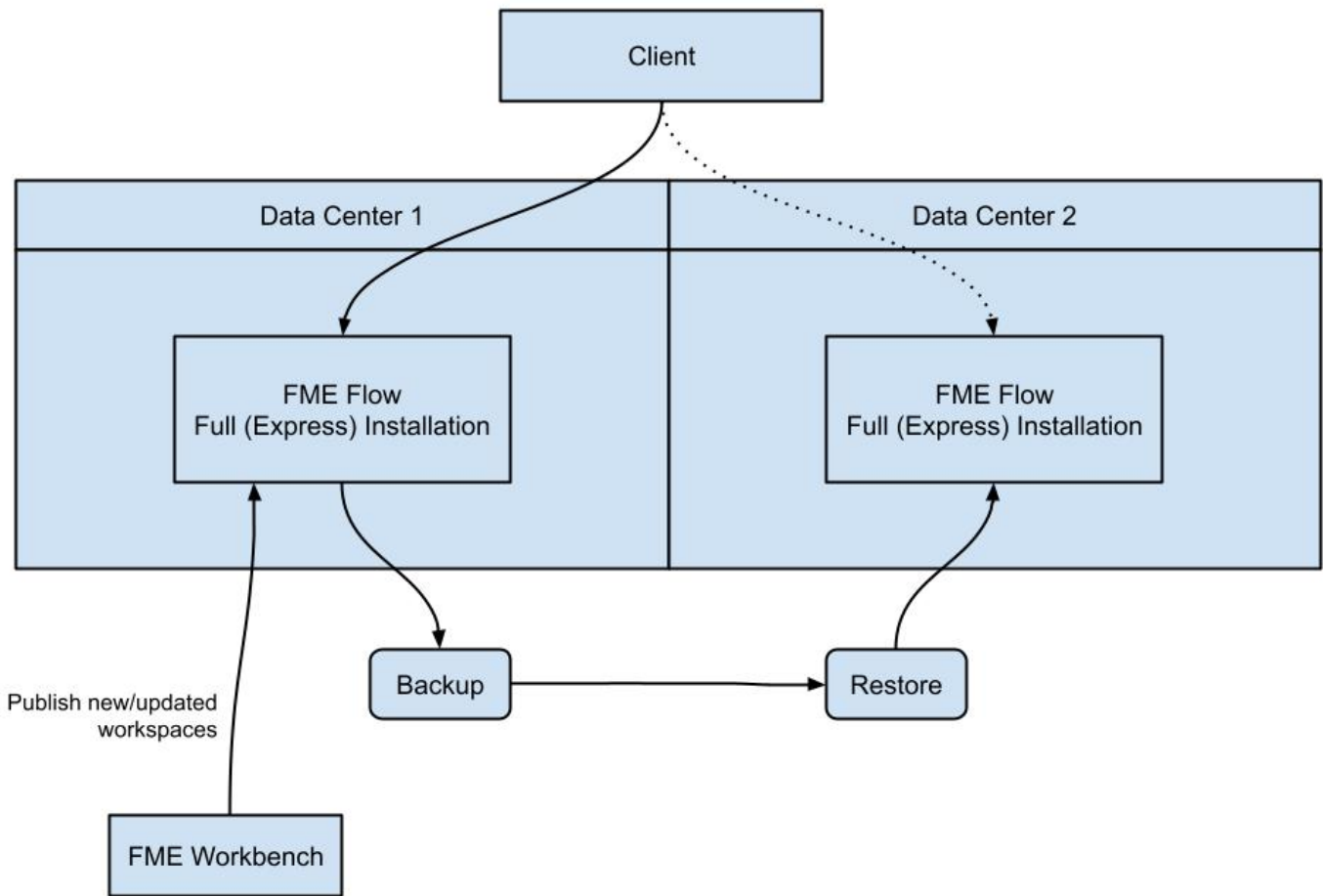
Disaster recovery is primarily concerned with recovering FME Flow operations and data in the event of a major failure of a data center. The general concept of disaster recovery is that if one data center fails, the second data center takes over, and the FME Flow Core located there becomes the 'active' Core. The time frame for disaster recovery is typically

longer than [fault-tolerant](#) recovery. Disaster recovery may range from minutes, hours, or even days, while fault-tolerant recovery is typically in seconds to minutes.

Disaster recovery can be incorporated into a fault-tolerant architecture. Alternatively, if you are primarily concerned with disaster recovery, and less concerned about the fast recovery provided by fault tolerance, you may want to implement a different [architecture](#).

- ⚠ **Warning** We recommend installing all FME Flows on systems that are synchronized to the same time zone. If time zones differ across FME Flows, unexpected issues may arise, including:
- Improper timing of Schedule Initiated triggers.
 - Inconsistent or misleading timestamps in log files (accessed from Resources).

This example of disaster recovery is a combination of an Express installation and a fault-tolerant installation. However, instead of a third-party load balancer between systems, FME Flow clients must be manually redirected to the FME Flow Core host server of the second data center in the event of a disaster. Each data center houses full ("Express") installations of FME Flow, essentially configured to provide similar functionality. To ensure synchronicity of FME Flow system data between data centers, Backup & Restore operations are performed [regularly](#). (Otherwise, workspaces and other updates must be published twice - to the FME Flow Core hosts on each data center.)



Keep in mind that when planning for disaster recovery, all clients of FME Flow, including web browsers, the FME Flow CLI, and the FME Flow REST API, must connect to the "active" FME Flow Core host.

Planning for Security Updates

All installations of FME Flow, regardless of type, include the FME Flow Core and FME Engines. These components are always provided directly from the FME Flow installation package. Two additional components - a Web Application Server and a server for the FME Flow Database - must also be installed. When you choose an [Express](#) installation of FME Flow, the install package provides its own versions of these components, including an Apache Tomcat web application servlet, and a PostgreSQL

database server. If you choose a [Distributed](#) installation of FME Flow, you may need to provide your own database server and web application server, depending on the scenario. One factor in deciding between a stand-alone or distributed installation of FME Flow is the degree of control you want in applying security updates to the web application and database servers. If you install a full, stand-alone FME Flow (Express), keep in mind that any security updates to these components are dependent on updates to FME Flow releases in general. Each time FME Flow releases an update to its software (including both major and minor releases), any security updates for these components are included in that release. If you do not want to rely on updates to the FME Flow software in general for security updates to the web application and database servers, then we recommend a Distributed/Fault Tolerant installation. You can provide these components on your own, and maintain security for them separately. In the case of the web application server, Apache Tomcat version 10.1.x is supported. The FME Flow Database supports PostgreSQL (recommended), Oracle, and SQL Server. Alternatively, if your FME Flow is entirely internal to your organization, and behind a firewall, then you may be more comfortable with the security updates provided with a full installation.

- To proceed with a full installation of FME Flow, including web application and database servers provided with the install package, see [Install FME Flow: Express Installation for Windows on page 45](#) or [Install FME Flow: Express Installation for Linux on page 56](#).
- To read about installation scenarios that support providing your own web application and database servers, see [Distributed on page 17](#).

Reporting Potential Vulnerabilities

FME Flow is comprised of many Java and 3rd-party libraries. It is possible for virus scanners to identify security vulnerabilities at any time during the life of an FME Flow installation. When this occurs, you can search the [FME Community](#) for more information, or [contact Safe Software Support](#) to report the vulnerability. Safe Software takes all security vulnerability concerns seriously. Each concern is handled individually and we will report on the appropriate action once investigated.

Planning for Scalability and Performance


Scale your FME Flow to increase job throughput and optimize job performance.

Increasing Job Throughput

To increase the ability of FME Flow to run jobs simultaneously, consider any of these approaches:

Multiple Engines on the Same Machine

You can scale FME Flow to support a higher volume of jobs by [adding FME Engines on the same machine](#) as the FME Flow Core. A single active Core is all you need to scale processing capacity. The FME Flow Core contains a Software Load Balancer that distributes jobs to the FME Engines. Each FME Engine can process one job at any one time, so if you have ten engines, you can run ten jobs simultaneously. If you have many simultaneous job requests, with jobs consistently in the queue, consider adding engines to your Core machine.

 **Note** Adding engines to the same machine does not reduce the time a single translation takes to run. This time is dependent on the underlying hardware and the design of the workspace. Complex workspaces, big data manipulation, and large datasets take more time to run.

Having multiple engines on the same machine also helps with [Job Recovery](#).

Adding Engines on Separate Machines

If existing FME Engines are utilizing all system resources to process jobs, you can [add FME Engines on a separate machine](#) or access [Remote Engines Services](#). Either approach allows you to use the system resources of multiple machines, which allows additional concurrent jobs to be run.

Multiple FME Flow Installations

A [fault tolerant](#) architecture provides for multiple, stand-alone FME Flow installations. In addition to providing fault tolerance, this configuration distributes jobs between FME Flows via a third-party load balancer.

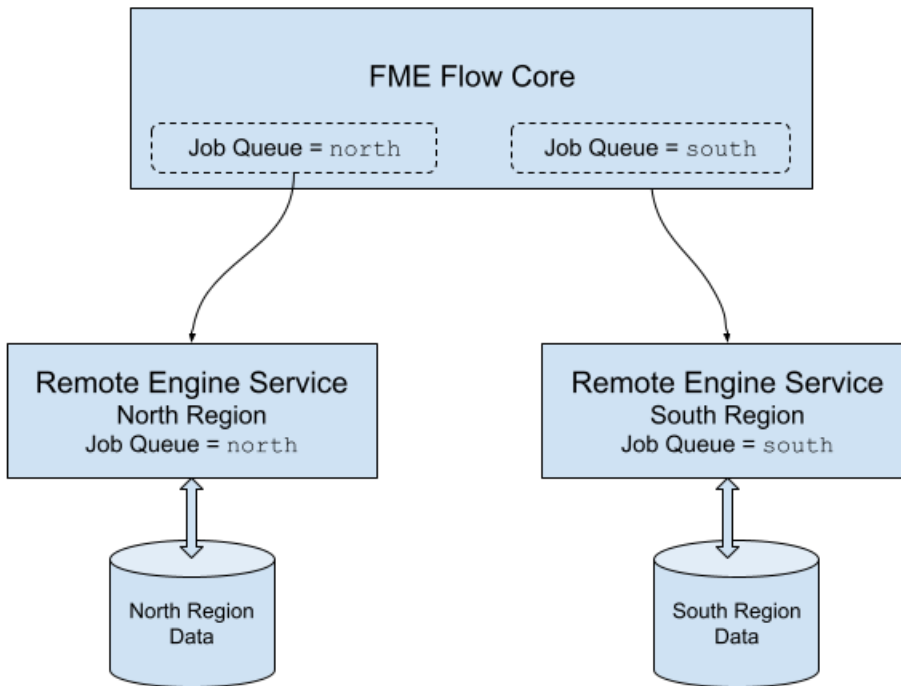
Increasing Job Performance

Using the following approaches, you can provide flexibility for running jobs in close physical proximity to the data they read and write:

- [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#): This approach requires the engine machines to be in the same network, and in the same data center or geographically close.
- [Remote Engines Services](#): This approach works well when you want to access FME Engines on servers outside of your network on accessible endpoints or in a Cloud service, while maintaining your primary FME Flow installation behind a firewall. It can also be deployed within a network.

To ensure each job is run by the intended engine, you must use either approach in combination with Queue Control.

In this Remote Engines Service example, consider two data sources - one located in a northern region, and another located in a southern region. To run jobs efficiently, it makes sense to access remote engines in both regions. Jobs that are run on queue `north` access data in the northern data store. These jobs are routed to remote engines located in the northern region. Likewise, jobs that are run on queue `south` access data in the southern data store. These jobs are routed to remote engines located in the southern region.



Controlling the Queue

To exercise a finer level of control over how jobs are processed, consider the following approaches:

Queue Control

Queue Control manages or spreads the work load of engines running workspaces. In a distributed environment, you may wish to run small jobs on certain engines, and larger jobs on other engines.

Or, you may have a mix of OS platforms on which certain FME formats can and cannot be run. For instance, consider an FME Flow on a Linux OS. Linux cannot run some formats that may be required by your business. So, it may be necessary to have a Windows OS configured with an additional FME Flow Engine.

Queues are also used when [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#) or with [Remote Engines Services](#), to route jobs to engines that are located in close physical proximity to the data they read and write.

You can set engines to process certain jobs based on the queue of the transformation request.

Queue Priority

FME Flow allows you to set job priority using the *Priority* directive of a queue. Jobs in higher-priority queues may execute before jobs in lower-priority queues.

About Component and Job Recovery in FME Flow


FME Flow restarts components and jobs automatically when crashes occur—no additional planning is needed.

Component Recovery

FME Flow comes out-of-the-box with component recovery. This means that, even on a single system, FME Flow monitors and restarts components that fail, including the FME Engines and the FME Flow Core. This is achieved through the FME Flow Process Monitor. The ability for FME Flow to monitor its own components ensures reliable uptime and dependability.

Job Recovery

FME Flow also includes the ability to restart a translation (job) when a crash occurs. FME Flow can continue to resubmit a translation up to a specified number of attempts. As a result, jobs that experience temporary issues, such as a network hiccup, are resubmitted and run again. Job recovery is configurable and can be turned off entirely. For more information, see [Configuring Job Recovery](#).

 **Note** Resubmitted jobs may cause data duplication, such as when writing to database formats.

System Requirements

For system requirements for the Windows or Linux operating systems, see <https://www.safe.com/fme/tech-specs/>.

For information about supported web browsers, see [Accessing the Web User Interface](#).

Linux: Offline Installations


FME on Linux requires many third party packages. These dependencies must be satisfied when FME is installed. The easiest way to satisfy these dependencies is to install FME on a computer that is connected to the internet, allowing packages to be downloaded as needed.

It is possible, however, to manually prepare an offline computer for FME installation.

1. Get dependencies for the FME Engines component of the installation.
 - a. Extract all files from the FME Flow installer with flags `--noexec` and `--keep`. For example:


```
./fme-flow-2023.0-b23277-linux-x64~ubuntu.22.04.run --noexec -  
-keep
```

These flags create a folder `fme-flow` in the current directory that contains the contents of the FME Flow installer, including the FME Engine `.deb` or `.rpm` package.
 - b. Get the package dependencies:
 - Ubuntu/Debian: `dpkg -I <package_name>.deb`
 - Red Hat/Rocky Linux: `yum deplist <package_name>.rpm`
2. Get dependencies for the FME Flow component of the installation
 - Packages required: `zip`, `unzip`, `perl`, `tar`, `xhost`, `policycoreutils-python-utils`
 - If your [deployment architecture](#) includes the PostgreSQL database server provided with the installation (Express and certain distributed architectures), the following additional packages are required:
 - Debian/Ubuntu: `postgresql`
 - Red Hat/Rocky Linux: `postgresql-server`

 **Note** RedHat and Rocky Linux require that NumPy and Matplotlib packages are installed via pip and pip3. This may be done before or after installing FME. For more information, see [Using Python with FME Flow](#).

For more information:

- Ubuntu/Debian: [Installing packages without an Internet connection](#)
- Red Hat/Rocky Linux: <https://access.redhat.com/solutions/29269>

 **Warning** If you are accessing local mirrors of public repositories, ensure they match the version of your Linux.

Linux: Online Installations

Internet-restricted Installations through a Proxy

If installing on a machine with limited internet access in which a proxy is configured to handle communication required by the installer, the proxy must be configured to allow connections to the system package repository for that operating system.

Check for Active Subscription (Red Hat Only)

FME cannot be installed on a Red Hat instance unless it has an active subscription. For more information:

- https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red_hat_subscription_management/1/html/quick_registration_for_rhel/

Make Sure the System is Up-to-Date

On Red Hat/Rocky Linux, run:

```
yum update
```

On Ubuntu/Debian, run:

```
apt update && apt upgrade
```

Install zip and unzip Utilities

On Red Hat/Rocky Linux, run:

```
yum install zip  
yum install unzip
```

On Ubuntu/Debian, run:

```
apt-get install zip  
apt-get install unzip
```

Red Hat/Rocky Linux: Configure Access to EPEL Repository

On Red Hat or Rocky Linux, you must first download and install the Extra Package for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) Community Project repository.

For more information:

- https://fedoraproject.org/wiki/EPEL#How_can_I_use_these_extra_packages.3F

See also:

- <https://docs.rackspace.com/support/how-to/install-epel-and-additional-repositories-on-centos-and-red-hat/>

Enabling FME Flow for Public Access

FME Flow is often installed on an internal network with restricted access. However, some functionality, such as webhooks and Flow Apps, may require communication with the public Internet.

Routing Web Traffic to FME Flow

For public access, FME Flow's URL paths may need to be whitelisted. Additionally, if you are using a load balancer or reverse proxy that only passes certain traffic to your servers, make sure it is set to pass these paths so FME Flow receives everything it needs.

FME Flow's URL paths start with the following:

- /fmeserver/dist/
- /fmeserver/images/
- /fmeserver/fonts/
- /fmeserver/bundle/
- /fmeserver/app/
- /fmeserver/apps/
- /fmeserver/REST/
- /fmeserver/run/
- /fmeserver/login/
- /fmeserver/styles/
- /fmeserver/fmeauth
- /fmeserver/ssotoken
- /fmeinfo/
- /fmemcp/
- /fmeapiv4/
- /fmetoken
- /fmedatadownload/
- /fmedatastreaming/
- /fmedataupload/
- /fmekmllink/
- /fmejobsubmitter/

- /fmenotification/
- /fmesso/
- /fmeoauth
- /fmesaml/
- /api/

It is possible to only whitelist paths for specific features you want publicly accessible. For example, all webhook paths start with /fmeapiv4/automations/. Likewise, if you are using the FME Flow [WebSocket Server](#), you can whitelist only those paths.

Additional URLs for FME Flow

The following sites should also be whitelisted for access to automatic [Licensing](#) and [Broadcast Messages](#).

- <https://fme-licensing.safe.com/>
- <http://api.safe.com/>

URL Rewriting

URL rewriting can be used as part of a reverse proxy's rules to forward traffic to FME Flow. These rules may rely on URL pattern matching. This example is a pattern that will pass all the above URL paths, ensuring FME Flow receives all relevant traffic:

```
(^(api|fme).*)
```

Web Application Firewall (WAF) Rules

If your organization has strict OWASP rules, [create a support ticket](#) to discuss what this might mean for FME Flow.

Unencrypted FME Flow Behind a Reverse Proxy or Load Balancer with HTTPS (TLS/SSL Termination)

If your reverse proxy or load balancer is already SSL-configured and you do not require web traffic on your internal network to use HTTPS, you may choose not to configure FME Flow with SSL.

To configure an FME Flow deployment with HTTP behind a reverse proxy or load balancer with HTTPS, the FME Flow [web application server](#) must specify the redirect headers relative to the reverse proxy or load balancer, not itself. This configuration is already accomplished on Linux installations with an NGINX reverse proxy that is provided. The same changes can be made on Windows installations by following these steps:

1. On the machine hosting the FME Flow web application server, run a text editor as an administrator and open `server.xml`, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf`.
2. Add a directive `proxyName` with the value of the external reverse proxy/load balancer address. For example:
`proxyName="reverse.proxy.com"`
3. Update the `proxyPort` directive to `443`:
`proxyPort="443"`
4. Update the `scheme` directive to `https`:
`scheme="https"`
5. Add a directive `secure` with value of `true`:
`secure="true"`
6. Change the `address` directive to the reverse proxy/load balancer IP address to prevent external requests directly to the web application server:
`address="<your reverse proxy IP address>"`
7. If you have a [fault-tolerant installation](#) of FME Flow, repeat on any remaining web application server hosts in your deployment.
8. [Restart](#) the services.

With this configuration, the load balancer decrypts SSL traffic and passes it to FME Flow unencrypted. When traffic comes from FME Flow back to the client, it is labelled as HTTPS so it will not be rejected by, for example, SAML. However, the data FME Flow actually sends back is unencrypted.

To configure SAML with a load balancer, see [SAML Configuration](#).

Using a Reverse Proxy or Load Balancer with One-Way Communication

If FME Flow cannot route traffic back to the reverse proxy/load balancer, you must route traffic back to the client through an outgoing proxy for FME Flow's [data download](#) and [data streaming](#) services to work correctly.

WebSockets

On Windows installations, [WebSocket Server](#) traffic goes through [port 7078](#) by default.

ON Linux installations, using NGINX as a reverse proxy, WebSocket server traffic goes through port 80/443 by default. NGINX runs in front of the web application server by default.

Timeouts

Reverse proxies and load balancers often have timeouts for client and server-side inactivity, which may impact connections with FME Flow.

If using the data download service or data streaming service, longer timeouts may be necessary for time-consuming jobs. Keep in mind workspace duration when configuring timeouts.

If using FME Flow's [REST Service](#), there are options to extend or choose the timeout period. Base this period on your workflow's total maximum lifetime.

If using the [FMEFlowJobSubmitter](#) transformer and *Wait for Jobs to Complete* is **Yes**, timeouts must be greater than 45 seconds for job completion polling to work.

If using [Streams](#), keep in mind that the idle timeout setting may impact how messages are received after longer periods of inactivity.

Large file Uploads

Verify that your maximum allowed upload size is large enough to support necessary file uploads to FME Flow.

Requirements for FME Workspaces

To perform data transformations, FME Flow runs workspaces. When a workspace runs on FME Flow, it is referred to as a job.

In this Section

- [FME Workbench](#)
- [GridShift Files](#)
- [Third-Party Applications for FME](#)

FME Workbench

FME Workbench is used to author and publish the workspaces used by FME Flow. FME Workbench is not part of FME Flow; rather, it is part of the FME Form product. Contact your Safe Software account manager or your local Safe Software reseller, if you would like more information about FME Form.


If you don't have access to FME Form, you cannot publish workspaces to FME Flow, although you can still perform and test the installation.

Connecting to FME Flow

Web connection allows FME Workbench to connect to FME Flow using the HTTP protocol. It requires the Web Application Server port to be open to communication between the FME Workbench computer and the FME Flow computer.

Version of FME Workbench

For best results, the versions of FME Workbench and FME Flow should match. Publishing a workspace from FME Workbench to FME Flow is supported if the year and major version (for example, [2024.1](#)) match, and the remainder of the version of FME Workbench is the same or older than FME Flow.

 **Warning** When publishing between different versions of FME Workbench and FME Flow, always verify results before proceeding in a production workflow.

Examples

Publishing from FME Workbench Version	Publishing to FME Flow version	Supported?
2024.1	2024.1	Yes (same major version)
2024.1.2	2024.1.3	Yes (same major version)
2024.1	2024.2	No (different major version)
2024.2	2024.1	No (FME Workbench is a newer version than FME Flow.)
2024.1.3	2024.1.2	No (FME Workbench is a newer version than FME Flow.)

If you are running an FME Flow version that is older than your FME Workbench, it is possible to upgrade the FME Engines used by FME Flow to match your FME Workbench version. For more information, see [FME Engine Only Upgrade](#).

GridShift Files

If you plan to run workspaces that transform data between the datums NAD27 and NAD83, you can use datum shift files for Canada or the US. For more information, see [Configuring Implicit NAD27 to NAD83 Datum Shifts](#).

Third-Party Applications for FME

FME Workspaces often rely on third party applications for connecting to data sources. Examples include an Oracle client for connecting to an Oracle database and an ArcGIS installation for connecting to Esri Geodatabases.

If you must install a third-party application for your FME Form installation, repeat that installation on all machines hosting FME Engines. Review our [FME formats matrix](#) and compare by platforms to check if the formats you plan to use are available.

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Install FME Flow: Express Installation for Windows

This chapter provides information for an Express installation of FME Flow for Windows. Before getting started, take a few minutes to review [Planning an FME Flow Installation](#).

To Perform an Express Installation for Windows

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2. [Run the Installer](#)
3. [Starting and Stopping FME Flow](#)
4. [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)
5. [Request and Install a License](#)
6. [Test the Installation](#)

See Also

- [Uninstall](#)

Obtain the Installer

To obtain the applicable FME Flow installation package, visit [the FME Downloads page](#). This page includes download links to release and beta installation packages for various platforms.

You can also contact sales@safe.com to get access.

What's Next?

- [Run the Installer](#)

Run the Installer


Run the installer under an administrator account. This account must have:

- Write privileges to the specified installation directory.
- "Log on as a service" rights on this machine. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).

FME Flow Installation Extractor

Start the FME Flow installer.

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:


- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.

Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the **Express** option.

Choose Setup Type 


Please choose setup type.

- Express** Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Flow. (Recommended)
- Distributed / Fault Tolerant** Provides flexibility over which FME Flow components to install. Select this option for certain fault-tolerance scenarios, or if your organization's IT constraints require you to use existing components for the FME Flow database or web application server.
- Distributed Engine** Allows you to build onto a current FME Flow installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Click Next to continue.


Destination Folder

- **Install FME Flow to:** By default, most files for your FME Flow installation are written to C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\. To change the installation directory, modify the path. Do not specify a UNC path.
- **Install the FME Flow System Share to:** By default, FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources, are written to %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\.


 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

This configuration is recommended, because applications that use FME Flow to write data can access C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow when all [FME Flow System Services](#) run under the local system account (the most common scenario), while the

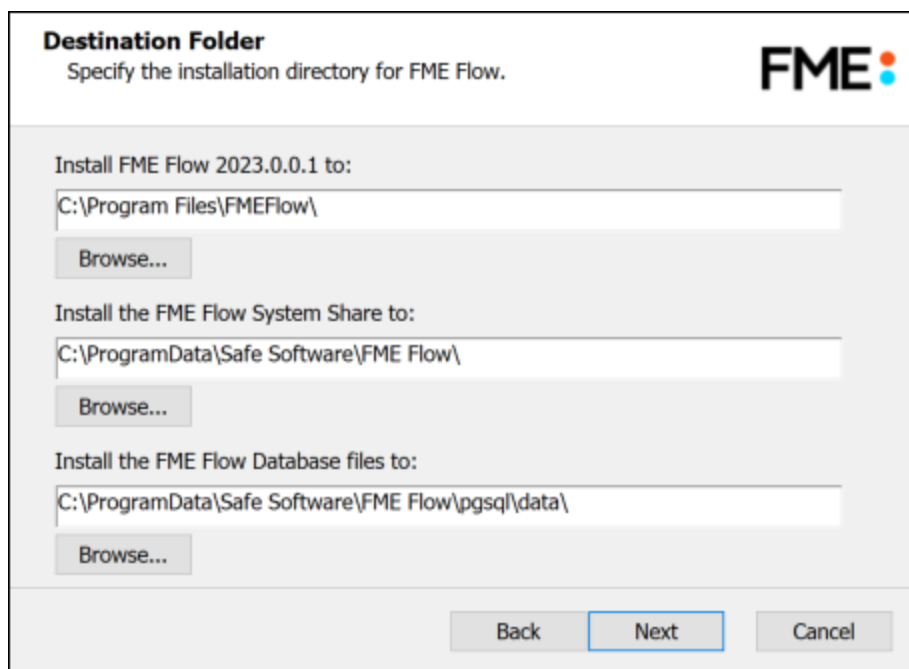
remaining files are protected in a read-only location. To change the installation directory of FME Flow System Share files, modify the path.


 **Note** If you plan to scale-out your FME Flow anytime following installation by [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#), the specified directory must be read/write accessible by the account that runs the additional FME Engines.

- **Install the FME Flow Database files to:** By default, FME Flow Database files are written to %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data.

 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

To change the installation directory of FME Flow Database files, modify the path.



Destination Folder
Specify the installation directory for FME Flow. 

Install FME Flow 2023.0.0.1 to:
C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\
Browse...

Install the FME Flow System Share to:
C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\
Browse...

Install the FME Flow Database files to:
C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data\
Browse...

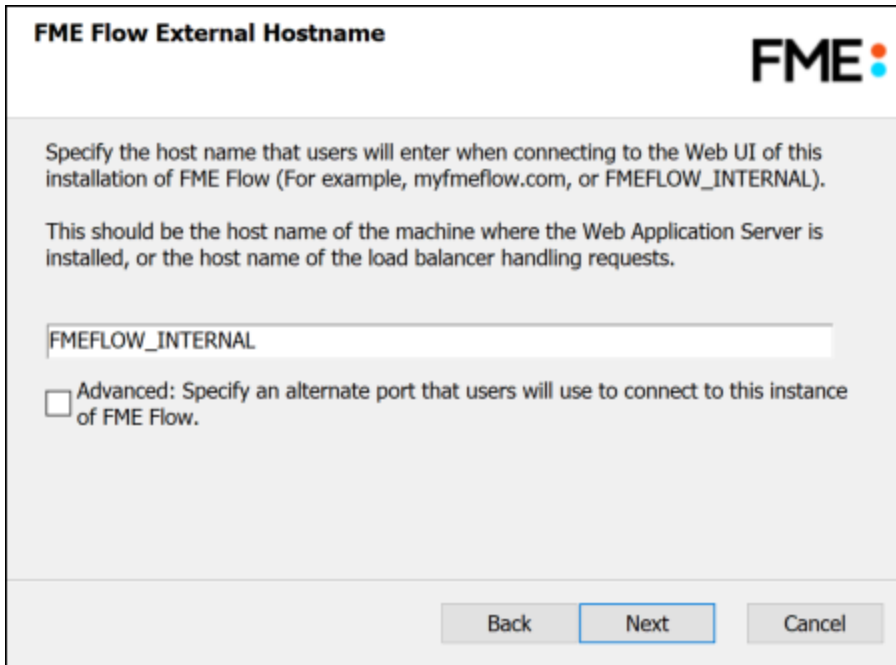
Back Next Cancel

FME Flow External Hostname

If this FME Flow installation will be available to users outside an internal network (for example, on an external website), specify the external hostname that users will enter when connecting to FME Flow. For example, if you are hosting FME Flow on `myfmefflow.com/myfmefflow`, enter `myfmefflow.com`.

Otherwise, enter the internal server hostname, IP Address, or DNS.


If a load balancer or reverse proxy is deployed through which to access FME Flow, check *Advanced* and provide the *External Web Traffic Port*. Specify this port only if it differs from the port on which the FME Flow Web Application Server listens, as specified in the next dialog.



The screenshot shows a configuration dialog titled "FME Flow External Hostname" with the FME logo in the top right corner. The main text area contains instructions: "Specify the host name that users will enter when connecting to the Web UI of this installation of FME Flow (For example, myfmefflow.com, or FMEFLOW_INTERNAL). This should be the host name of the machine where the Web Application Server is installed, or the host name of the load balancer handling requests." Below this is a text input field containing "FMEFLOW_INTERNAL". There is an unchecked checkbox labeled "Advanced: Specify an alternate port that users will use to connect to this instance of FME Flow." At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next" (which is highlighted with a blue border), and "Cancel".


HTTPS Configuration

To enable the Apache Tomcat web application server for HTTPS, check *Enable HTTPS with certificate* and provide the path to your PFX certificate and the certificate password.

 **Note** If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see [Configuring for HTTPS](#).

HTTPS Configuration

Configure Tomcat for HTTPS.


 Enable HTTPS with certificate
PFX Certificate:

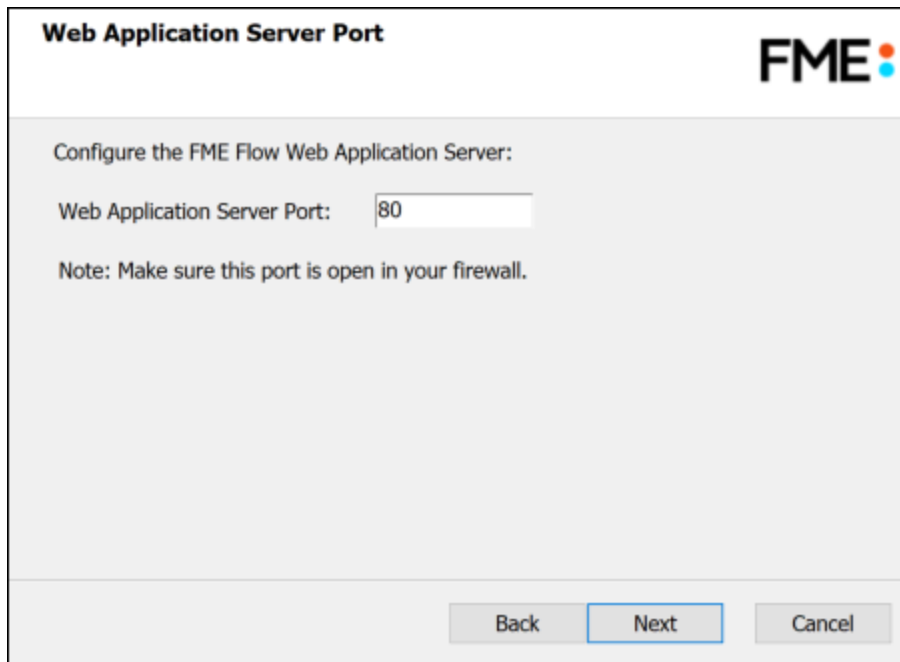
Password for PFX Certificate:

Confirm Password:

Web Application Server Port

Port 80 is the recommended default. If this port is in use, port 8080 is recommended. If HTTPS was configured in the [previous dialog](#), port 443 is set by default.

Note Common applications that may be using port 80 include Skype and Internet Information Services (IIS). Either turn off these services, or select a different port, such as 8080.



Database User

The installation creates the FME Flow Database on a PostgreSQL database server, and a user account under which to use the database. Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmeflow**) and *Password* for the database user account.

When specifying *User Name* and *Password*, keep in mind the following:

- Do not specify *User Name* **postgres**. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.
- *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.
- The specified *Password* is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.

Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

This installation of FME Flow will install PostgreSQL and create a new user for FME Flow to use. Please specify a username and password below.

User Name:

Password:

Confirm Password:

On the last screen, click **Install**.

Proceed to [Starting and Stopping FME Flow below](#).

Starting and Stopping FME Flow

After performing the installation, the FME Flow service and associated applications start automatically. You might have to start and stop these applications at some point. See [Starting and Stopping FME Flow Manually](#) for instructions.

Note If UAC (User Account Control) is enabled on your Windows system and the installation was not run from an elevated prompt (that is, Run as administrator), you might need to start the FME Flow Windows Services.

What's Next?

- [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)

Log on to the Web User Interface

To log in to the Web User Interface for the first time as an administrator following installation, specify *Username* `admin` and *Password* `admin`. You will be prompted to update

the `admin` password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.

For more information and support:

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Web Interface Login](#)
- Accessing the Web User Interface
- Changing the Login Password
- [Default User Accounts and Passwords](#)
- [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)

What's Next?

- [Request and Install a License](#)

Request and Install a License

 **Note**

License files are installed, by default, to:

» Windows: `C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\licenses`

» Linux: `/opt/fmeflow/licenses`

Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) licensing is not available for engines on FME Flow Hosted.


Automatic Mode (Recommended)

If your FME Flow host machine has an internet connection, you can request and install a license online without any need for downloading and re-uploading a license file.


Note

- Licensing FME Flow over the internet requires no inbound connection. For more information, see [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#).
- If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), automatic mode only is supported. Manual mode licensing (below) is not supported.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration** > **Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.


 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Automatic**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. A message indicates that your license is installed, and your available engines appear momentarily on the Engines page.


 **Note** If the *Serial Number* you provided includes Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), they are not configured to start by default. You can start and configure your Dynamic Engines on the Engines page.

Manual Mode

If you prefer not to use an internet connection for licensing, or if your FME Flow host machine does not have an internet connection, use this process to install a license.

 **Note** If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), manual mode licensing is not supported. Use automatic mode for licensing (above). For more information, contact your Safe Software Inc. sales representative.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Flow engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Manual**.
5. Click **OK**. A license request .json file downloads.
6. Email the .json file to codes@safe.com.
7. You will receive an email from Safe Software Inc. with a license file, which has a `.fmeLIC` extension. Download the file.
8. Return to the Licensing page. Under Standard Engines, click **Upload License File** and select the `.fmeLIC` file to upload. Or, drag and drop the `.fmeLIC` file onto the page under Standard Engines. A message indicates that it is installed, and your available engines appear on the Engines page.

Problems?

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: FME Flow Engines](#)
- Contact codes@safe.com.

See Also

- [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#)
- FME Engines

What's Next?

- [Test the Installation](#)

Test the Installation

To test your FME Flow installation, confirm that FME Flow can perform its primary function—running a job.

1. On the Run Workspace page, specify:
 - Repository: Samples
 - Workspace: austinApartments.fmw
 - Service: Job Submitter
2. Click Run Workspace.

If you see a success message, your install was a success.

See Also

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Submitting a Job in FME Flow](#)

Install FME Flow: Express Installation for Linux

This chapter provides information for an Express installation FME Flow for Linux. Before getting started, take a few minutes to review [Planning an FME Flow Installation](#).

To Perform an Express Installation for Linux

1. Ensure [System Requirements](#) are met, including updates and dependencies.
2. [Obtain the Installer](#)

3. [Run the Installer](#)
4. [Starting and Stopping FME Flow](#)
5. [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)
6. [Request and Install a License](#)
7. [Test the Installation](#)

See Also

- [Uninstall](#)

Obtain the Installer

To obtain the applicable FME Flow installation package, visit [the FME Downloads page](#). This page includes download links to release and beta installation packages for various platforms.

You can also contact sales@safe.com to get access.

What's Next?

- [Run the Installer](#)

Run the Installer

The installer should be executed as the root user. The recommended method is to call the install file directly. These examples assume you are in the same directory as the installer:

- As root user:

```
chmod +x fme-flow-b23278-linux-x64~ubuntu.22.04.run
./fme-flow-b23278-linux-x64~ubuntu.22.04.run
```

- Not root user, but with sudo privileges:

```
sudo chmod +x fme-flow-b23278-linux-x64~ubuntu.22.04.run
sudo ./fme-flow-b23278-linux-x64~ubuntu.22.04.run
```

Proceed through to the Choose Setup Type prompt. Select the Express option.

```
Do you accept the terms of the FME User License? Yes/No [No] : y

Express: Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Server.

Custom / Distributed: Provides flexibility over which FME Server components to install. Select this option for certain fault-tolerance scenarios, or if your organization's IT constraints require you to use existing components for the FME Server database, web application, or license server.

Engine: Allows you to build onto a current FME Server installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Please choose the setup type.
Valid Choices:
1) Express
2) Custom / Distributed
3) Engine
[Express] : 1
```

Proceed through all the prompts. For each prompt, the default answer appears in square brackets, such as `[default]`. If you press Enter without typing an answer, you are accepting the default answer.

As you proceed, keep in mind the following:

- When prompted for the database user name and password:
 - Do not specify user name **postgres**. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.
 - The database password must not contain any single quote (') characters.
- The password for the FME Flow Database user account is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.
- Regardless of the installation directory you specify, FME Engines are installed directly under `/opt/fme-engine`.
- FME Flow installs an NGINX reverse proxy, which allows you to select port 80 or any port number less than 1024, and run the Apache Tomcat Web Application Server as the FME Flow user instead of root.

Proceed to [Starting and Stopping FME Flow on the next page](#).

Starting and Stopping FME Flow

After performing the installation, start the FME Flow System Services. For instructions on starting and stopping the services manually, see [Starting and Stopping FME Flow Manually on page 405](#). For instructions on configuring the services to start at boot time, see [Configuring FME Flow as a System Service \(Linux\) on page 411](#).

What's Next?

- [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)

Log on to the Web User Interface

To log in to the Web User Interface for the first time as an administrator following installation, specify *Username* `admin` and *Password* `admin`. You will be prompted to update the `admin` password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.

For more information and support:

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Web Interface Login](#)
- Accessing the Web User Interface
- Changing the Login Password
- [Default User Accounts and Passwords](#)
- [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)

What's Next?

- [Request and Install a License](#)

Request and Install a License

Note

License files are installed, by default, to:

» Windows: `C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\licenses`

» Linux: `/opt/fmeflow/licenses`

Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) licensing is not available for engines on FME Flow Hosted.

Automatic Mode (Recommended)

If your FME Flow host machine has an internet connection, you can request and install a license online without any need for downloading and re-uploading a license file.

Note


- Licensing FME Flow over the internet requires no inbound connection. For more information, see [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#).
- If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), automatic mode only is supported. Manual mode licensing (below) is not supported.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration** > **Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

Note If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.


4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Automatic**.

5. Click **OK**.
6. A message indicates that your license is installed, and your available engines appear momentarily on the Engines page.


 **Note** If the *Serial Number* you provided includes Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), they are not configured to start by default. You can start and configure your Dynamic Engines on the Engines page.

Manual Mode

If you prefer not to use an internet connection for licensing, or if your FME Flow host machine does not have an internet connection, use this process to install a license.

 **Note** If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), manual mode licensing is not supported. Use automatic mode for licensing (above). For more information, contact your Safe Software Inc. sales representative.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Flow engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Manual**.
5. Click **OK**. A license request .json file downloads.
6. Email the .json file to codes@safe.com.

7. You will receive an email from Safe Software Inc. with a license file, which has a `.fmelic` extension. Download the file.
8. Return to the Licensing page. Under Standard Engines, click **Upload License File** and select the `.fmelic` file to upload. Or, drag and drop the `.fmelic` file onto the page under Standard Engines. A message indicates that it is installed, and your available engines appear on the Engines page.

Problems?

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: FME Flow Engines](#)
- Contact codes@safe.com.

See Also

- [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#)
- FME Engines

What's Next?

- [Test the Installation](#)

Test the Installation

To test your FME Flow installation, confirm that FME Flow can perform its primary function—running a job.

1. On the Run Workspace page, specify:
 - Repository: Samples
 - Workspace: austinApartments.fmw
 - Service: Job Submitter
2. Click Run Workspace.

If you see a success message, your install was a success.

See Also

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Submitting a Job in FME Flow](#)


Installing a Scalable, Fault-Tolerant FME Flow

Before installing FME Flow for fault tolerance, make sure you have:

- Read and understood [Planning an FME Flow Installation](#), including [Planning for Fault Tolerance](#).
- Provided the prerequisites in [Before Installation](#).
- Linux: Ensured [System Requirements](#) are met on all machines you have allocated for your fault-tolerant architecture, including updates and dependencies.


To perform an installation for fault tolerance:

1. [Obtain the Installer](#)
2. (Optional) [Install the FME Flow Database](#)


 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you wish to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

3. [Install FME Flow on All Servers](#) you have allocated for your fault-tolerant architecture.

4. [Configure the FME Flow Database](#) on your database server.

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

5. [Set Up the Load Balancer and Configure with FME Flow](#) to route traffic between each FME Flow instance you installed.
6. [Start the FME Flow system services](#). Following a fault-tolerant installation, the [FME Flow system services](#) do not start automatically. You must manually start them.
7. [Log on to the Web User Interface](#) and update the password for the admin user account (recommended).
8. [Request and Install a License](#) on all FME Flow installations.

 **Note** Specify the same serial number in all licensing requests.

9. [Test the Installation](#).

What's Next?

Optimize: You can scale-up your system by:

- Increasing the number of FME Engines that run on machines that are part of your FME Flow deployment.
- Adding or accessing FME Engines on additional machines.

For more information, see [Planning for Scalability and Performance](#).

Before Installation

Before you install FME Flow for fault tolerance, ensure that:

- The following components are in place on your network:
 - Separate machines on which to install the number of FME Flows that you have allocated for your fault tolerant architecture.
 - A load balancer to route traffic between each FME Flow instance you install.
 - Fault-tolerant [database server](#) on a separate machine.
 - Fault-tolerant [file system](#) on a separate machine.
- The necessary ports are available on your network. Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes. For more information, see [FME Flow Ports](#).


Next Steps

Proceed to [Obtain the Installer](#).

Provide a Database Server

FME Flow uses its own database to manage jobs and workspace information. It is not a source or destination data source for FME workspaces.

When configuring a fault tolerant environment for FME Flow, you must provide your own database server on which to configure the FME Flow database. Supported database servers include PostgreSQL (recommended), SQL Server, and Oracle.

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

Provide a database server that is physically separate from the machines on which the FME Flows are installed. Separating the FME Flow Database ensures that it also remains available in a failover scenario.

You can choose to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, or you can configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. If you use your own database server, keep in mind the following:

- In addition to being physically separate, the database server should, by itself, be configured for fault tolerance.
- When you install the FME Flows, the database server must be running and you must know the connection information.
- If using an Oracle database server, you must obtain the Oracle Database JDBC driver and place it in the following directory:
 - Windows:
 - `<FME FlowDir>\FMEFlow\Utilities\jdbc`
 - Linux:
 - `/opt/fmeflow/Utilities/jdbc`

Driver versions recommended: FME Flow uses Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17, so the latest versions of `ojdbc11.jar` and `ojdbc17.jar` are recommended.

Driver versions *not* recommended: All `ojdbc10.jar` versions.

For more information, see <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/application-development/jdbc/downloads/index.html>.

- Following installation, you must be able to create a new database on the server using SQL scripts.

For information about acquiring a fault tolerant database server, consult your IT department.

Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share

- **Skill Level:** Intermediate
- **Estimated Time Required:** 5-15 minutes
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Domain Service Account has correct permissions on network shares.

FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources, are installed in specific directories that are shared to enable access from different computers.

Create a directory for the FME Flow System Share that is physically separate from the machine on which the FME Flow Core and web application server are installed. Separating the file system ensures it remains available in a fault tolerant scenario.

When providing a remote file system, keep in mind the following:

- The accounts that run the FME Flow components must have read and write permissions on the remote file system directory. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).
- In addition to being physically separate, the file system should, by itself, be configured for fault tolerance.
- When the directory is specified during installation, it must be in the form of a UNC path. Mapped drives are not supported.
- The directory that holds the System Share must be empty, unless System Share folders have already been created there as part of an installation involving multiple FME Flow Cores.


For information about acquiring a fault tolerant file system, consult your IT department.

Linux Only

For distributed installations on Linux, it is necessary to create a user, prior to installation, on the machine that will host the installation of the FME Flow Core and Engines. This user must be named 'fmeflow' and belong to group 'fmeflow', and be granted permissions on the FME Flow System Share. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).

Example Instructions

The following example creates user 'fmeflow' in group 'fmeflow', and allows mount /mnt/data to be writable by the newly-created user.

 **Note** The following instructions are provided as a general guideline for adding a user and mounting a directory. Exact instructions may vary depending on the distribution and share type in your Linux configuration.

1. Run the following commands in the Linux command line:

```
groupadd fmeflow
useradd -m -g fmeflow fmeflow
```

2. Mount the FME Flow System Share directory so that user 'fmeflow' has read and write permissions. For example, to mount a Windows-based file share:

```
mount -v -t cifs //network/share /mnt/data -o gid=1008,uid=1008
```

`gid` and `uid` are the group id and user id of the user and group that were created.

These id's can be found using these commands:

```
id -g fmeflow
id -u fmeflow
```

Obtain the Installer

To obtain the applicable FME Flow installation package, visit [the FME Downloads page](#). This page includes download links to release and beta installation packages for various platforms.


You can also contact sales@safe.com to get access.

What's Next?

- [Install FME Flow on All Servers](#)

Install the FME Flow Database


Install a PostgreSQL FME Flow Database on a separate machine on your network.

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you wish to install, on a separate machine, a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

Start the FME Flow installer.

(Windows only) Installation Extractor

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

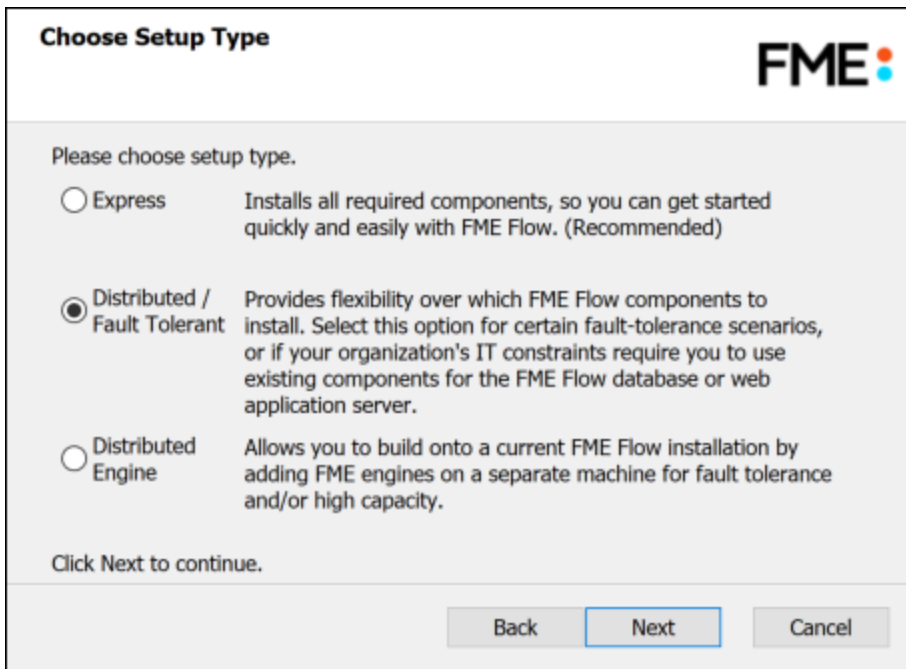
- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.


Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant install option.



Choose Setup Type 

Please choose setup type.

Express Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Flow. (Recommended)

Distributed / Fault Tolerant Provides flexibility over which FME Flow components to install. Select this option for certain fault-tolerance scenarios, or if your organization's IT constraints require you to use existing components for the FME Flow database or web application server.

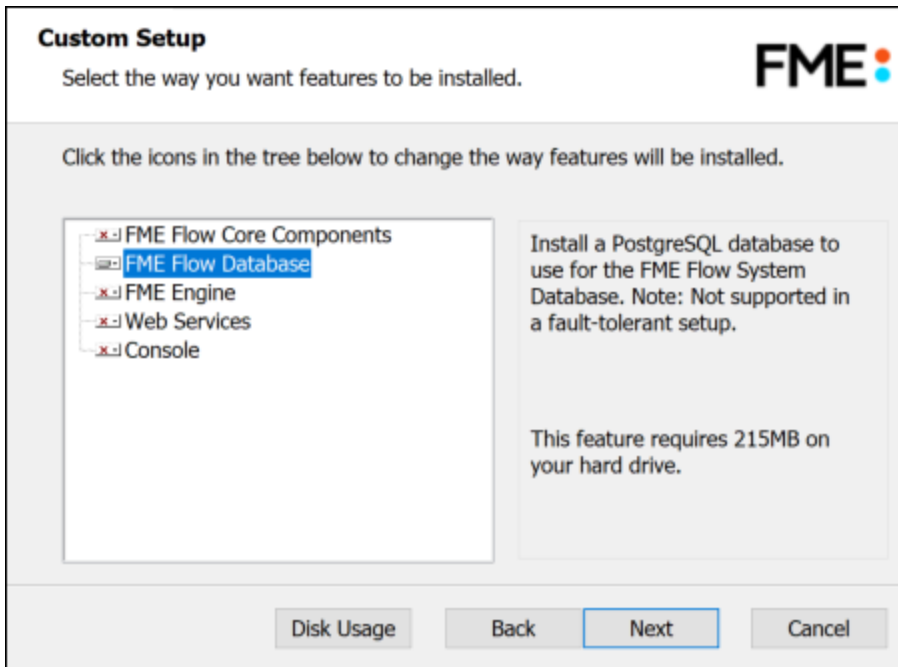
Distributed Engine Allows you to build onto a current FME Flow installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Click Next to continue.

Back Next Cancel

Custom Setup

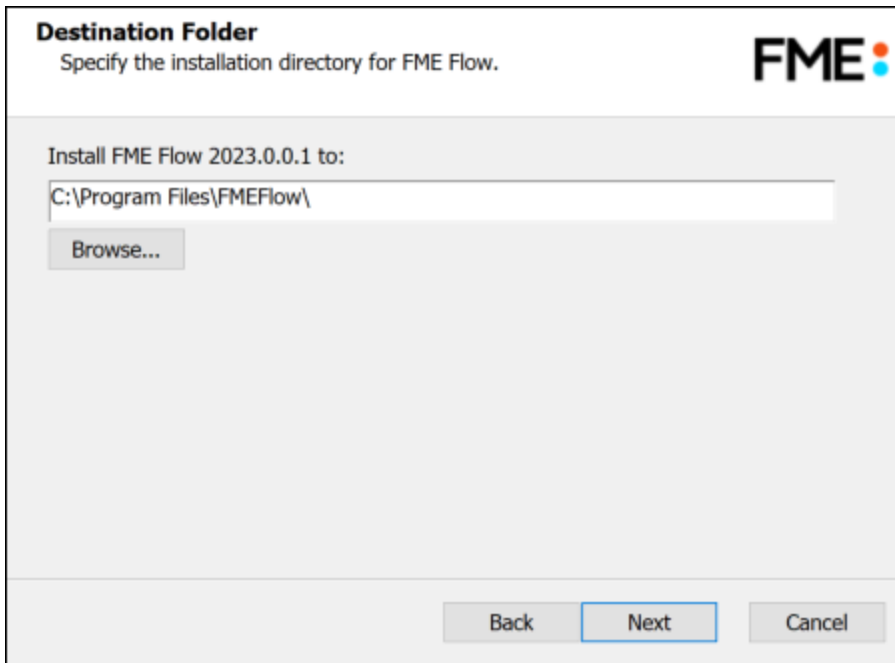
Specify FME Flow Database. Unselect all other components.



Note The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

Destination Folder

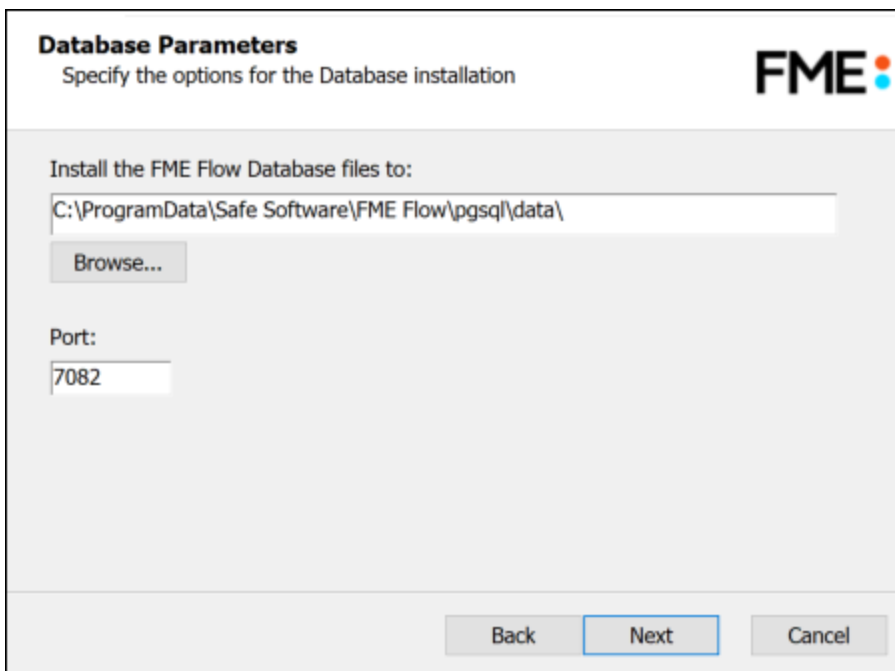
Specify the installation directory for the FME Flow Database.



The dialog box is titled "Destination Folder" with the subtitle "Specify the installation directory for FME Flow." and the FME logo. It contains a text field with the path "C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\" and a "Browse..." button. At the bottom, there are "Back", "Next", and "Cancel" buttons.

Database Parameters

- *Install the FME Flow Database files to:* Specify a directory to install the database files.
- *Port:* Specify the port that the database will listen on. Port **7082** is the default.



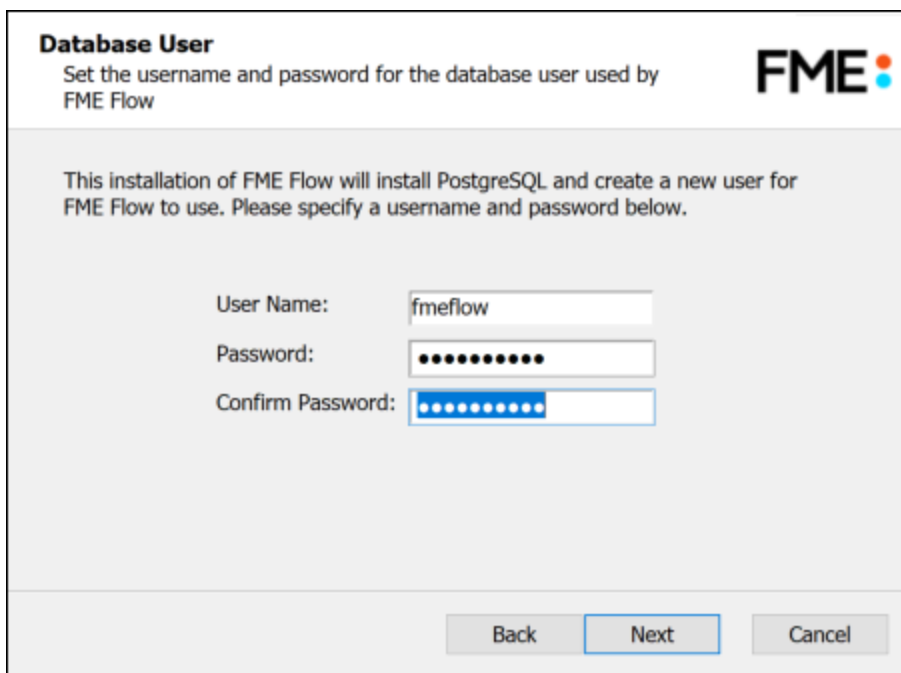
The dialog box is titled "Database Parameters" with the subtitle "Specify the options for the Database installation" and the FME logo. It contains a text field with the path "C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data\" and a "Browse..." button. Below that is a "Port:" label and a text field containing "7082". At the bottom, there are "Back", "Next", and "Cancel" buttons.

Database User

Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmeflow**) and *Password* for the database user account.

When specifying *User Name* and *Password*, keep in mind the following:

- Do not specify *User Name* **postgres**. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.
- *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.
- The specified *Password* is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.
- Take note of the *User Name* and *Password* that you specified. You may need to reference it later.



Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

This installation of FME Flow will install PostgreSQL and create a new user for FME Flow to use. Please specify a username and password below.

User Name:

Password:

Confirm Password:

Follow the remaining dialogs to complete the installation.

What's Next?

- [Install FME Flow on All Servers](#)


Install FME Flow on All Servers

Perform the following installation on all machines you have allocated for your fault tolerant architecture.

Start the FME Flow Installer.

(Windows only) Installation Extractor

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

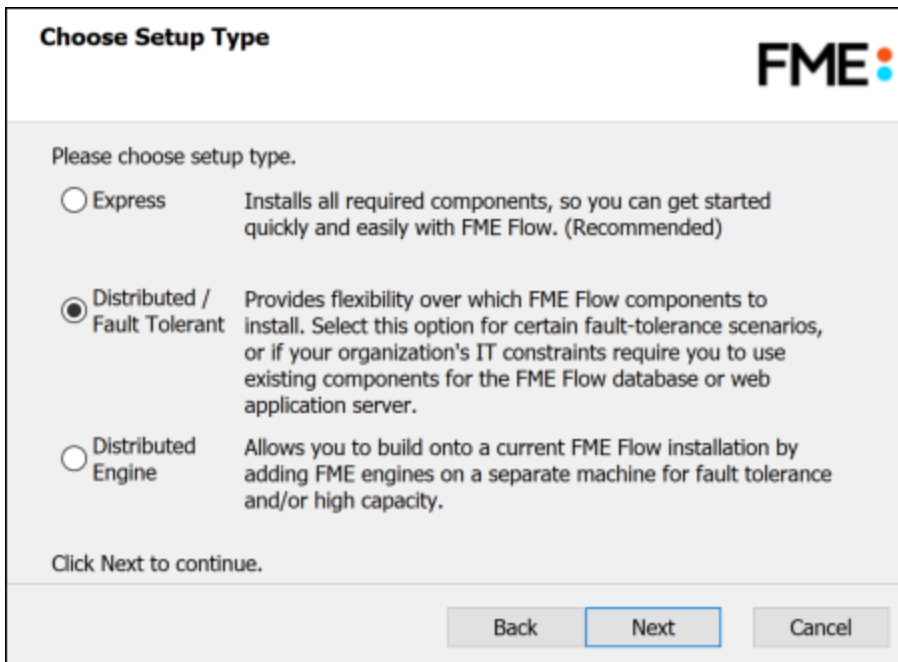
- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.


Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant install option.



Choose Setup Type 

Please choose setup type.

Express Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Flow. (Recommended)

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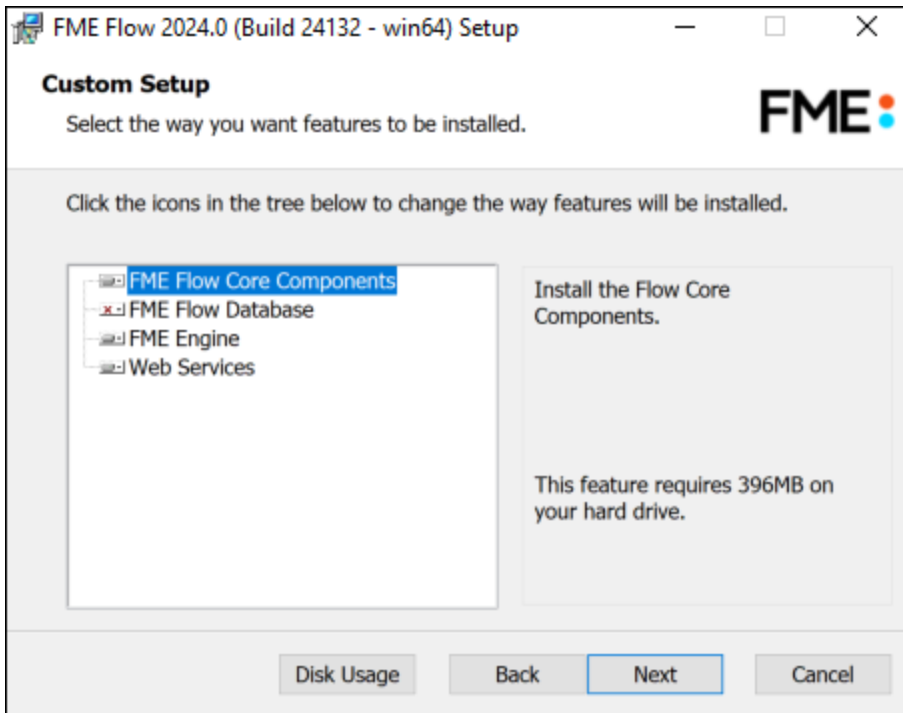
Distributed Engine Allows you to build onto a current FME Flow installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Click Next to continue.

Back Next Cancel

Custom Setup

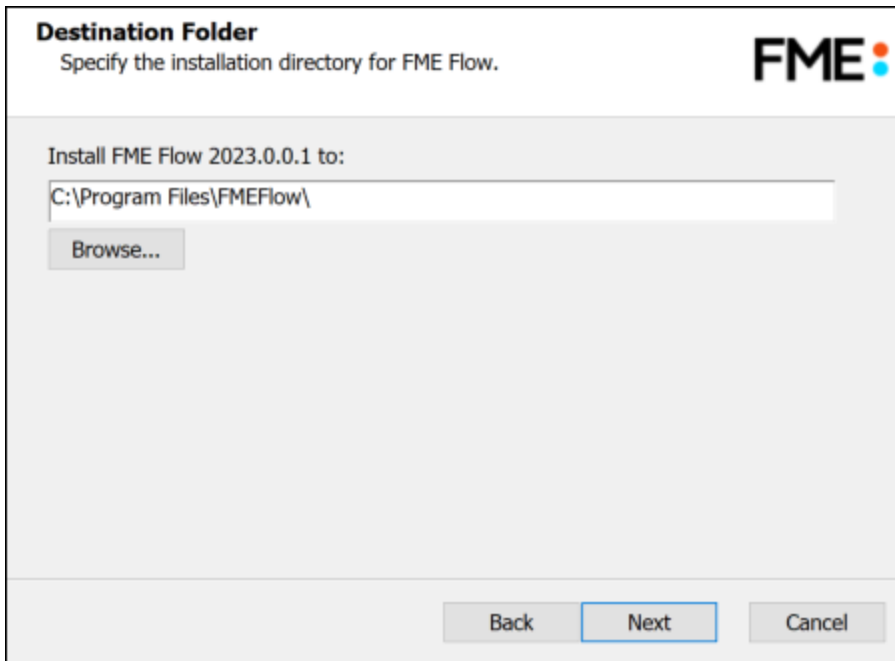
Select FME Flow Core Components, FME Engine, and Web Services.



Note The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

Destination Folder


Specify the installation directory for FME Flow. Do not specify a UNC path.



User Account


Specify the Windows user account that will run the FME Flow [System Services](#). This account must have:

- Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share that you specify in the next dialog. The System Share is the location where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. It must be accessible by all machines that comprise the FME Flow deployment. (For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).)
- Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory that you specified in the previous dialog.
- "Log on as a service" rights on this machine. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).

 **Note** The FME Flow Database service always runs under the local system account.

User Account

Specify the Windows User account that will run the FME Flow services.



Use Local System account

Specify a User account:

User Name:

Password:

Confirm:

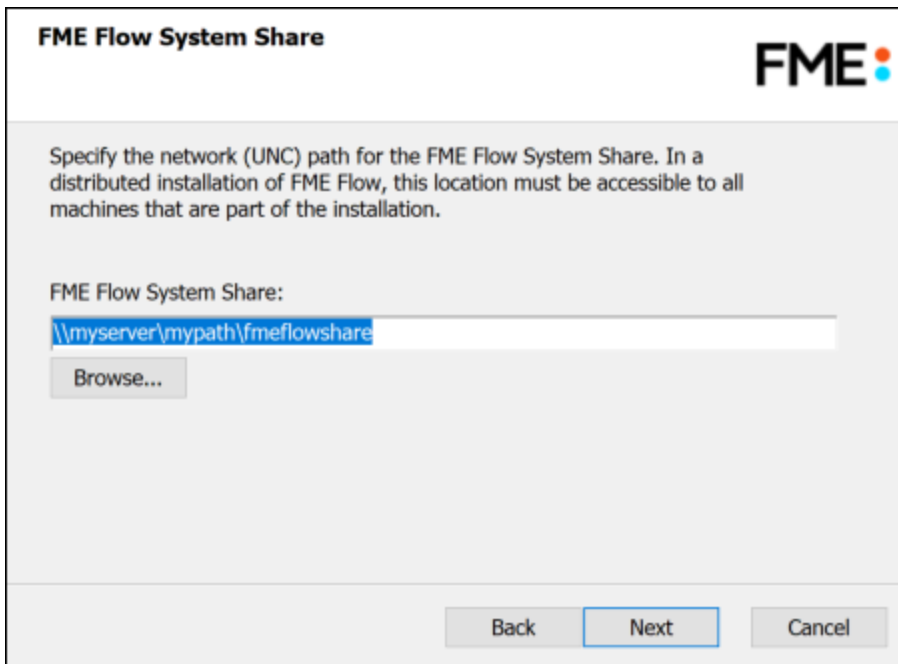
Note: This user must have access to the FME Flow System Share directory specified in the next dialog.

This user must have the "Log on as a Service" right for this machine. Specifying a user without this right will result in an incomplete installation.

FME Flow System Share

Specify a shared directory visible to all machines that make up the FME Flow. This directory stores FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources. If this is a Linux installation, specify the mounted directory. For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).

Note If you are [upgrading](#) to a newer version of FME Flow, ensure the specified directory is empty of files from the previous installation. Otherwise, conflicts may occur that can produce unexpected results in performance.




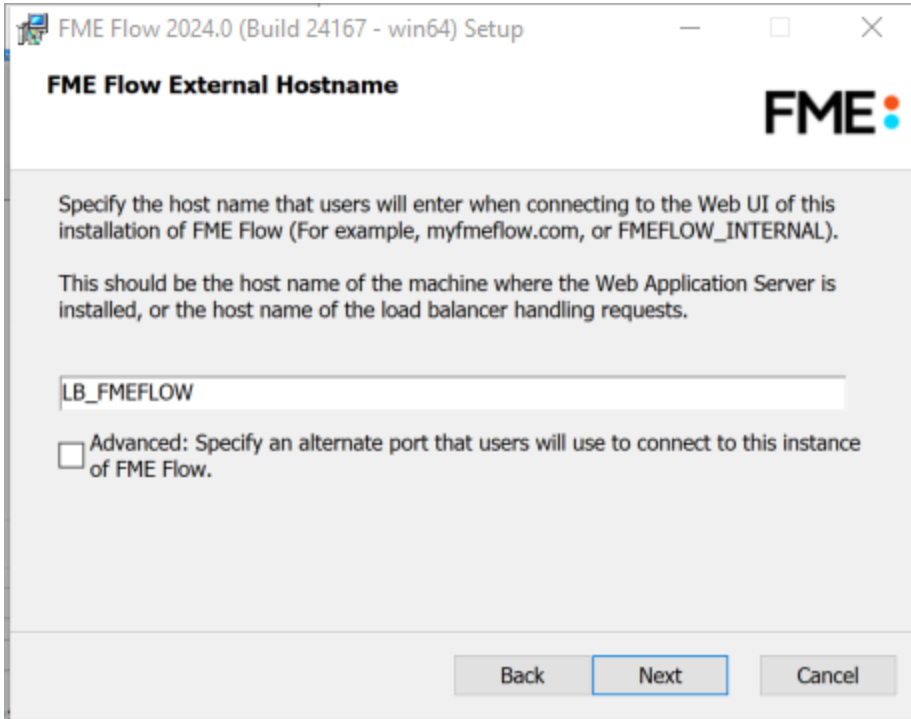
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "FME Flow System Share" with the FME logo in the top right corner. The main text reads: "Specify the network (UNC) path for the FME Flow System Share. In a distributed installation of FME Flow, this location must be accessible to all machines that are part of the installation." Below this, there is a label "FME Flow System Share:" followed by a text input field containing the UNC path "\\myserver\mypath\fmeflowshare". A "Browse..." button is located below the input field. At the bottom of the dialog, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next", and "Cancel". The "Next" button is highlighted with a blue border.

FME Flow External Hostname

Specify the name of the load balancing host through which FME Flow is accessed.

If the load balancer listens on a port different from the FME Flow [Web Application Server Port](#) (below), check *Advanced* and provide the *External Web Traffic Port*.

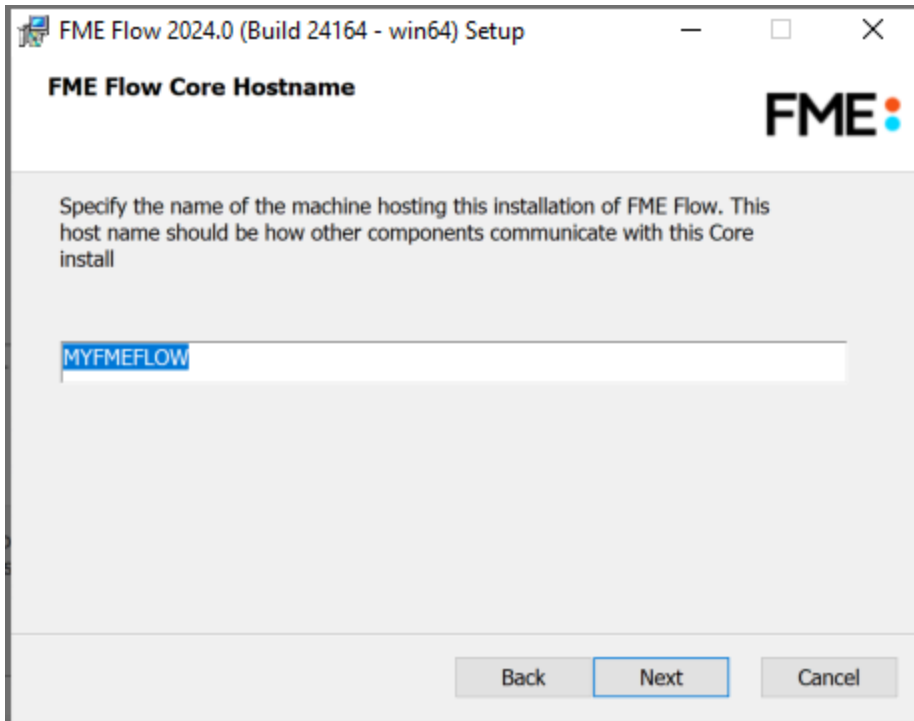
 **Note** Do not specify "localhost".



The screenshot shows a Windows installation window titled "FME Flow 2024.0 (Build 24167 - win64) Setup". The window has a title bar with standard Windows window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The main content area is titled "FME Flow External Hostname" and features the FME logo in the top right corner. Below the title, there is instructional text: "Specify the host name that users will enter when connecting to the Web UI of this installation of FME Flow (For example, myfmefflow.com, or FMEFLOW_INTERNAL). This should be the host name of the machine where the Web Application Server is installed, or the host name of the load balancer handling requests." A text input field contains the value "LB_FMEFLOW". Below the input field, there is a checkbox labeled "Advanced: Specify an alternate port that users will use to connect to this instance of FME Flow." which is currently unchecked. At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next" (which is highlighted with a blue border), and "Cancel".

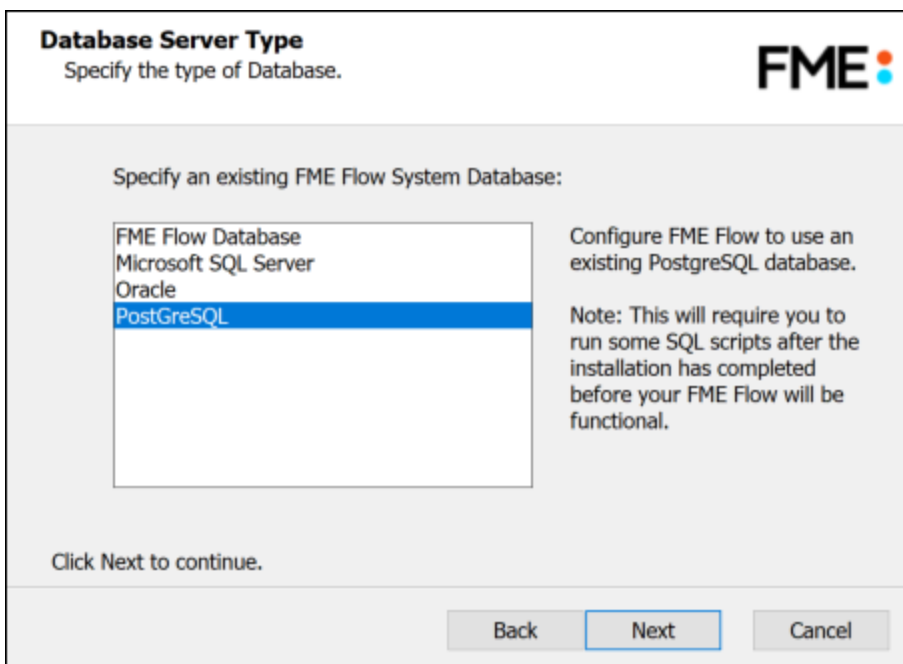
FME Flow Core Hostname

Specify the name of the machine hosting this installation of FME Flow.



Database Server Type

Specify the type of database for the FME Flow Database. If you installed, on a separate machine, the PostgreSQL database included with the FME Flow installer, select **FME Flow Database**. If you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, select the database server type: **Microsoft SQL Server**, **Oracle**, or **PostgreSQL**. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).



Database Server Parameters

Specify the connection parameters for the FME Flow Database. Optionally, to customize the connection parameters in the JDBC connection string, check **Specify JDBC Connection String**.

If **Microsoft SQL Server** was specified in the previous dialog, and it is a named instance of SQL Server, check *Use SQL Server instance name* to use that value instead of *Port*.

FME Flow includes a default JDBC driver for PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. If your database requires a special version of the JDBC driver, check *Use Custom JDBC Driver* and specify the *JDBC Driver*. If **Oracle** was specified in the previous dialog, you must specify the *JDBC Driver*.

Database Server Parameters
Specify the Database Parameters. **FME**

Configure the PostgreSQL Connection: Specify JDBC Connection String

Host:

Port:

FME Flow includes a default JDBC driver for PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. If your database requires a special version of the JDBC driver, you can specify it below.

Use Custom JDBC Driver

Back Next Cancel

Database User

The installation creates a user account under which to use the FME Flow database. Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmeflow**) and *Password* for the database user account.

When specifying *User Name* and *Password*, keep in mind the following:

- Take note of the *User Name* and *Password* that you specified. You may need to reference it later.
- *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.
- If you installed the PostgreSQL database included with the FME Flow installer, specify the same *User Name* and *Password* that you specified for Database User previously, under [Install the FME Flow Database](#).
- The specified *Password* is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.

Database User

Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow



For FME Flow to run, a new user must be created for the chosen database. Please specify a name for this user (this will be added to a provided SQL script to run on your database). See [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#) for more details.

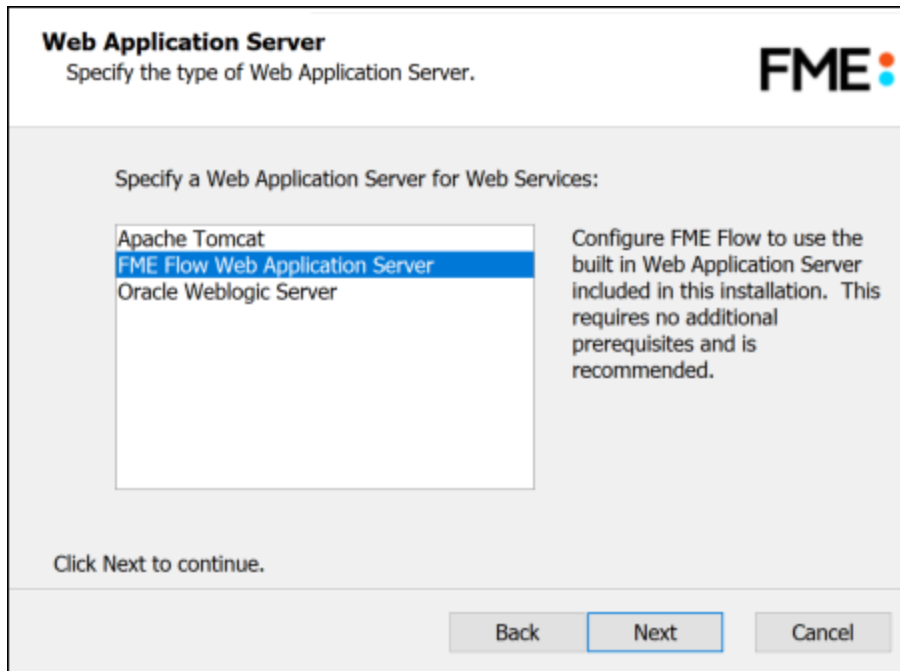
User Name:

Password:

Note: This password must adhere to the password complexity rules of the selected database type.

Web Application Server

Specify the **FME Flow Web Application Server**.



HTTPS Configuration

To enable the Apache Tomcat web application server for HTTPS, check *Enable HTTPS with certificate* and provide the path to your PFX certificate and the certificate password.

Note If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see [Configuring for HTTPS](#).

HTTPS Configuration

Configure Tomcat for HTTPS.



Enable HTTPS with certificate

PFX Certificate:

Browse

Password for PFX Certificate:

Confirm Password:

Back

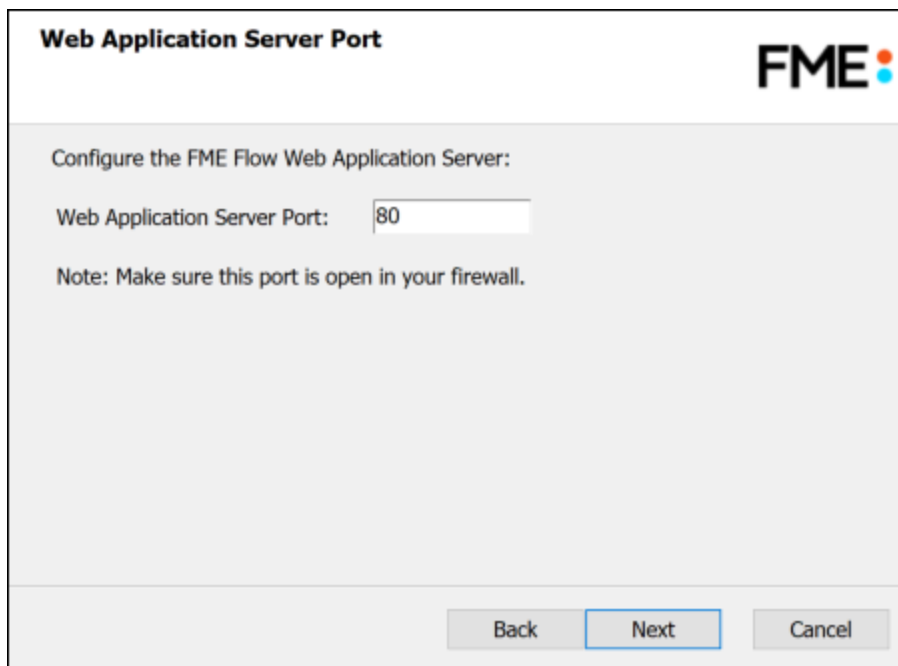
Next

Cancel

Web Application Server Port

Specify the port to use for communication with the Web Application Server. On Windows, port 80 is the recommended default. If this port is in use, port 8080 is recommended. On Linux, port 8080 is recommended. If HTTPS was configured in the [previous dialog](#), port 443 is set by default.

Note Common applications that may be using port 80 include Skype and Internet Information Services (IIS). Either turn off these services, or select a different port, such as 8080.



Web Application Server Port FME

Configure the FME Flow Web Application Server:

Web Application Server Port:

Note: Make sure this port is open in your firewall.


Back Next Cancel

Follow the remaining dialogs to complete the installation.


What's Next?

If you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, proceed to [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#). Otherwise, proceed to [Set Up the Load Balancer and Configure with FME Flow](#).

Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

To configure FME Flow to use a separate database server, follow the steps below. You can configure FME Flow with a PostgreSQL (recommended), Microsoft SQL Server, or Oracle database, running on either Windows or Linux.

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

One notation used is `<FMEFlowDir>`, which is the installation directory of FME Flow. This is typically `C:\Program Files\FMEFlow` on Windows and `/opt/fmeflow` on Linux.

1. Stop All FME Flow Services on All Machines

When changing database providers or when initially setting up FME Flow to use a separate database server, [stop all FME Flow services](#) first.

Windows only: With all FME Flow services stopped, ensure `memurai.exe` (or `redis-server` on older FME Flow installations) is not present. Open Task Manager and click on the **Details** tab to view all running processes. Review the list for `memurai.exe` and end the task if it is still running.


2. Configure the Database

In this section, you will set up FME Flow Database objects and users with permissions to access the database. To ensure a successful database configuration, this procedure is best performed by a database administrator or in consultation with one.

During the installation of FME Flow, you were prompted to enter a database username (default **fmeflow**) and password. The installer uses these values to populate the database

scripts and the JDBC connection string found in `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`. It is expected that you will be using these values. If you want to change them, see [Providing Your Own FME Flow Database Schema, Name, or User](#).

If you are upgrading, you should back up any [FME Job Logs](#) you want to keep, as these logs are not part of the FME Flow backup.

 **Note** The specific way to set up database objects and user permissions on various production databases may differ depending on the available database tools and intended target platform.

Database Configuration - PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL is an open source database that can be downloaded from the Internet. For more information, see <https://www.postgresql.com>.


FME Flow comes shipped with the necessary PostgreSQL JDBC driver, which is located in `<FMEFlowDir>Utilities\jdbc`.

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- PostgreSQL is installed
- You know the credentials for the PostgreSQL superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to [pgAdmin](#) or a similar database client to connect to the PostgreSQL database server to run the necessary scripts.

To create the `fmeFlow` user and database objects, three SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are located in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\postgresql`

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `postgresql_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow database user with the name you specified during installation, and grants it all required permissions. The password appears as `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>`. Before running this script, replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
- `postgresql_createDB.sql`: Creates the FME Flow Database.
- `postgresql_createSchema.sql`: Creates all FME Flow-related tables, indexes, views, and triggers.
- `postgresql_dropUser.sql` : Drops the FME Flow Database user.
- `postgresql_dropDB.sql`: Drops the FME Flow Database.

Instructions


Using your preferred PostgreSQL database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow database:

1. Connect to the PostgreSQL database server as the `postgres` user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create an FME Flow database user:
 - a. Open `postgresql_createUser.sql` in a text editor.
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
 - c. Using your database client, run the `postgresql_createUser.sql` script. The

script creates the FME Flow database user and password that you specified during installation.

3. Create the FME Flow Database:

Open and run the [postgresql_createDB.sql](#) script.

 **Note** This script will work through PostgreSQL SQL Shell, but cannot be run as-is through pgAdmin, as it requires switching databases using “\c”. If using pgAdmin, you will need to execute the first two commands in the sql script:

- CREATE DATABASE fmeflow;
- GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE fmeflow TO "fmeflow";

Then, connect to the new fmeflow database as the postgres admin user and run the last command:

- GRANT CREATE ON SCHEMA public TO "fmeflow";

The script creates a new, empty FME Flow database named `fmeflow` and grants all privileges on the database to the user.

4. Create the FME Flow Database schema:

- a. Using your preferred database client, connect to the fmeflow database as the fmeflow user.
- b. Open and run the [postgresql_createSchema.sql](#) script. The script creates all FME Flow related tables, indexes, views, and triggers.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user, run the `postgresql_dropUser.sql` script as the postgres user or equivalent. If you need to drop the FME Flow Database, run the `postgresql_dropDB.sql` script as the postgres user or equivalent.

Database Configuration - Microsoft SQL Server

FME Flow ships with the necessary SQL Server JDBC driver, located in `<FMEFlowDir>Utilities\jdbc`.


Before proceeding, make sure that:

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- SQL Server is installed
- You know the credentials for the sa superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to [SQL Server Management Studio](#) or a similar database client to connect to the SQL Server database server to run the scripts.

To create the fmeflow user, login, and database objects, two SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\sqlserver\`.

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `sqlserver_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow login and user with the name you specified during installation, and grants all required permissions. The password appears as `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>`. Before running this script, replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
- `sqlserver_createDB.sql`: Creates the FME Flow Database, including tables, indexes, views, and triggers..

- [sqlserver_dropUser.sql](#) : Drops the FME Flow Database user.
- [sqlserver_dropDB.sql](#): Drops the FME Flow Database.

Instructions

Using your preferred SQL Server database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow Database:

1. Connect to the SQL Server as the sa user or a user with similar administrative privileges.

2. Create the FME Flow Database:

Open and run the [sqlserver_createDB.sql](#) script.

3. Create the FME Flow user and login:

- a. Open [sqlserver_createUser.sql](#).
- b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
- c. Using your database client, run the [sqlserver_createUser.sql](#) script. The script creates the login and user, and grants the user access to the newly created database and makes it the owner.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user, run the [sqlserver_dropUser.sql](#) script as the sa user or equivalent. If you need to drop the FME Flow Database, run the [sqlserver_dropDB.sql](#) script as the sa user or equivalent.

Database Configuration - Oracle

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- Oracle database server is installed.
- You know the credentials for the SYS superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to a database client to connect to the Oracle database server and run the necessary scripts. Examples include Oracle SQL Developer, DBeaver, and SQLPlus

command line.

- If using an Oracle database server, you must obtain the Oracle Database JDBC driver and place it in the following directory:
 - Windows:
 - `<FME FlowDir>\FMEFlow\Utilities\jdbc`
 - Linux:
 - `/opt/fmeflow/Utilities/jdbc`

Driver versions recommended: FME Flow uses Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17, so the latest versions of `ojdbc11.jar` and `ojdbc17.jar` are recommended.

Driver versions *not* recommended: All `ojdbc10.jar` versions.


For more information, see <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/application-development/jdbc/downloads/index.html>.

If you encounter an issue with a newer version of the driver, try an older version.

Consider the version of the database server when selecting the appropriate driver version.

To create the `fmeflow` user and database objects, two SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\oracle\.`

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `oracle_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow database user with the name you specified during installation, and grants it all required permissions. The password appears as `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>`. Before running this script, replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation.

Considerations for `TABLESPACE`: Discuss with your Oracle DBA what tablespace the new user will use. You can alter the user with an additional statement to ensure proper write permissions to the tablespace.

Example: `ALTER USER fmeflow QUOTA UNLIMITED ON users.`

- `oracle_createDB.sql`: Creates all FME Flow-related database packages, tables, indexes, views, and triggers.
- `oracle_dropUser.sql` : Drops the FME Flow Database user and the database packages, tables, indexes, views, and triggers associated with the FME Flow database user.

Instructions

Using your preferred Oracle database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow Database:

1. Connect to the Oracle database server as the SYS user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create the FME Flow Database user:
 - a. Open `oracle_createUser.sql`.
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation.
 - c. Consider the tablespace the user will use. Check with your database administrator if unsure.
 - d. You may be required to create a new tablespace and alter the script accordingly.
 - e. Using your database client, run the `oracle_createUser.sql` script.

3. Create the FME Flow Database:

- a. Once the FME Flow database user has been created, log on again as the new user.
- b. Open and run the [oracle_createDB.sql](#) script.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user and database objects, run the [oracle_dropUser.sql](#) script as the SYS user or equivalent.

3. Enable Connections

FME Flow connects to the database when it starts. Therefore, ensure that your database server is running and configured to accept incoming connections before FME Flow is started. The database must allow connections over TCP/IP with all machines on which the FME Flow Application Server, FME Flow Core and FME Engines are installed.

4. Configure the Database Connection

The connection to the FME Flow Database is specified in configuration file [fmeDatabaseConfig.txt](#). The FME Flow installer adds your connection parameters based on what was specified during installation.

To view the connection, open [fmeDatabaseConfig.txt](#). Under **FME SERVER SETTINGS START**, find the section titled **Database Connection**. The parameters are below for reference:

- **DB_TYPE** - Identifies the database server: postgresql, sqlserver, or oracle.
- **DB_DRIVER** - The JDBC driver name used for connecting to the database.
- **DB_JDBC_URL** - The JDBC URL used for connecting to the database.
- **DB_USERNAME** - The database user name.
- **DB_PASSWORD** - The database user password.
- **DB_CONNECT_EXPIRY** - The database connection expiry time, in seconds.
- **DB_SQLSTMTS_PATH** - The path to the SQL statement resource bundle.

An example is provided for each type of system database supported by FME Flow: PostgreSQL, SQL Server, and Oracle.

You may need to change these parameters, especially DB_JDBC_URL, depending on how your database server or database has been configured outside of FME Flow. For scenarios and guidance, see [Configuring the FME Flow Database Connection](#).

After changing fmeDatabaseConfig.txt, FME Flow must be [restarted](#).

Note that the database password in the connection parameters is encrypted during installation. If you are changing the FME Flow database after installation, the new database password must be manually encrypted. Follow the procedure in [Encrypting the FME Flow Database Password](#). Alternatively, the database password can be provided as plain text in the connection parameters.

5. Start the FME Flow Services on All Machines

For more information, see [Working with the FME Flow System Services](#).

What's Next?

- [Set Up the Load Balancer and Configure with FME Flow](#)

Set Up the Load Balancer and Configure with FME Flow

Use these instructions to:

1. Set up your load balancer to prepare for routing traffic between each FME Flow instance you installed under [Installing a Scalable, Fault-Tolerant FME Flow](#).
2. Configure FME Flow topic monitoring to recognize the load balancer URL.

1. Set Up the Load Balancer

Load Balancing the FME Flow Web Services

Required

- Route traffic on port 80 (Windows) or port 8080 (Linux) to each FME Flow instance in your deployment.

Recommended

- Set up a health check for FME Flow. A health check endpoint determines if either the FME Flow Web Services or FME Flow Core node is down, and if so, requests are not routed to that server. Without a health check configured, the load balancer may try to route client requests to an unhealthy (down) server. The consequences of routing requests to an unhealthy server vary depending on the load balancer, and may result in error responses or long delays in response due to request timeouts and retrying on a healthy server.

Optional

- Configure timeouts for client- and server-side inactivity. When configuring timeouts, consider that longer timeouts on the server are appropriate for time-consuming operations, particularly running workspaces that take a long time to complete.

Load Balancing the WebSocket Server

An FME Flow WebSocket Server runs on each FME Flow instance, but only one WebSocket Server should be used at a time. The WebSocket Server is used mainly for Notification Service Topic Monitoring.

Required

- Route traffic on port 7078 to one WebSocket Server, and switch to others if the one in use fails. If the load balancer does not support automatic failover to backup servers, then manual intervention is required to route to a healthy WebSocket Server.

Recommended

- Set longer client- and server-side timeouts to allow for longer WebSocket connections.

2. Configure FME Flow Topic Monitoring with the Load Balancer URL

1. On the Networking page, expand Topic Monitoring.
2. Under Fault Tolerant Configuration, update the *Internal WebSocket URL* field with the public load balancer URL. Automations Destinations (and Notification Service

Subscribers) use this URL to communicate with the FME Flow WebSocket Server. The load balancer URL redirects requests to the active WebSocket Server.

3. If necessary, update Advanced Routing settings:

- *External WebSocket Host*: The load balancer name. For example:

`fme-flow-loadbalancer`

This setting does not likely need to be changed, and should only be set if you use separate hosts to route HTTP and WebSocket traffic to FME Flow.

- *External WebSocket Port*: If the WebSocket Server is accessed through a port other than 7078, specify the port number here. Otherwise, leave blank.

4. Click **Save**.

What's Next?

Proceed to [Log on to the Web User Interface](#).

Log on to the Web User Interface

To log in to the Web User Interface for the first time as an administrator following installation, specify *Username* `admin` and *Password* `admin`. You will be prompted to update the `admin` password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.

For more information and support:

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Web Interface Login](#)
- Accessing the Web User Interface
- Changing the Login Password
- [Default User Accounts and Passwords](#)
- [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)

What's Next?

- [Request and Install a License](#)

Troubleshooting

If the FME Flow Web User Interface fails to present the login window, review the `fmeserver.log`, `fmeprocessmonitorcore.log`, and `fmeconnection.log` located in the FME Flow System Share, which is specified during installation:

```
<fileserversUNCPath>/resources/logs/core/current
```

If you see errors about a failed database login in the logs and are unsure of the database password, you can provide it in plain text in the [fmeDatabaseConfig.txt](#) configuration file to test. The FME Flow services must be [restarted](#) after modifying the file.

For more troubleshooting information, see <https://support.safe.com/hc/en-us/sections/25623298793101-Troubleshooting>.

Request and Install a License

Note

License files are installed, by default, to:

» Windows: `C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\licenses`

» Linux: `/opt/fmeflow/licenses`

Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) licensing is not available for engines on FME Flow Hosted.


Automatic Mode (Recommended)

If your FME Flow host machine has an internet connection, you can request and install a license online without any need for downloading and re-uploading a license file.


Note

- Licensing FME Flow over the internet requires no inbound connection. For more information, see [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#).
- If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), automatic mode only is supported. Manual mode licensing (below) is not supported.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.


 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Automatic**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. A message indicates that your license is installed, and your available engines appear momentarily on the Engines page.

 **Note** If the *Serial Number* you provided includes Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), they are not configured to start by default. You can start and configure your Dynamic Engines on the Engines page.

Manual Mode


If you prefer not to use an internet connection for licensing, or if your FME Flow host machine does not have an internet connection, use this process to install a license.

 **Note** If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), manual mode licensing is not supported. Use automatic mode for licensing (above). For more information, contact your Safe Software Inc. sales representative.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Flow engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing**

tab.

2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Manual**.
5. Click **OK**. A license request .json file downloads.
6. Email the .json file to codes@safe.com.
7. You will receive an email from Safe Software Inc. with a license file, which has a [.fmeLIC](#) extension. Download the file.
8. Return to the Licensing page. Under Standard Engines, click **Upload License File** and select the [.fmeLIC](#) file to upload. Or, drag and drop the [.fmeLIC](#) file onto the page under Standard Engines. A message indicates that it is installed, and your available engines appear on the Engines page.

Problems?

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: FME Flow Engines](#)
- Contact codes@safe.com.

See Also

- [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#)
- FME Engines

What's Next?

- [Test the Installation](#)

Test the Installation

To test your FME Flow installation, confirm that FME Flow can perform its primary function—running a job.

1. On the Run Workspace page, specify:
 - Repository: Samples
 - Workspace: austinApartments.fmw
 - Service: Job Submitter
2. Click Run Workspace.

If you see a success message, your install was a success.

See Also

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Submitting a Job in FME Flow](#)


Distributing Components (2-Tier)

Before installing a 2-tier distributed architecture, make sure you have:


- Reviewed [Planning an FME Flow Installation](#).
- Provided the prerequisites in [Before Installation](#).
- Linux: Ensured [System Requirements](#) are met, including updates and dependencies.

To perform a 2-tier installation of FME Flow:

1. [Obtain the Installer](#)
2. [Install the FME Flow Database](#)

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you wish to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

3. [Install the FME Flow Core, FME Engines, and Web Application Server](#).
4. [Configure the FME Flow Database](#)

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

5. [Start the FME Flow system services](#). Following a distributed installation, the [FME Flow system services](#) do not start automatically. You must manually start them on each machine that is hosting FME Flow components.
6. [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)
7. [Request and Install a License](#)
8. (Recommended) [Update the Windows service accounts](#) that run the FME System Services.
9. (Upgrade Only) [Restore](#) your FME Flow Configuration from a Previous Installation.
10. [Test the Installation](#).

What's Next?

Optimize: You can scale-up your FME Flow by:

- Increasing the number of FME Engines that run when you start FME Flow.
- Adding or accessing FME Engines on separate machines that are closer to your data.

For more information, see [Planning for Scalability and Performance](#).

Before Installation

Before you install the FME Flow components for a 2-tier system, ensure that:

- The following non-FME Flow components are in place on your network:
 - [Database server](#) on a separate machine.
 - [File system](#) on a separate machine.
 - [Web application server](#), *only* if you want to use your own Apache Tomcat web application server, instead of the one provided with the FME Flow installer.
- The necessary ports are available on your network. Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes. For more information, see [FME Flow Ports](#).

Next Steps

Proceed to [Obtain the Installer](#).


Provide a Database Server

FME Flow uses its own database to manage jobs and workspace information. It is not a source or destination data source for FME workspaces.

To ensure the FME Flow Database remains available in a failover scenario, provide a machine on which to install the database that is physically separate from the machines on which the FME Flows are installed. In addition to being physically separate, the database server should, by itself, be configured for fault tolerance.

You can choose to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, or you can configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. If you use your own database server, keep in mind the following:

- PostgreSQL (recommended), Oracle, and SQL Server are supported. The following versions are recommended:

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

- PostgreSQL: 16.1 or later.
 - Oracle: 19c or later.
 - SQL Server: 2016 or later.
- When you install the FME Flows, the database server must be running and you must know the connection information.
 - If using an Oracle database server, you must obtain the Oracle Database JDBC driver and place it in the following directory:
 - Windows:
 - `<FME FlowDir>\FMEFlow\Utilities\jdbc`
 - Linux:
 - `/opt/fmeflow/Utilities/jdbc`

Driver versions recommended: FME Flow uses Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17, so the latest versions of `ojdbc11.jar` and `ojdbc17.jar` are recommended.

Driver versions *not* recommended: All `ojdbc10.jar` versions.

For more information, see <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/application-development/jdbc/downloads/index.html>.

- Following installation, you must be able to create a new database on the server using SQL scripts.

For information about acquiring a fault-tolerant database server, consult your IT department.

Updating the FME Flow Database Password

If you choose to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and want to update the password for the database user account, follow these instructions:

1. Download [pgAdmin](#) or [DBeaver](#).
2. Start pgAdmin. If this is your first time starting pgAdmin, it will prompt you to set a master password. Choose something you will remember.
3. Add a new server for the FME Flow Database:
 - a. Right-click on **Servers** and Select **Create > Server....**
 - b. In the **General** tab of the Create - Server dialog, specify the *Name* for the server connection. This can be anything, such as `fmeFlow`.
 - c. In the **Connection** tab of the Create - Server dialog, specify the server properties, using the **Database Connection** details in the `fmeDatabaseConfig` configuration file, for `DB_TYPE=postgresql`, as follows:

Property	Value from fmeDatabaseConfig.txt
Host name/address	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://< hostname >:<port>/<database_name>
Port	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:< port >/<database_name>
Maintenance database	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/< database_name >
Username	DB_USERNAME=< username >
Password	DB_PASSWORD=< password >

- d. Click **Save**.

4. In the Object browser, select the FME Flow Database server, and locate and expand **Login/Group Roles**.
5. Right-click the fmeserver database user account and select **Properties**. Under **Definition**, change the *Password* and click **Save**.
6. In the fmeDatabaseConfig configuration file, update the value of the `DB_PASSWORD` parameter that corresponds to `DB_TYPE=postgresql` with the new password specified above.

When finished, save the file.

7. (Recommended) [Encrypt](#) the FME Flow Database password.
8. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

1. Open a command prompt and change to the following directory:

```
<FMEFlowDir>/Utilities/pgsql/bin
```

2. Run the following command to connect to the FME Flow Database:

```
./psql -d <databaseName> -p <port> -U <username>
```

To confirm the settings, check the [Database Connection](#) details in the fmeDatabaseConfig configuration file, for `DB_TYPE=postgresql`, as follows:

Property	Value from fmeDatabaseConfig.txt
-d	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/< database_ name >
-h	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://< hostname >:<port>/<database_ name>
-p	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:< port >/<database_ name>
-U	DB_USERNAME=< username >
Password (when prompted)	DB_PASSWORD=< password >

- Once connected, enter the following command to change the password for your user:
`\password`
- Use `\q` to quit psql.
- In the the fmeDatabaseConfig configuration file, update the value of the `DB_PASSWORD` parameter that corresponds to `DB_TYPE=postgresql` with the new password specified above, and save the file.
- (Recommended) [Encrypt](#) the FME Flow Database password.
- [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share

- **Skill Level:** Intermediate
- **Estimated Time Required:** 5-15 minutes

- **Prerequisites:**

- Domain Service Account has correct permissions on network shares.

FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources, are installed in specific directories that are shared to enable access from different computers.

Create a directory for the FME Flow System Share that is physically separate from the machine on which the FME Flow Core and web application server are installed. Separating the file system ensures it remains available in a fault tolerant scenario.

When providing a remote file system, keep in mind the following:

- The accounts that run the FME Flow components must have read and write permissions on the remote file system directory. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).
- In addition to being physically separate, the file system should, by itself, be configured for fault tolerance.
- When the directory is specified during installation, it must be in the form of a UNC path. Mapped drives are not supported.
- The directory that holds the System Share must be empty, unless System Share folders have already been created there as part of an installation involving multiple FME Flow Cores.


For information about acquiring a fault tolerant file system, consult your IT department.

Linux Only

For distributed installations on Linux, it is necessary to create a user, prior to installation, on the machine that will host the installation of the FME Flow Core and Engines. This user must be named 'fmeflow' and belong to group 'fmeflow', and be granted permissions on the FME Flow System Share. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).

Example Instructions

The following example creates user 'fmeflow' in group 'fmeflow', and allows mount /mnt/data to be writable by the newly-created user.

 **Note** The following instructions are provided as a general guideline for adding a user and mounting a directory. Exact instructions may vary depending on the distribution and share type in your Linux configuration.

1. Run the following commands in the Linux command line:

```
groupadd fmeflow
useradd -m -g fmeflow fmeflow
```

2. Mount the FME Flow System Share directory so that user 'fmeflow' has read and write permissions. For example, to mount a Windows-based file share:


```
mount -v -t cifs //network/share /mnt/data -o gid=1008,uid=1008
```

`gid` and `uid` are the group id and user id of the user and group that were created.

These id's can be found using these commands:

```
id -g fmeflow
id -u fmeflow
```

Provide a Web Application Server


 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you want to use your own Apache Tomcat web application server, instead of the one provided with the FME Flow installer.

Provide a web application server on the local system of your FME Flow installation.

FME Flow supports Apache Tomcat version 10.1.x. On Windows, we recommend running the web application server on the same version of the Java Runtime Environment as FME Flow runs. To determine this version, use a text editor to open file `release` in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre`.

The following are *not* supported:

- Apache Tomcat version 9.x, 10.0.x, 11.x
- Java Runtime Environment 9, 16, 18 or later.

 **Note** On Linux, you must add the following environment variable to etc/environment:

```
JAVA_HOME="/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64"
```

You must know the port number on which your web application server receives incoming requests and the path to the directory where your web application server stores web application `.war` files. (This directory is normally called `webapps`.)

Additionally, you must allow the necessary system accounts permission to run the web application server. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).

Obtain the Installer

To obtain the applicable FME Flow installation package, visit [the FME Downloads page](#). This page includes download links to release and beta installation packages for various platforms.


You can also contact sales@safe.com to get access.

What's Next?

If you are opting to install, on a separate machine, a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server, proceed to [Install the FME Flow Database](#). Otherwise, proceed to [Install the FME Flow Core, FME Engines, and Web Application Server](#).

Install the FME Flow Database


Install a PostgreSQL FME Flow Database on a separate machine on your network.

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you wish to install, on a separate machine, a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

Start the FME Flow installer.

(Windows only) Installation Extractor

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

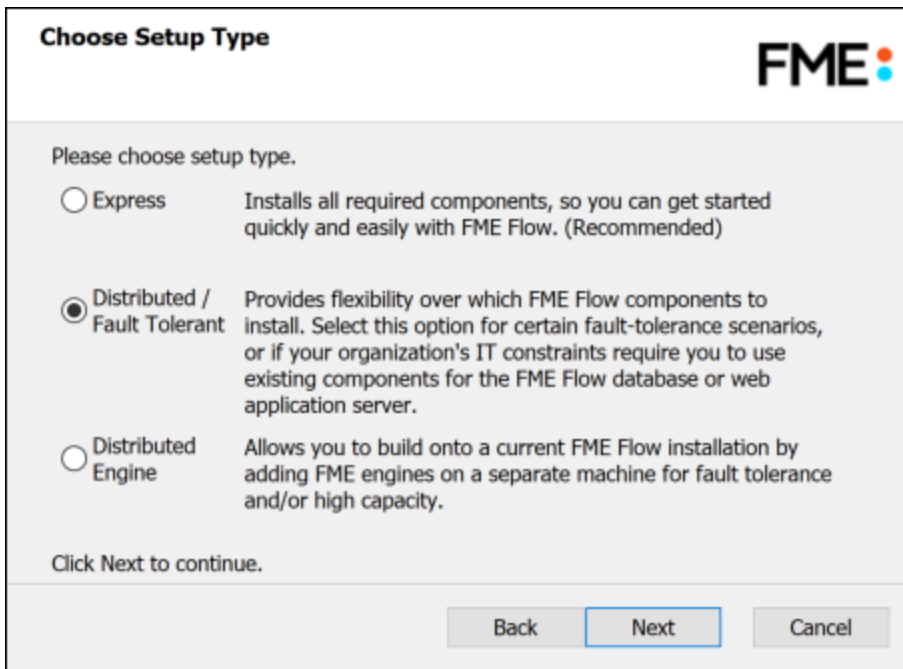
- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.


Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant install option.



Choose Setup Type 

Please choose setup type.

Express Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Flow. (Recommended)

Distributed / Fault Tolerant Provides flexibility over which FME Flow components to install. Select this option for certain fault-tolerance scenarios, or if your organization's IT constraints require you to use existing components for the FME Flow database or web application server.

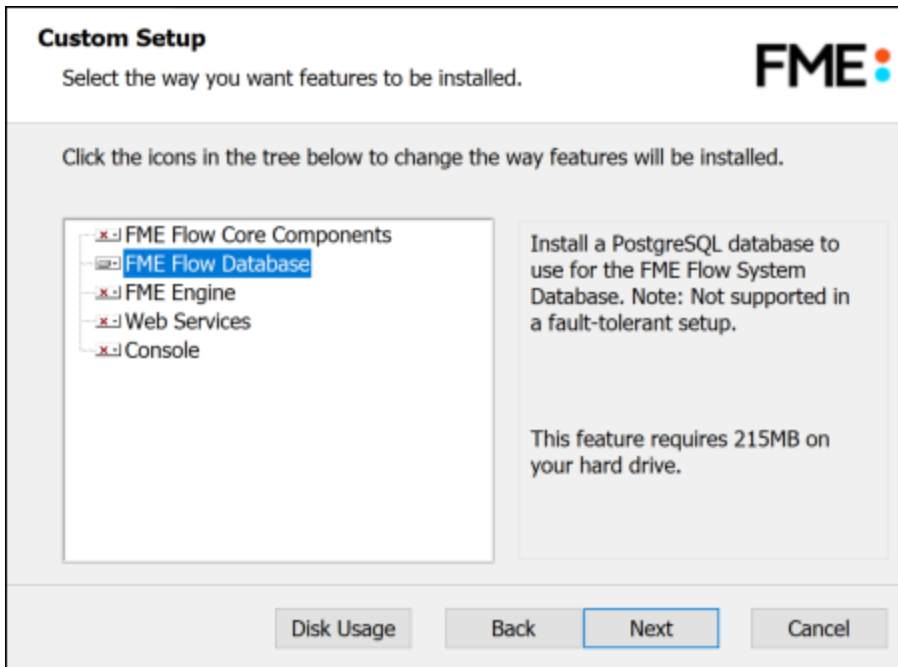
Distributed Engine Allows you to build onto a current FME Flow installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Click Next to continue.

Back Next Cancel

Custom Setup

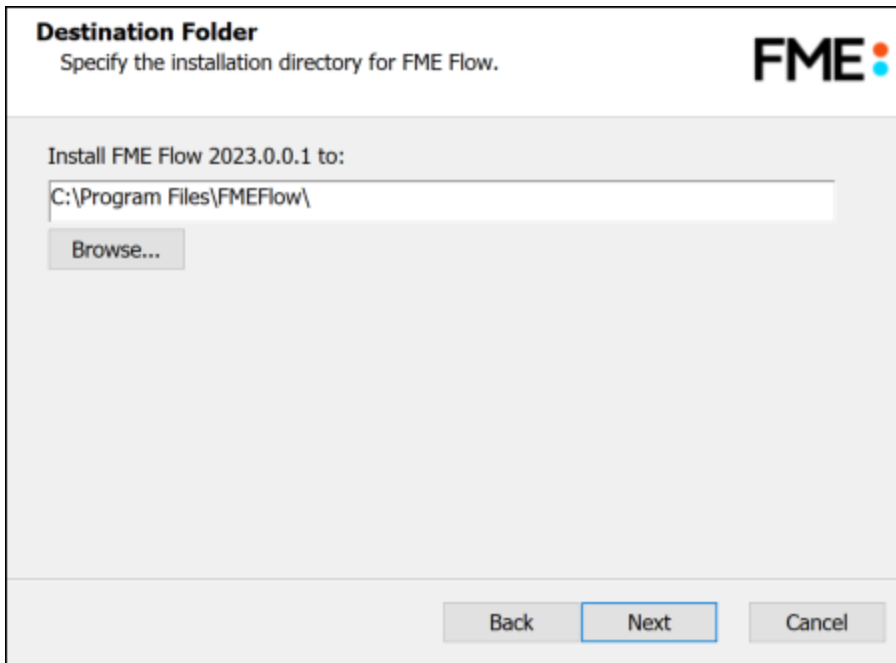
Specify FME Flow Database. Unselect all other components.



Note The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

Destination Folder

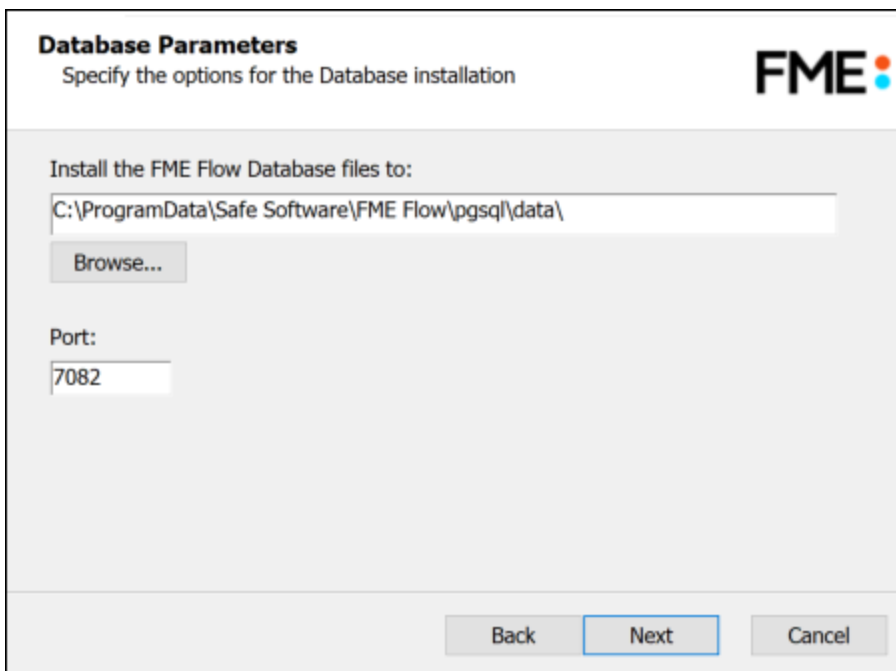
Specify the installation directory for the FME Flow Database.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Destination Folder" with the subtitle "Specify the installation directory for FME Flow." and the FME logo. The main instruction is "Install FME Flow 2023.0.0.1 to:". Below this is a text input field containing the path "C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\" and a "Browse..." button. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next" (which is highlighted with a blue border), and "Cancel".

Database Parameters

- *Install the FME Flow Database files to:* Specify a directory to install the database files.
- *Port:* Specify the port that the database will listen on. Port **7082** is the default.



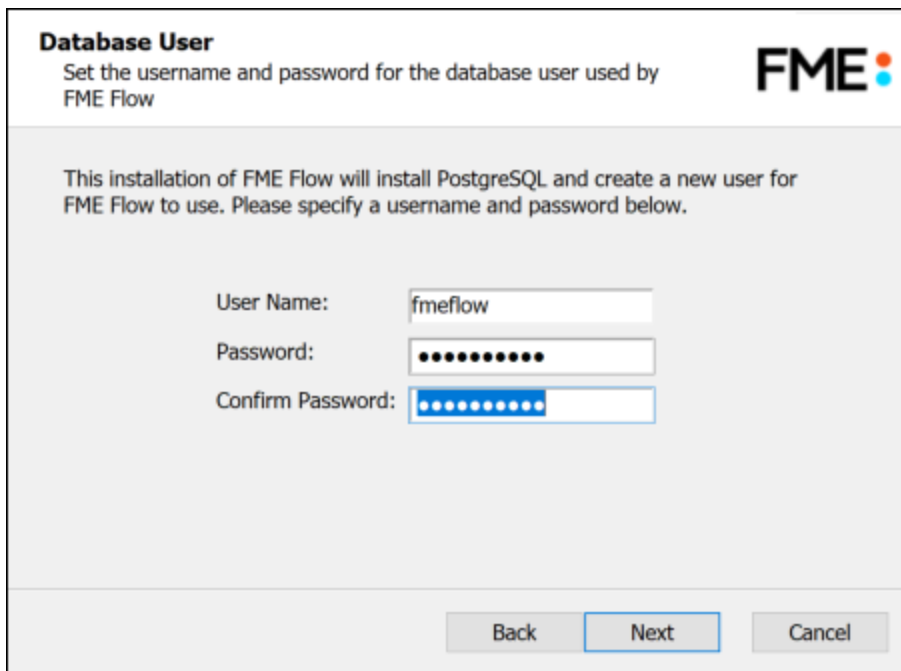
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Database Parameters" with the subtitle "Specify the options for the Database installation" and the FME logo. The main instruction is "Install the FME Flow Database files to:". Below this is a text input field containing the path "C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data\" and a "Browse..." button. Below the path field is a "Port:" label and a text input field containing the number "7082". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next" (which is highlighted with a blue border), and "Cancel".

Database User

Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmeflow**) and *Password* for the database user account.

When specifying *User Name* and *Password*, keep in mind the following:

- Do not specify *User Name* **postgres**. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.
- *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.
- The specified *Password* is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.
- Take note of the *User Name* and *Password* that you specified. You may need to reference it later.



Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

This installation of FME Flow will install PostgreSQL and create a new user for FME Flow to use. Please specify a username and password below.

User Name:

Password:

Confirm Password:

Follow the remaining dialogs to complete the installation.

What's Next?


- [Install the FME Flow Core, FME Engines, and Web Application Server](#)

Install the FME Flow Core, FME Engines, and Web Application Server

Start the FME Flow Installer.

(Windows only) Installation Extractor

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

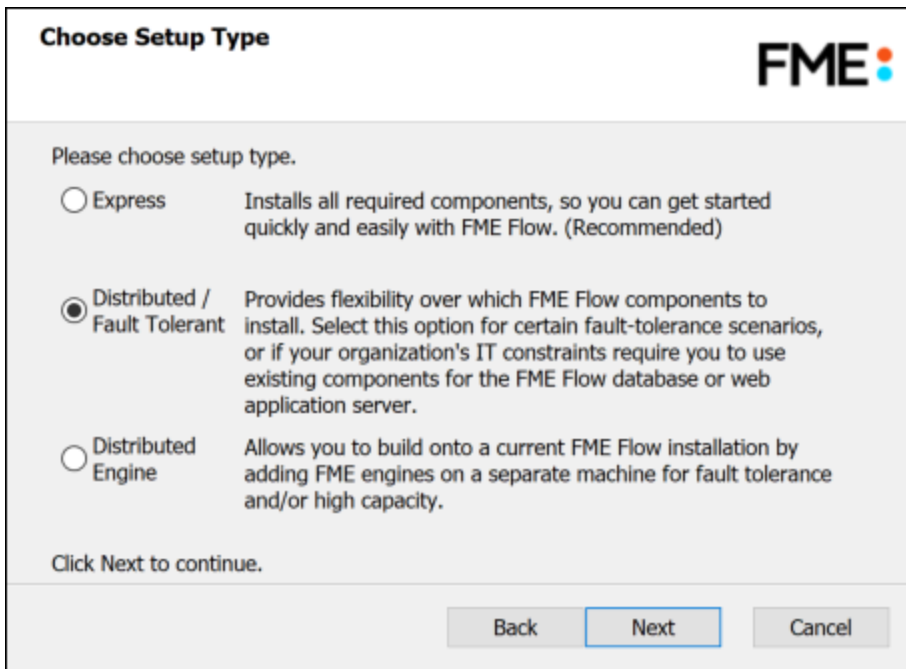
- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.


Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant install option.



Choose Setup Type 

Please choose setup type.

Express Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Flow. (Recommended)

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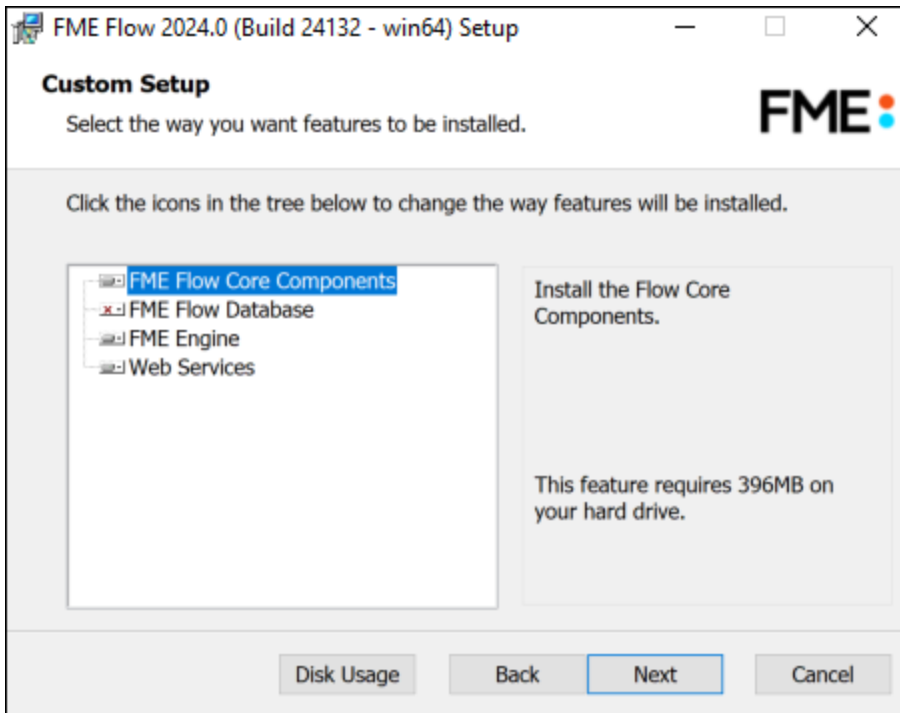
Distributed Engine Allows you to build onto a current FME Flow installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Click Next to continue.

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Custom Setup

Select **FME Flow Core Components**, **FME Engine**, and **Web Services**.



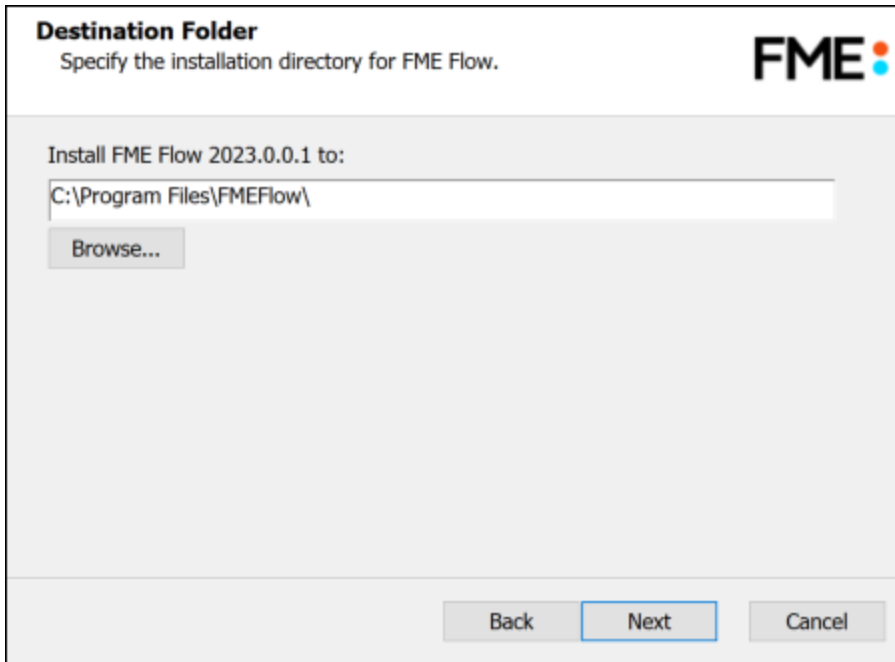
Note The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

Optionally, select **FME Flow Database**. If you do so, note that:

- This option is supported, but not described in [Distributing FME Flow Components](#). Do not select **FME Flow Database** if you already completed the previous step, [Install the FME Flow Database](#), or if you plan to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. If you specify **FME Flow Web Application Server** under [Web Application Server](#) (below), the installation is equivalent to an [Express](#) installation.
- The step to define [Database Server Type](#) (below) will not appear.

Destination Folder


Specify the installation directory for FME Flow. Do not specify a UNC path.



User Account

Specify the Windows user account that will run the FME Flow [System Services](#). This account must have:

- Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share that you specify in the next dialog. The System Share is the location where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. (For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).)
- Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory that you specified in the previous dialog.
- "Log on as a service" rights on this machine. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).

 **Note** If unsure, you can update account settings for the FME Flow system services after installation in the Services manager (Windows) or Linux equivalent.

 **Note** The FME Flow Database service always runs under the local system account.

User Account
Specify the Windows User account that will run the FME Flow services.

Use Local System account

Specify a User account:

User Name: MYDOMAIN\user1

Password: ●●●●●●

Confirm: ●●●●●●


Note: This user must have access to the FME Flow System Share directory specified in the next dialog.


This user must have the "Log on as a Service" right for this machine. Specifying a user without this right will result in an incomplete installation.

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FME Flow System Share

Specify a directory on another machine to store FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources. If this is a Linux installation, specify the mounted directory. For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).

 **Tip** As a best practice, specify the full UNC path to the FME Flow System Share, even if it is on the same (local) machine where you are running the installer.

 **Note** If you are [upgrading](#) to a newer version of FME Flow, make sure the specified directory is empty of files from the previous installation. Otherwise, conflicts may occur that can produce unexpected results in performance.

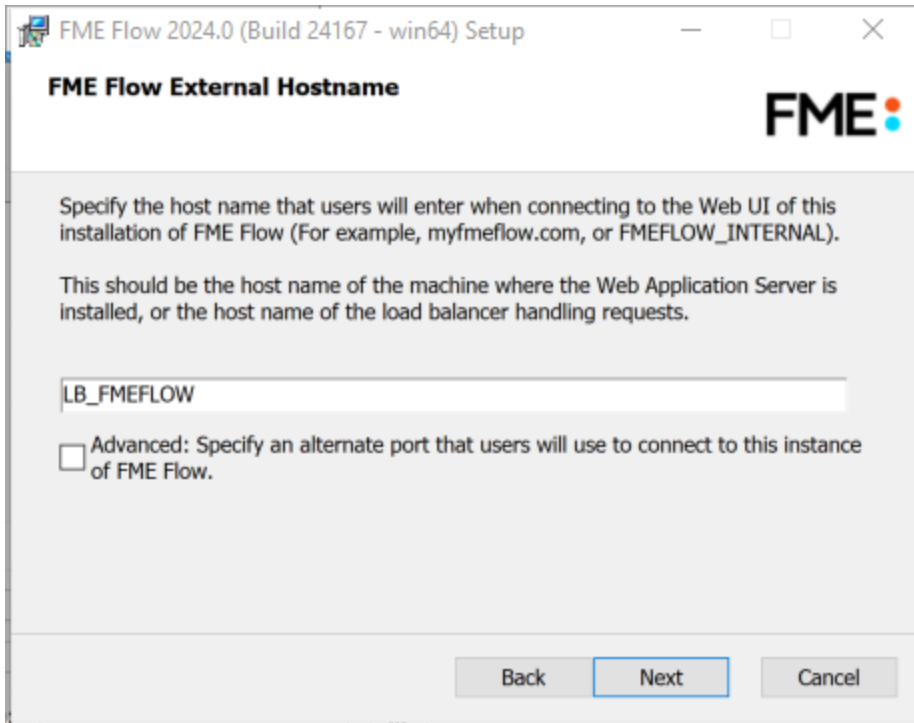
The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "FME Flow System Share" with the FME logo in the top right corner. The main text reads: "Specify the network (UNC) path for the FME Flow System Share. In a distributed installation of FME Flow, this location must be accessible to all machines that are part of the installation." Below this, there is a label "FME Flow System Share:" followed by a text input field containing the UNC path "\\myserver\mypath\fmeflowshare". A "Browse..." button is located below the input field. At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next", and "Cancel".

FME Flow External Hostname

If this FME Flow installation will be available to users outside an internal network (for example, on an external website), specify the external hostname that users will enter when connecting to FME Flow. For example, if you are hosting FME Flow on `myfmeflow.com/myfmeflow`, enter `myfmeflow.com`.

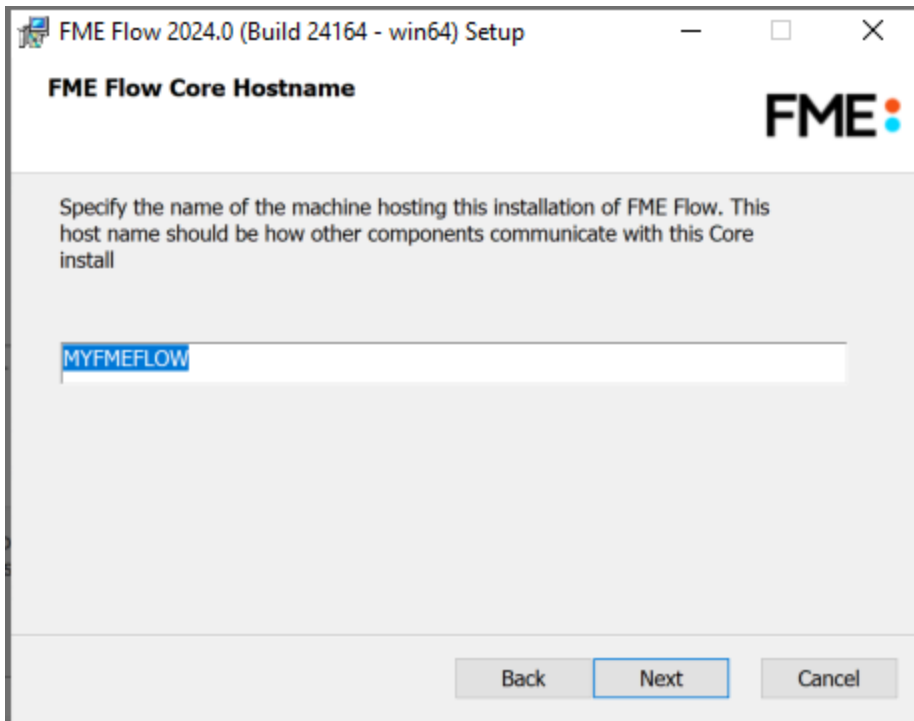
Otherwise, enter the internal server hostname, IP Address, or DNS.

If a load balancer or reverse proxy is deployed through which to access FME Flow, check *Advanced* and provide the *External Web Traffic Port*. Specify this port only if it differs from the [Web Application Server Port](#) (below).




FME Flow Core Hostname

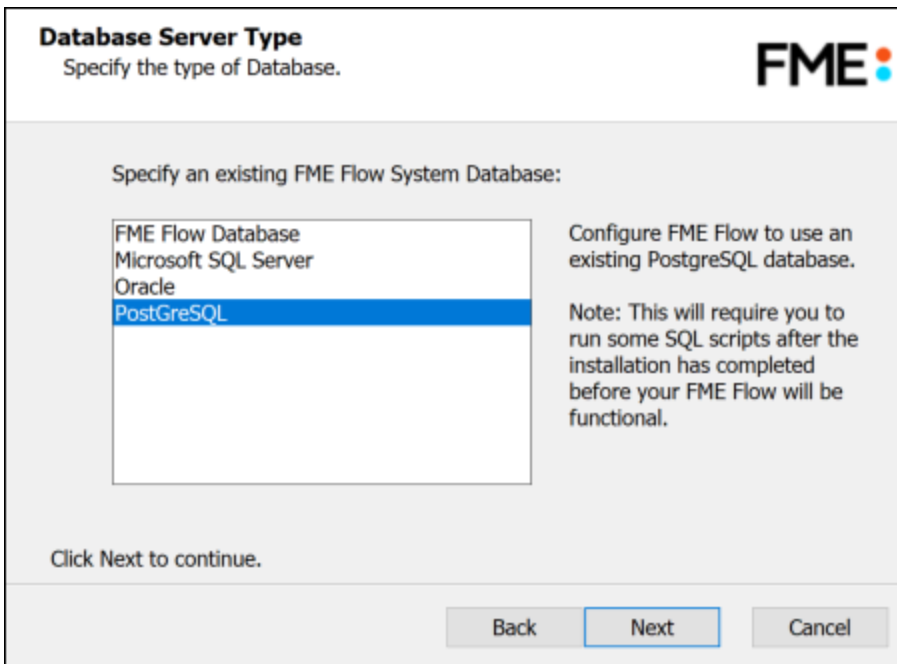
Specify the name of the machine hosting this installation of FME Flow.




Database Server Type

 **Note** This dialog does not appear if you elected to install the FME Flow Database in step [Custom Setup](#) (above).

Specify the type of database for the FME Flow Database. If you installed, on a separate machine, the PostgreSQL database included with the FME Flow installer, select **FME Flow Database**. If you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, select the database server type: **Microsoft SQL Server**, **Oracle**, or **PostgreSQL**. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).



Database Server Type
Specify the type of Database. 

Specify an existing FME Flow System Database:

- FME Flow Database
- Microsoft SQL Server
- Oracle
- PostgreSQL**

Configure FME Flow to use an existing PostgreSQL database.

Note: This will require you to run some SQL scripts after the installation has completed before your FME Flow will be functional.

Click Next to continue.

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Database Server Parameters

Specify the connection parameters for the FME Flow Database. Optionally, to customize the connection parameters in the JDBC connection string, check **Specify JDBC Connection String**.

If **Microsoft SQL Server** was specified in the previous dialog, and it is a named instance of SQL Server, check *Use SQL Server instance name* to use that value instead of *Port*.

FME Flow includes a default JDBC driver for PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. If your database requires a special version of the JDBC driver, check *Use Custom JDBC Driver* and

specify the *JDBC Driver*. If **Oracle** was specified in the previous dialog, you must specify the *JDBC Driver*.

Database Server Parameters
Specify the Database Parameters. **FME**

Configure the PostgreSQL Connection: Specify JDBC Connection String

Host:

Port:


FME Flow includes a default JDBC driver for PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. If your database requires a special version of the JDBC driver, you can specify it below.

Use Custom JDBC Driver

Back Next Cancel

If you elected to install the **FME Flow Database** in step [Custom Setup](#) (above), a Database Parameters dialog appears instead:

- **Install the FME Flow Database files to:** By default, FME Flow Database files are written to %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data.

 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

To change the installation directory of FME Flow Database files, modify the path.

Database User

The installation creates a user account under which to use the FME Flow database. Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmefflow**) and *Password* for the database user account. *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.

Note The password for the FME Flow Database user account is encrypted in FME Flow installation files. Take note of the *User Name* and *Password* that you specified. You may need to reference it later.

If you installed the PostgreSQL database included with the FME Flow installer, specify the same *User Name* and *Password* that you specified for Database User previously, under [Install the FME Flow Database](#).



Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

For FME Flow to run, a new user must be created for the chosen database. Please specify a name for this user (this will be added to a provided SQL script to run on your database). See [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#) for more details.

User Name:

Password:

Note: This password must adhere to the password complexity rules of the selected database type.

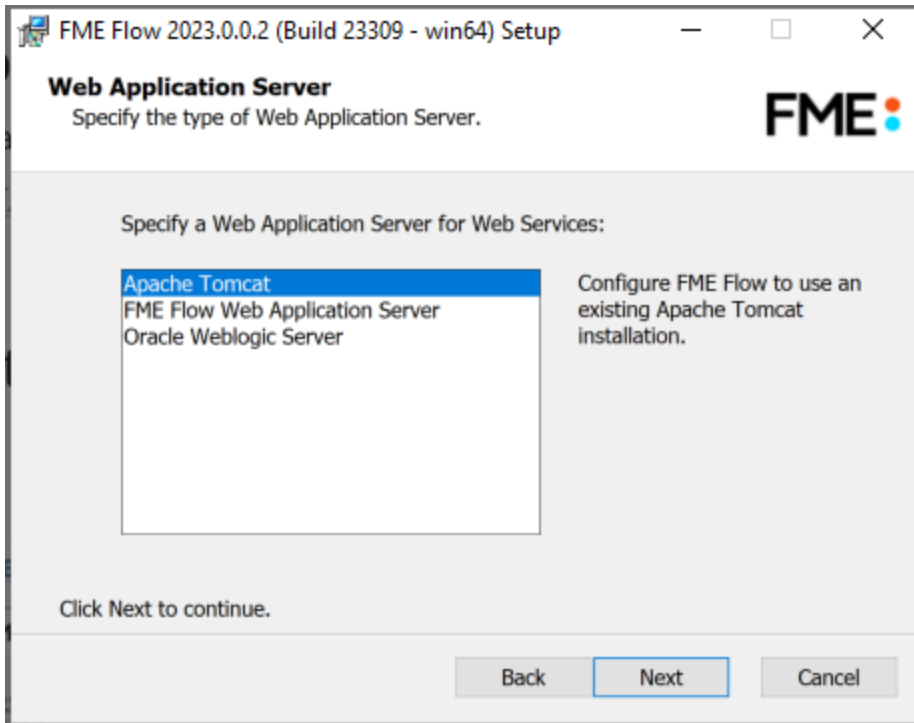
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Web Application Server

Choose a Web Application Server:

Apache Tomcat ()

This selection is valid if you have already completed the step to [Provide a Web Application Server](#).

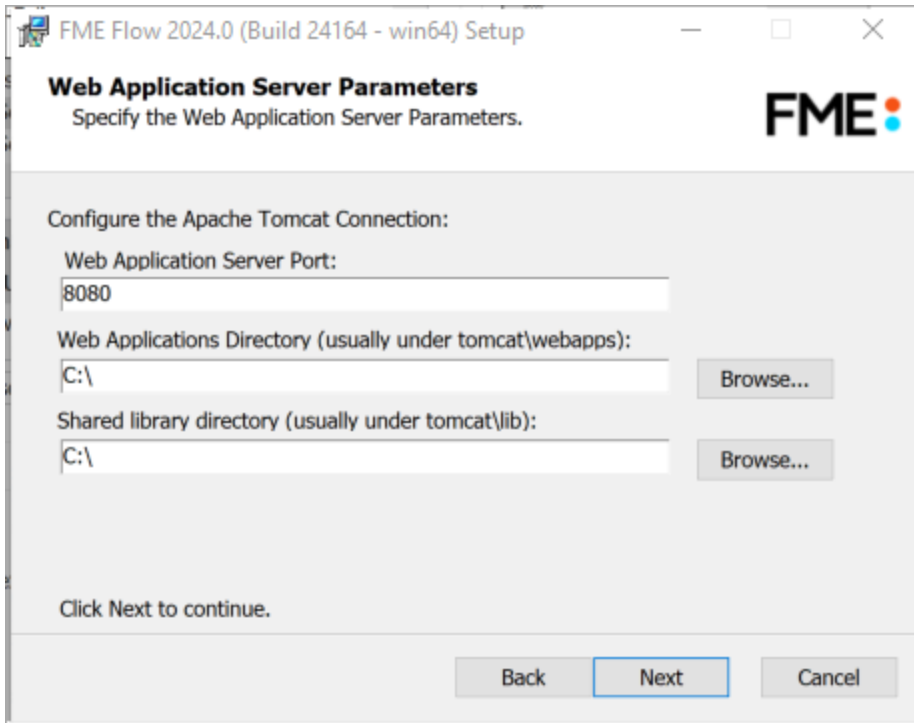


Web Application Server Parameters

Specify the connection parameters for the web application server.

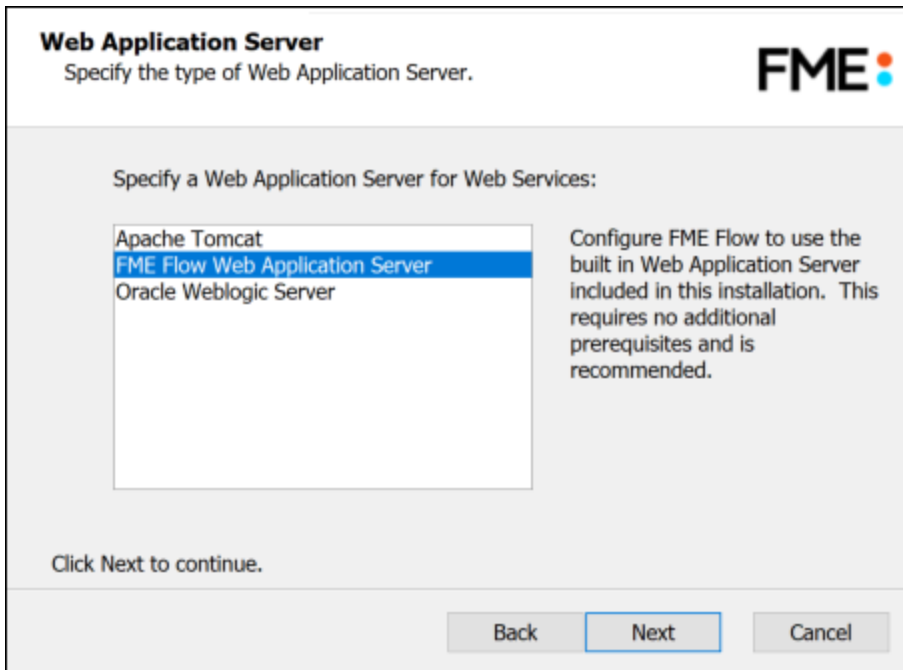
The *Web Application Server Port* should be the same as the one that was specified when Apache Tomcat was installed. The default Apache Tomcat port is 8080.

The *Web Applications Directory* and *Shared library directory* can be found in the webapps and lib folder, respectively, under `<ApacheTomcatInstallDir>/tomcat/`.



FME Flow Web Application Server ().

This selection is valid if you want to use the Apache Tomcat web application server provided with the installer, and have *not* provided your own under [Provide a Web Application Server](#).



HTTPS Configuration

To enable the Apache Tomcat web application server for HTTPS, check *Enable HTTPS with certificate* and provide the path to your PFX certificate and the certificate password.

Note If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see [Configuring for HTTPS](#).

HTTPS Configuration
Configure Tomcat for HTTPS. **FME**

Enable HTTPS with certificate

PFX Certificate:

Browse

Password for PFX Certificate:

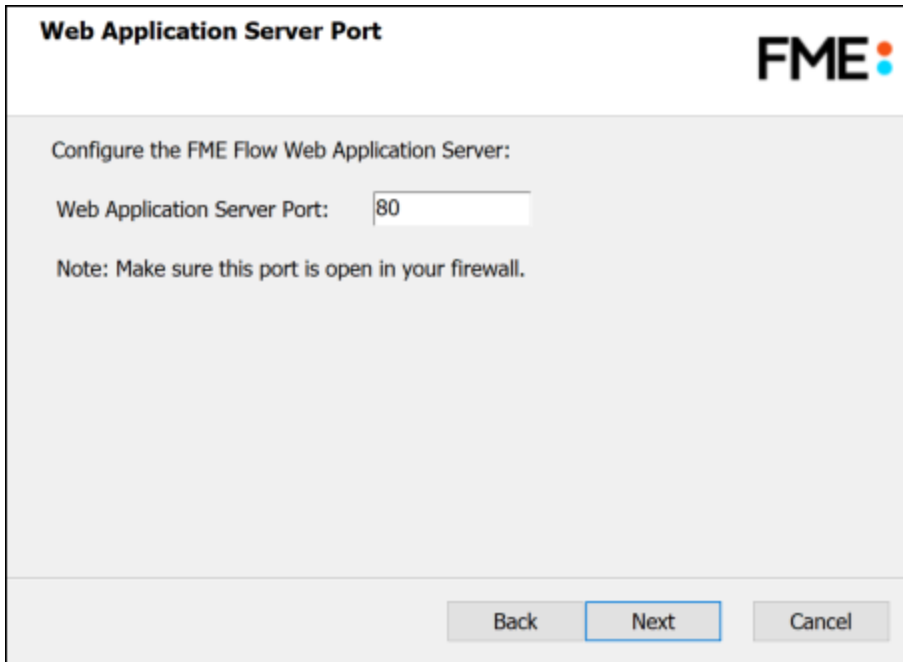
Confirm Password:

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Web Application Server Port

Specify the port to use for communication with the web application server. On Windows, port 80 is the recommended default. On Linux, port 8080 is recommended. If HTTPS was configured in the [previous dialog](#), port 443 is set by default.

Note Common applications, including Skype and Internet Information Services (IIS), may already be using port 80. To free this port, turn off these services. Alternatively, select a different port, such as 8080.



Follow the remaining dialogs to complete the installation.


What's Next?

If you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, proceed to [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#). Otherwise, proceed to [Log on to the Web User Interface](#).

Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server

Note Complete this step *only* if you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

To configure FME Flow to use a separate database server, follow the steps below. You can configure FME Flow with a PostgreSQL (recommended), Microsoft SQL Server, or Oracle database, running on either Windows or Linux.

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

One notation used is `<FMEFlowDir>`, which is the installation directory of FME Flow. This is typically `C:\Program Files\FMEFlow` on Windows and `/opt/fmeflow` on Linux.

1. Stop All FME Flow Services on All Machines

When changing database providers or when initially setting up FME Flow to use a separate database server, [stop all FME Flow services](#) first.


Windows only: With all FME Flow services stopped, ensure `memurai.exe` (or `redis-server` on older FME Flow installations) is not present. Open Task Manager and click on the **Details** tab to view all running processes. Review the list for `memurai.exe` and end the task if it is still running.

2. Configure the Database

In this section, you will set up FME Flow Database objects and users with permissions to access the database. To ensure a successful database configuration, this procedure is best performed by a database administrator or in consultation with one.

During the installation of FME Flow, you were prompted to enter a database username (default **fmeflow**) and password. The installer uses these values to populate the database scripts and the JDBC connection string found in `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`. It is expected that you will be using these values. If you want to change them, see [Providing Your Own FME Flow Database Schema, Name, or User](#).

If you are upgrading, you should back up any [FME Job Logs](#) you want to keep, as these logs are not part of the FME Flow backup.

 **Note** The specific way to set up database objects and user permissions on various production databases may differ depending on the available database tools and intended target platform.

Database Configuration - PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL is an open source database that can be downloaded from the Internet. For more information, see <https://www.postgresql.com>.


FME Flow comes shipped with the necessary PostgreSQL JDBC driver, which is located in `<FMEFlowDir>Utilities\jdbc`.

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- PostgreSQL is installed
- You know the credentials for the PostgreSQL superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to [pgAdmin](#) or a similar database client to connect to the PostgreSQL database server to run the necessary scripts.

To create the `fmeFlow` user and database objects, three SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are located in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\postgresql`

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `postgresql_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow database user with the name you specified during installation, and grants it all required permissions. The password appears as `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>`. Before running this script, replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
- `postgresql_createDB.sql`: Creates the FME Flow Database.


- [postgresql_createSchema.sql](#): Creates all FME Flow-related tables, indexes, views, and triggers.
- [postgresql_dropUser.sql](#) : Drops the FME Flow Database user.
- [postgresql_dropDB.sql](#): Drops the FME Flow Database.

Instructions

Using your preferred PostgreSQL database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow database:

1. Connect to the PostgreSQL database server as the postgres user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create an FME Flow database user:
 - a. Open [postgresql_createUser.sql](#) in a text editor.
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
 - c. Using your database client, run the [postgresql_createUser.sql](#) script. The script creates the FME Flow database user and password that you specified during installation.
3. Create the FME Flow Database:

Open and run the [postgresql_createDB.sql](#) script.

 **Note** This script will work through PostgreSQL SQL Shell, but cannot be run as-is through pgAdmin, as it requires switching databases using “\c”. If using pgAdmin, you will need to execute the first two commands in the sql script:

- CREATE DATABASE fmeflow;
- GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE fmeflow TO "fmeflow";

Then, connect to the new fmeflow database as the postgres admin user and run the last command:

- GRANT CREATE ON SCHEMA public TO "fmeflow";

The script creates a new, empty FME Flow database named `fmeflow` and grants all privileges on the database to the user.

4. Create the FME Flow Database schema:

- a. Using your preferred database client, connect to the fmeflow database as the fmeflow user.
- b. Open and run the `postgresql_createSchema.sql` script. The script creates all FME Flow related tables, indexes, views, and triggers.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user, run the `postgresql_dropUser.sql` script as the postgres user or equivalent. If you need to drop the FME Flow Database, run the `postgresql_dropDB.sql` script as the postgres user or equivalent.

Database Configuration - Microsoft SQL Server

FME Flow ships with the necessary SQL Server JDBC driver, located in `<FMEFlowDir>Utilities\jdbc`.


Before proceeding, make sure that:

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- SQL Server is installed
- You know the credentials for the sa superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to [SQL Server Management Studio](#) or a similar database client to connect to the SQL Server database server to run the scripts.

To create the fmeFlow user, login, and database objects, two SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\sqlserver\.`

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `sqlserver_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow login and user with the name you specified during installation, and grants all required permissions. The password appears as `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>`. Before running this script, replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
- `sqlserver_createDB.sql`: Creates the FME Flow Database, including tables, indexes, views, and triggers..
- `sqlserver_dropUser.sql` : Drops the FME Flow Database user.
- `sqlserver_dropDB.sql`: Drops the FME Flow Database.

Instructions

Using your preferred SQL Server database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow Database:

1. Connect to the SQL Server as the sa user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create the FME Flow Database:

Open and run the `sqlserver_createDB.sql` script.
3. Create the FME Flow user and login:
 - a. Open `sqlserver_createUser.sql`.
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
 - c. Using your database client, run the `sqlserver_createUser.sql` script. The script creates the login and user, and grants the user access to the newly created database and makes it the owner.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user, run the `sqlserver_dropUser.sql` script as the sa user or equivalent. If you need to drop the FME Flow Database, run the `sqlserver_dropDB.sql` script as the sa user or equivalent.

Database Configuration - Oracle

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- Oracle database server is installed.
- You know the credentials for the SYS superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to a database client to connect to the Oracle database server and run the necessary scripts. Examples include Oracle SQL Developer, DBeaver, and SQLPlus command line.
- If using an Oracle database server, you must obtain the Oracle Database JDBC driver and place it in the following directory:
 - Windows:
 - `<FME FlowDir>\FMEFlow\Utilities\jdbc`

- Linux:
 - /opt/fmeflow/Utilities/jdbc

Driver versions recommended: FME Flow uses Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17, so the latest versions of ojdbc11.jar and ojdbc17.jar are recommended.

Driver versions *not* recommended: All ojdbc10.jar versions.


For more information, see <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/application-development/jdbc/downloads/index.html>.

If you encounter an issue with a newer version of the driver, try an older version.

Consider the version of the database server when selecting the appropriate driver version.

To create the fmeflow user and database objects, two SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are in the following directory:

<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\oracle\.

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `oracle_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow database user with the name you specified during installation, and grants it all required permissions. The password appears as <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>. Before running this script, replace <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>> with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation.

Considerations for [TABLESPACE](#): Discuss with your Oracle DBA what tablespace the new user will use. You can alter the user with an additional statement to ensure proper write permissions to the tablespace.

Example: `ALTER USER fmeflow QUOTA UNLIMITED ON users.`

- [oracle_createDB.sql](#): Creates all FME Flow-related database packages, tables, indexes, views, and triggers.
- [oracle_dropUser.sql](#) : Drops the FME Flow Database user and the database packages, tables, indexes, views, and triggers associated with the FME Flow database user.

Instructions

Using your preferred Oracle database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow Database:

1. Connect to the Oracle database server as the SYS user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create the FME Flow Database user:
 - a. Open [oracle_createUser.sql](#).
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation.
 - c. Consider the tablespace the user will use. Check with your database administrator if unsure.
 - d. You may be required to create a new tablespace and alter the script accordingly.
 - e. Using your database client, run the [oracle_createUser.sql](#) script.
3. Create the FME Flow Database:
 - a. Once the FME Flow database user has been created, log on again as the new user.
 - b. Open and run the [oracle_createDB.sql](#) script.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user and database objects, run the `oracle_dropUser.sql` script as the SYS user or equivalent.

3. Enable Connections

FME Flow connects to the database when it starts. Therefore, ensure that your database server is running and configured to accept incoming connections before FME Flow is started. The database must allow connections over TCP/IP with all machines on which the FME Flow Application Server, FME Flow Core and FME Engines are installed.

4. Configure the Database Connection

The connection to the FME Flow Database is specified in configuration file [fmeDatabaseConfig.txt](#). The FME Flow installer adds your connection parameters based on what was specified during installation.

To view the connection, open `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`. Under **FME SERVER SETTINGS START**, find the section titled **Database Connection**. The parameters are below for reference:

- `DB_TYPE` - Identifies the database server: postgresql, sqlserver, or oracle.
- `DB_DRIVER` - The JDBC driver name used for connecting to the database.
- `DB_JDBC_URL` - The JDBC URL used for connecting to the database.
- `DB_USERNAME` - The database user name.
- `DB_PASSWORD` - The database user password.
- `DB_CONNECT_EXPIRY` - The database connection expiry time, in seconds.
- `DB_SQLSTMTS_PATH` - The path to the SQL statement resource bundle.

An example is provided for each type of system database supported by FME Flow: PostgreSQL, SQL Server, and Oracle.

You may need to change these parameters, especially `DB_JDBC_URL`, depending on how your database server or database has been configured outside of FME Flow. For scenarios and guidance, see [Configuring the FME Flow Database Connection](#).

After changing `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`, FME Flow must be [restarted](#).

Note that the database password in the connection parameters is encrypted during installation. If you are changing the FME Flow database after installation, the new database password must be manually encrypted. Follow the procedure in [Encrypting the FME Flow Database Password](#). Alternatively, the database password can be provided as plain text in the connection parameters.

5. Start the FME Flow Services on All Machines

For more information, see [Working with the FME Flow System Services](#).

What's Next?

- [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)

Troubleshooting

If the FME Flow Web User Interface fails to present the login window, review the `fmeserver.log`, `fmeprocessmonitorcore.log`, and `fmeconnection.log` located in the FME Flow System Share, which is specified during installation:

```
<fileserversUNCPath>/resources/logs/core/current
```

If you see errors about a failed database login in the logs and are unsure of the database password, you can provide it in plain text in the `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt` configuration file to test. The FME Flow services must be [restarted](#) after modifying the file.

For more troubleshooting information, see <https://support.safe.com/hc/en-us/sections/25623298793101-Troubleshooting>.

Log on to the Web User Interface

To log in to the Web User Interface for the first time as an administrator following installation, specify *Username* `admin` and *Password* `admin`. You will be prompted to update the `admin` password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.

For more information and support:

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Web Interface Login](#)
- Accessing the Web User Interface
- Changing the Login Password
- [Default User Accounts and Passwords](#)
- [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)

What's Next?

- [Request and Install a License](#)

Request and Install a License

Note

License files are installed, by default, to:

» Windows: `C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\licenses`

» Linux: `/opt/fmeflow/licenses`

Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) licensing is not available for engines on FME Flow Hosted.


Automatic Mode (Recommended)

If your FME Flow host machine has an internet connection, you can request and install a license online without any need for downloading and re-uploading a license file.


Note

- Licensing FME Flow over the internet requires no inbound connection. For more information, see [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#).
- If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), automatic mode only is supported. Manual mode licensing (below) is not supported.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.


 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Automatic**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. A message indicates that your license is installed, and your available engines appear momentarily on the Engines page.

 **Note** If the *Serial Number* you provided includes Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), they are not configured to start by default. You can start and configure your Dynamic Engines on the Engines page.

Manual Mode


If you prefer not to use an internet connection for licensing, or if your FME Flow host machine does not have an internet connection, use this process to install a license.

 **Note** If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), manual mode licensing is not supported. Use automatic mode for licensing (above). For more information, contact your Safe Software Inc. sales representative.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Flow engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing**

tab.

2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Manual**.
5. Click **OK**. A license request .json file downloads.
6. Email the .json file to codes@safe.com.
7. You will receive an email from Safe Software Inc. with a license file, which has a [.fmeLIC](#) extension. Download the file.
8. Return to the Licensing page. Under Standard Engines, click **Upload License File** and select the [.fmeLIC](#) file to upload. Or, drag and drop the [.fmeLIC](#) file onto the page under Standard Engines. A message indicates that it is installed, and your available engines appear on the Engines page.

Problems?

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: FME Flow Engines](#)
- Contact codes@safe.com.

See Also

- [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#)
- FME Engines

What's Next?

- (Recommended) [Update the Windows service accounts](#) that run the FME System Services.

- (Upgrade Only) [Restore](#) your FME Flow Configuration from a Previous Installation.
- [Test the Installation](#).

Test the Installation

To test your FME Flow installation, confirm that FME Flow can perform its primary function—running a job.

1. On the Run Workspace page, specify:
 - Repository: Samples
 - Workspace: austinApartments.fmw
 - Service: Job Submitter
2. Click Run Workspace.

If you see a success message, your install was a success.

See Also

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Submitting a Job in FME Flow](#)


Distributing Components (3-Tier)

Before installing a 3-tier distributed architecture, make sure you have:


- Read and understood [Planning an FME Flow Installation](#).
- Provided the prerequisites in [Before Installation](#).
- Linux: Ensured [System Requirements](#) are met, including updates and dependencies.

To perform a 3-tier installation of FME Flow:

1. [Obtain the Installer](#)
2. [Install the FME Flow Database](#)

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you wish to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

3. [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#)
4. [Install the FME Flow Web Services](#)
5. [Configure the FME Flow Database](#)

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

6. [Start the FME Flow system services](#). Following a distributed installation, the [FME Flow system services](#) do not start automatically. You must manually start them on each machine that is hosting FME Flow components.
7. [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)
8. [Update the FME Web Services URLs](#), where applicable.
9. [Update the WebSocket Host](#)
10. [Request and Install a License](#)
11. (If necessary) [Update the Windows service accounts](#) that run the FME System Services.
12. (Upgrade only) [Restore](#) your FME Flow Configuration from a Previous Installation.
13. [Test the Installation](#).

What's Next?

Optimize: You can scale-up your FME Flow by:

- Increasing the number of FME Engines that run when you start FME Flow.
- Adding or accessing FME Engines on separate machines that are closer to your data.

For more information, see [Planning for Scalability and Performance](#).

Before Installation

Before you install the FME Flow components for a 3-tier architecture, ensure that:

- The following non-FME Flow components are in place on your network:
 - [Database server](#) on a separate machine.
 - [Web application server](#) on a separate machine; or, if using the Web Application Server provided with FME Flow, a machine on which to install it.
 - [File system](#) on a separate machine.
- The necessary ports are available on your network. Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes. For more information, see [FME Flow Ports](#).
- (Recommended) One or more Windows service accounts have read and write permissions on the network shares of the FME Flow Core/Engines and the Web Application Server. In most distributed installations, this account is necessary for these components to communicate with each other across a network. For more information, see [Running the FME Flow System Services Under Different Accounts \(Windows\)](#).

Next Steps

Proceed to [Obtain the Installer](#).


Provide a Database Server

FME Flow uses its own database to manage jobs and workspace information. It is not a source or destination data source for FME workspaces.

To ensure the FME Flow Database remains available in a failover scenario, provide a machine on which to install the database that is physically separate from the machines on which the FME Flows are installed. In addition to being physically separate, the database server should, by itself, be configured for fault tolerance.

You can choose to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, or you can configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. If you use your own database server, keep in mind the following:

- PostgreSQL (recommended), Oracle, and SQL Server are supported. The following versions are recommended:

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

- PostgreSQL: 16.1 or later.
- Oracle: 19c or later.
- SQL Server: 2016 or later.
- When you install the FME Flows, the database server must be running and you must know the connection information.
- If using an Oracle database server, you must obtain the Oracle Database JDBC driver and place it in the following directory:
 - Windows:
 - `<FME FlowDir>\FMEFlow\Utilities\jdbc`
 - Linux:
 - `/opt/fmeflow/Utilities/jdbc`

Driver versions recommended: FME Flow uses Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17, so the latest versions of `ojdbc11.jar` and `ojdbc17.jar` are recommended.

Driver versions *not* recommended: All `ojdbc10.jar` versions.

For more information, see <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/application-development/jdbc/downloads/index.html>.

- Following installation, you must be able to create a new database on the server using SQL scripts.

For information about acquiring a fault-tolerant database server, consult your IT department.

Updating the FME Flow Database Password

If you choose to install a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and want to update the password for the database user account, follow these instructions:

1. Download [pgAdmin](#) or [DBeaver](#).
2. Start pgAdmin. If this is your first time starting pgAdmin, it will prompt you to set a master password. Choose something you will remember.
3. Add a new server for the FME Flow Database:
 - a. Right-click on **Servers** and Select **Create > Server....**
 - b. In the **General** tab of the Create - Server dialog, specify the *Name* for the server connection. This can be anything, such as `fmeFlow`.
 - c. In the **Connection** tab of the Create - Server dialog, specify the server properties, using the `Database Connection` details in the `fmeDatabaseConfig` configuration

file, for `DB_TYPE=postgresql`, as follows:

Property	Value from fmeDatabaseConfig.txt
Host name/address	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/<database_name>
Port	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/<database_name>
Maintenance database	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/<database_name>
Username	DB_USERNAME=<username>
Password	DB_PASSWORD=<password>

d. Click **Save**.

- In the Object browser, select the FME Flow Database server, and locate and expand **Login/Group Roles**.
- Right-click the fmeserver database user account and select **Properties**. Under **Definition**, change the *Password* and click **Save**.
- In the fmeDatabaseConfig configuration file, update the value of the `DB_PASSWORD` parameter that corresponds to `DB_TYPE=postgresql` with the new password specified above.

When finished, save the file.

- (Recommended) [Encrypt](#) the FME Flow Database password.
- [Restart](#) FME Flow.

1. Open a command prompt and change to the following directory:

```
<FMEFlowDir>/Utilities/pgsql/bin
```

2. Run the following command to connect to the FME Flow Database:

```
./psql -d <databaseName> -p <port> -U <username>
```

To confirm the settings, check the [Database Connection](#) details in the `fmeDatabaseConfig` configuration file, for `DB_TYPE=postgresql`, as follows:

Property	Value from fmeDatabaseConfig.txt
-d	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/<database_name>
-h	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/<database_name>
-p	DB_JDBC_ URL=jdbc:postgresql://<hostname>:<port>/<database_name>
-U	DB_USERNAME=<username>
Password (when prompted)	DB_PASSWORD=<password>

3. Once connected, enter the following command to change the password for your user:

```
\password
```

4. Use `\q` to quit psql.

5. In the the `fmeDatabaseConfig` configuration file, update the value of the `DB_PASSWORD` parameter that corresponds to `DB_TYPE=postgresql` with the new password specified above, and save the file.
6. (Recommended) [Encrypt](#) the FME Flow Database password.
7. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share

- **Skill Level:** Intermediate
- **Estimated Time Required:** 5-15 minutes
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Domain Service Account has correct permissions on network shares.

FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources, are installed in specific directories that are shared to enable access from different computers.

Create a directory for the FME Flow System Share that is physically separate from the machine on which the FME Flow Core and web application server are installed. Separating the file system ensures it remains available in a fault tolerant scenario.

When providing a remote file system, keep in mind the following:

- The accounts that run the FME Flow components must have read and write permissions on the remote file system directory. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).
- In addition to being physically separate, the file system should, by itself, be configured for fault tolerance.
- When the directory is specified during installation, it must be in the form of a UNC path. Mapped drives are not supported.
- The directory that holds the System Share must be empty, unless System Share folders have already been created there as part of an installation involving multiple FME Flow Cores.


For information about acquiring a fault tolerant file system, consult your IT department.

Linux Only

For distributed installations on Linux, it is necessary to create a user, prior to installation, on the machine that will host the installation of the FME Flow Core and Engines. This user must be named 'fmeflow' and belong to group 'fmeflow', and be granted permissions on the FME Flow System Share. For more information, see Directory and Account Permissions.

Example Instructions

The following example creates user 'fmeflow' in group 'fmeflow', and allows mount /mnt/data to be writable by the newly-created user.

 **Note** The following instructions are provided as a general guideline for adding a user and mounting a directory. Exact instructions may vary depending on the distribution and share type in your Linux configuration.

1. Run the following commands in the Linux command line:

```
groupadd fmeflow
useradd -m -g fmeflow fmeflow
```

2. Mount the FME Flow System Share directory so that user 'fmeflow' has read and write permissions. For example, to mount a Windows-based file share:

```
mount -v -t cifs //network/share /mnt/data -o gid=1008,uid=1008
```

`gid` and `uid` are the group id and user id of the user and group that were created.

These id's can be found using these commands:

```
id -g fmeflow
id -u fmeflow
```


Provide a Web Application Server

Provide a web application server on a separate machine from your FME Flow installation.

FME Flow supports Apache Tomcat version 10.1.x. On Windows, we recommend running the web application server on the same version of the Java Runtime Environment as FME Flow runs. To determine this version, use a text editor to open file `release` in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre`.

The following are *not* supported:

- Apache Tomcat version 9.x, 10.0.x, 11.x
- Java Runtime Environment 9, 16, 18 or later.

 **Note** On Linux, you must add the following environment variable to etc/environment:

```
JAVA_HOME="/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64"
```

You must know the port number on which your web application server receives incoming requests and the path to the directory where your web application server stores web application `.war` files. (This directory is normally called `webapps`.)

Additionally, you must allow the necessary system accounts permission to run the web application server. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).

Obtain the Installer

To obtain the applicable FME Flow installation package, visit [the FME Downloads page](#). This page includes download links to release and beta installation packages for various platforms.


You can also contact sales@safe.com to get access.

What's Next?

If you are opting to install, on a separate machine, a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server, proceed to [Install the FME Flow Database](#). Otherwise, proceed to [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#).

Install the FME Flow Database


Install a PostgreSQL FME Flow Database on a separate machine on your network.

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you wish to install, on a separate machine, a PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, and do *not* wish to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

Start the FME Flow installer.

(Windows only) Installation Extractor

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:


- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.

Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant install option.

Choose Setup Type 

Please choose setup type.

Express Installs all required components, so you can get started quickly and easily with FME Flow. (Recommended)

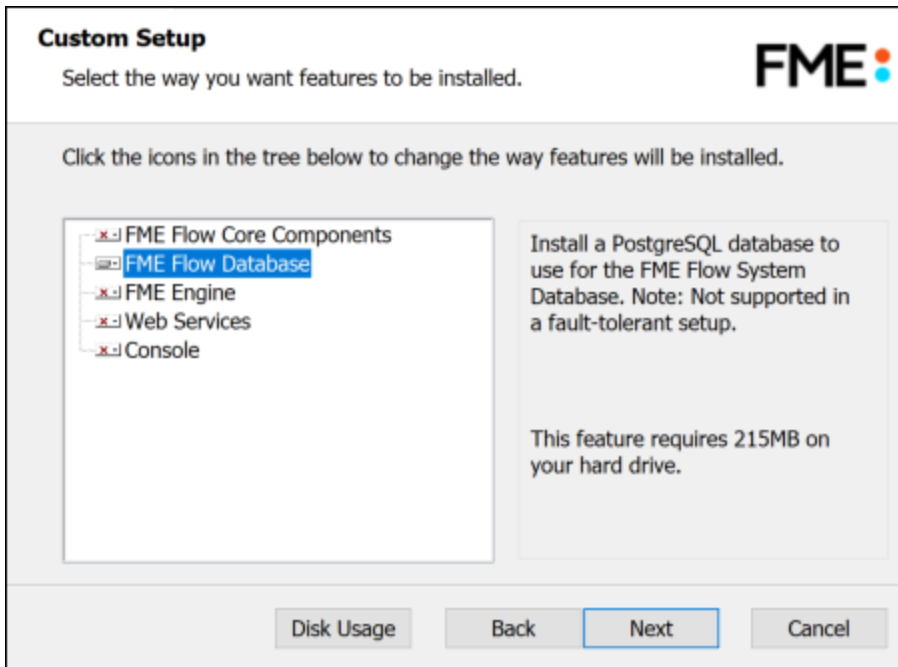
Distributed / Fault Tolerant Provides flexibility over which FME Flow components to install. Select this option for certain fault-tolerance scenarios, or if your organization's IT constraints require you to use existing components for the FME Flow database or web application server.

Distributed Engine Allows you to build onto a current FME Flow installation by adding FME engines on a separate machine for fault tolerance and/or high capacity.

Click Next to continue.

Custom Setup

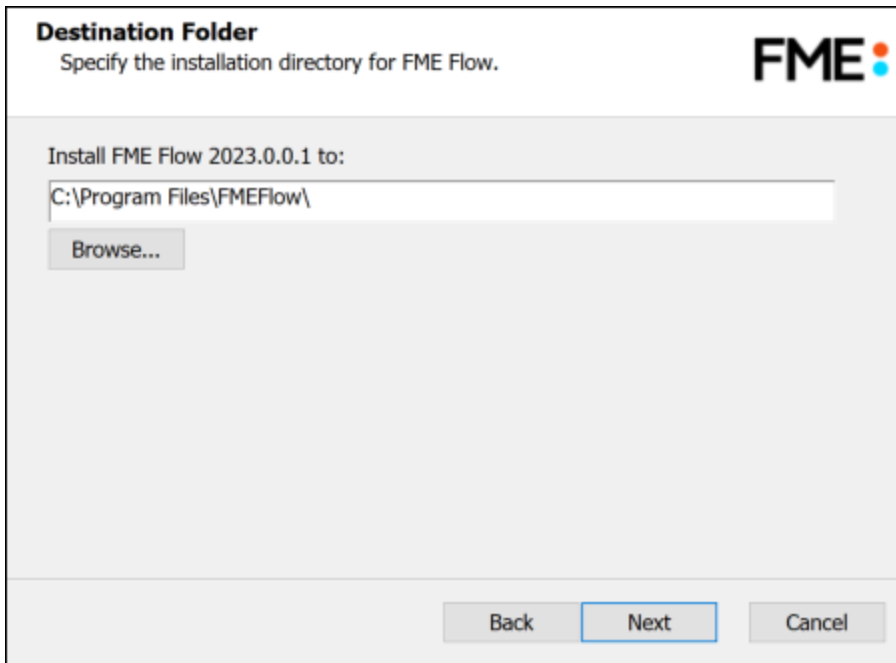
Specify FME Flow Database. Unselect all other components.



Note The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

Destination Folder

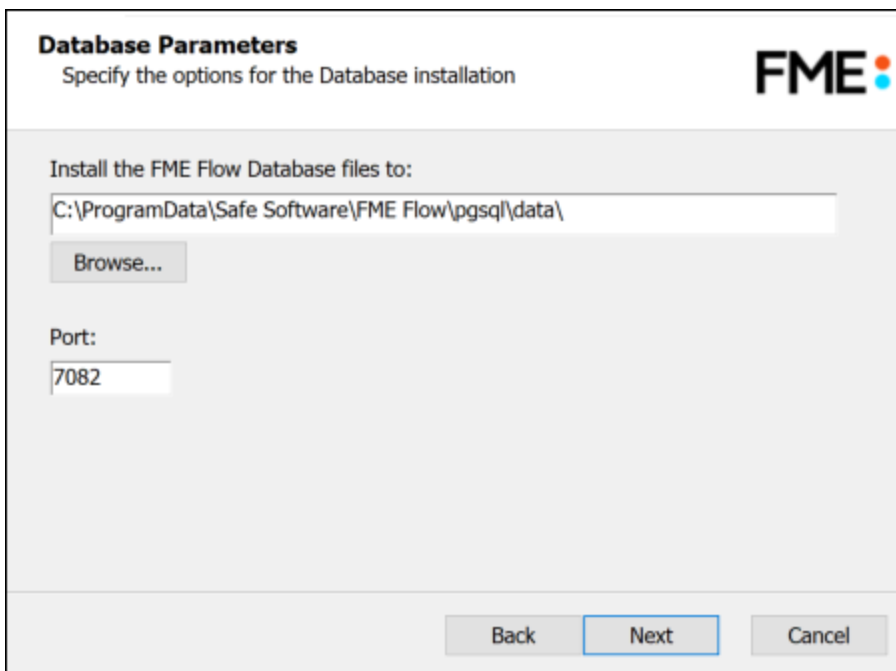
Specify the installation directory for the FME Flow Database.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Destination Folder" with the subtitle "Specify the installation directory for FME Flow." and the FME logo. The main text says "Install FME Flow 2023.0.0.1 to:". Below this is a text input field containing "C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\" and a "Browse..." button. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Back", "Next" (highlighted with a blue border), and "Cancel".

Database Parameters

- *Install the FME Flow Database files to:* Specify a directory to install the database files.
- *Port:* Specify the port that the database will listen on. Port **7082** is the default.



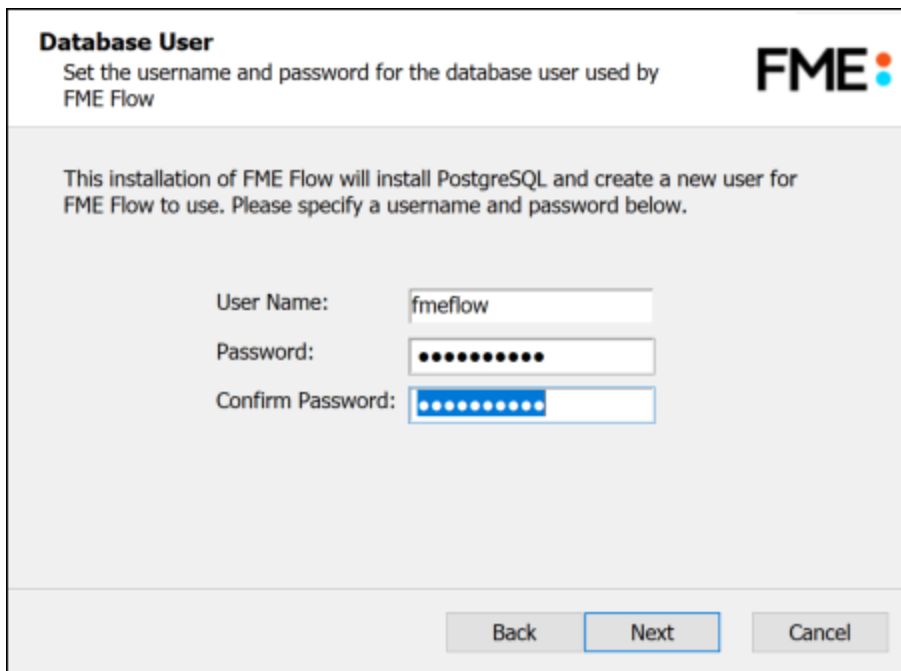
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Database User

Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmeflow**) and *Password* for the database user account.

When specifying *User Name* and *Password*, keep in mind the following:

- Do not specify *User Name* **postgres**. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.
- *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.
- Take note of the *User Name* and *Password* that you specified. You may need to reference it later.
- The specified *Password* is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.



Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

This installation of FME Flow will install PostgreSQL and create a new user for FME Flow to use. Please specify a username and password below.

User Name:

Password:

Confirm Password:

Back Next Cancel

Follow the remaining dialogs to complete the installation.

What's Next?


- [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#)

Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines

Start the FME Flow Installer.

(Windows only) Installation Extractor

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

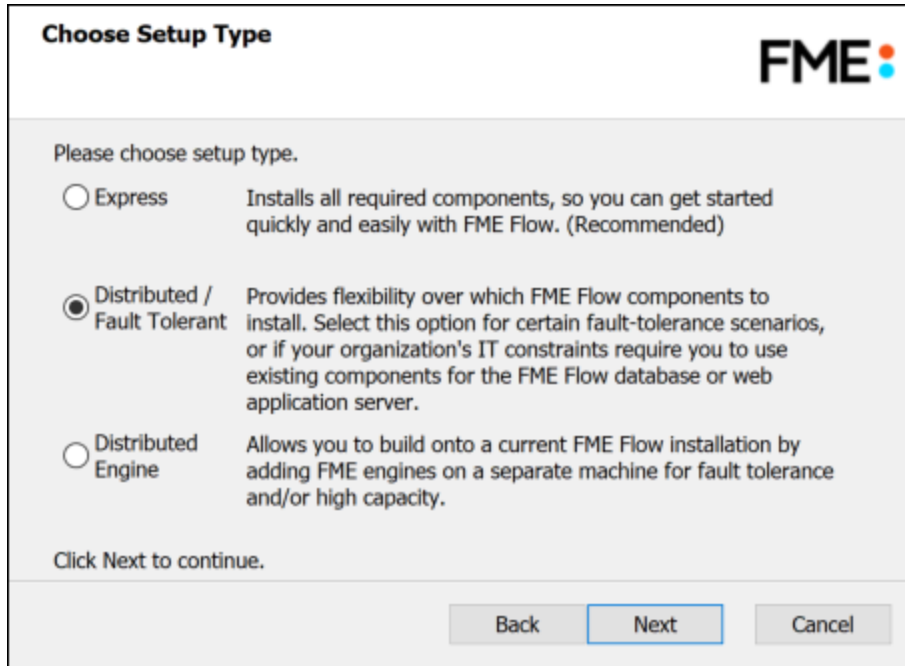
- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.


Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

Choose Setup Type

Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant install option.



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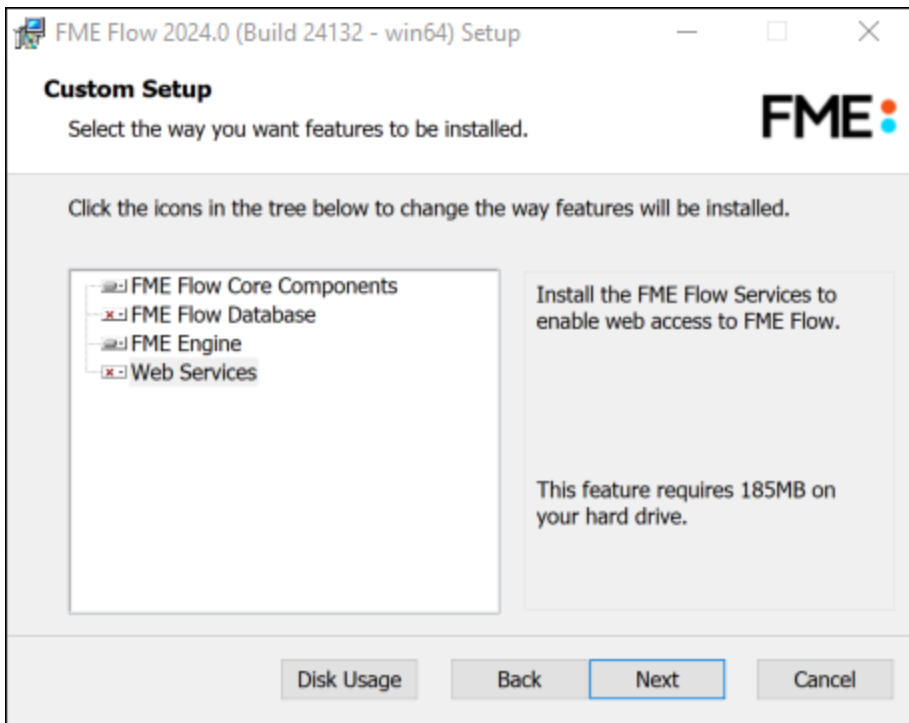
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Click Next to continue.

Back Next Cancel

Custom Setup

Select **FME Flow Core Components** and **FME Engine**. Do *not* select **FME Flow Web Services**.



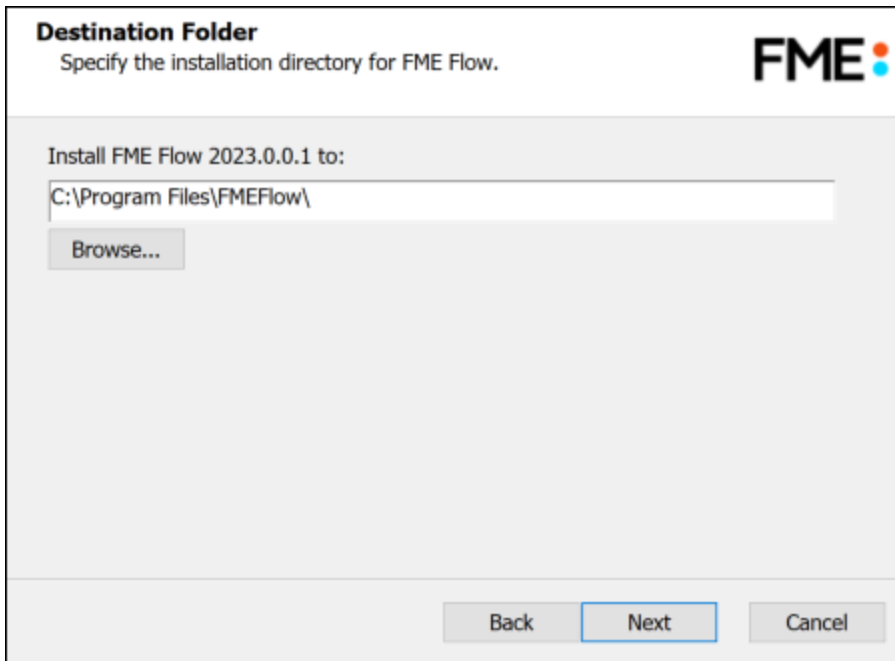
Note The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

Optionally, select **FME Flow Database**. If you do so, note that:

- This option is supported, but not described in [Distributing FME Flow Components](#). Do not select **FME Flow Database** if you already completed the previous step, [Install the FME Flow Database](#), or plan to configure the FME Flow Database on your own database server.
- The step to define [Database Server Type](#) (below) will not appear.

Destination Folder

Specify the installation directory for FME Flow. Do not specify a UNC path.




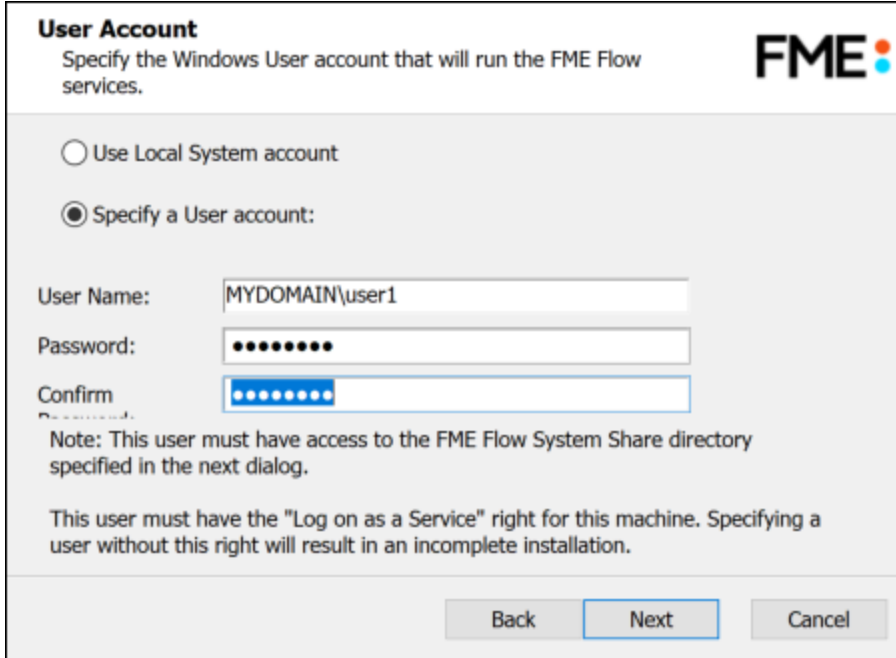
User Account

Specify the Windows user account that will run the FME Flow [System Services](#). This account must have:

- Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share that you specify in the next dialog. The System Share is the location where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. (For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).)
- Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory that you specified in the previous dialog.
- "Log on as a service" rights on this machine. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).

Note If unsure, you can update account settings for the FME Flow system services after installation in the Services manager (Windows) or Linux equivalent.

 **Note** The FME Flow Database service always runs under the local system account.



User Account
Specify the Windows User account that will run the FME Flow services.

Use Local System account

Specify a User account:

User Name: MYDOMAIN\user1

Password: ●●●●●●

Confirm: ●●●●●●


Note: This user must have access to the FME Flow System Share directory specified in the next dialog.


This user must have the "Log on as a Service" right for this machine. Specifying a user without this right will result in an incomplete installation.

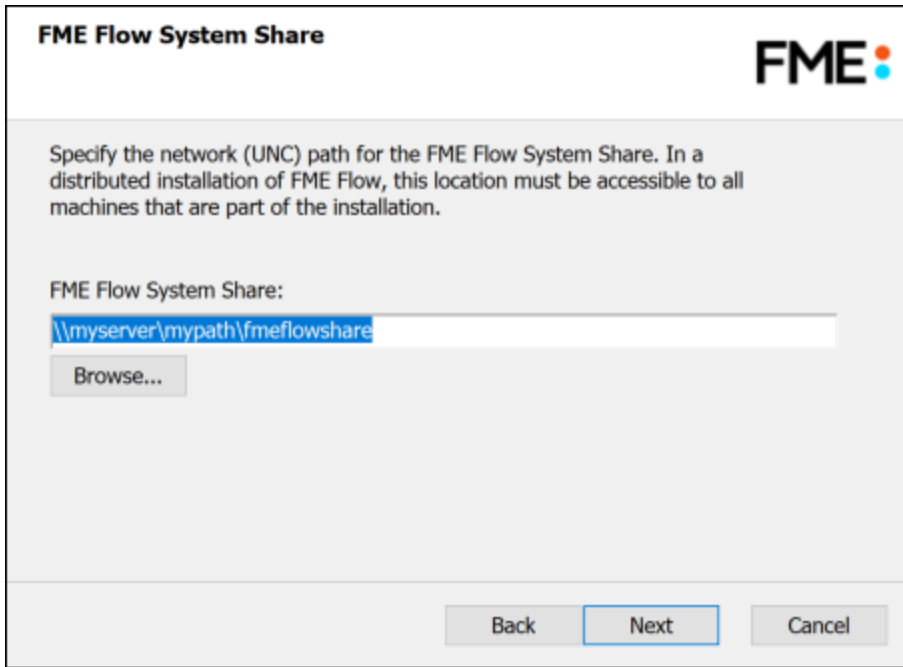
Back Next Cancel

FME Flow System Share

Specify a directory on another machine to store FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources. If this is a Linux installation, specify the mounted directory. For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).

 **Tip** As a best practice, specify the full UNC path to the FME Flow System Share, even if it is on the same (local) machine where you are running the installer.

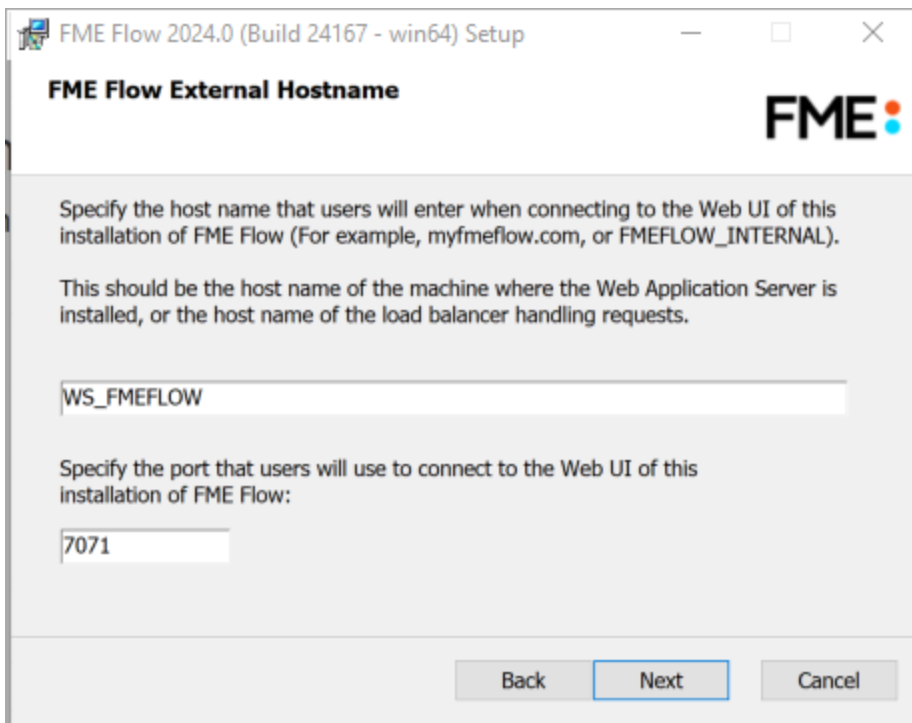
 **Note** If you are [upgrading](#) to a newer version of FME Flow, make sure the specified directory is empty of files from the previous installation. Otherwise, conflicts may occur that can produce unexpected results in performance.



FME Flow External Hostname

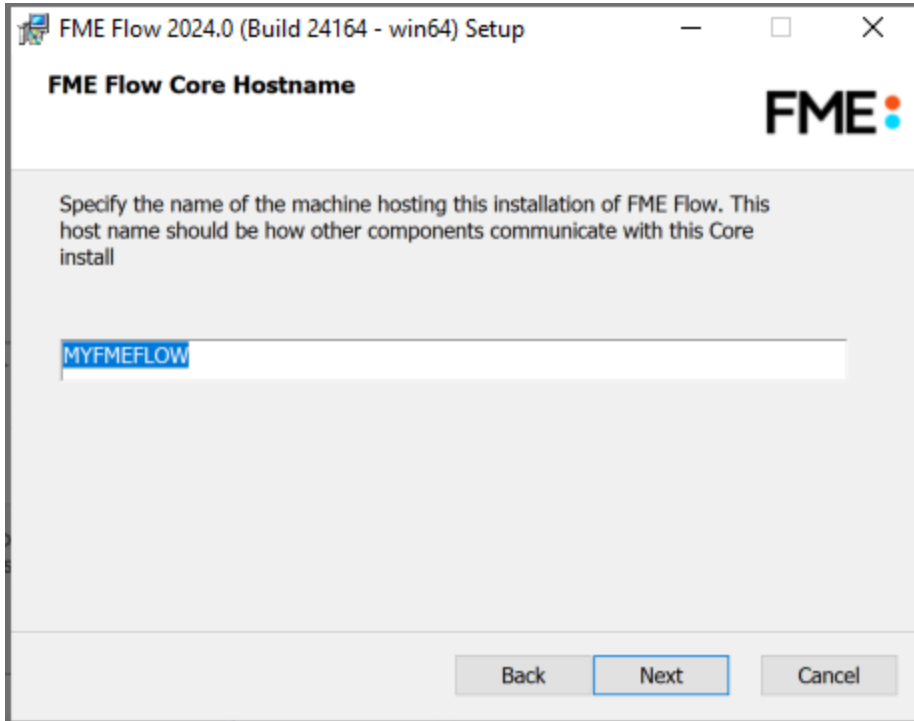
Specify the Web Application Server hostname through which users will connect to FME Flow.

Additionally, specify the port for this connection.



FME Flow Core Hostname

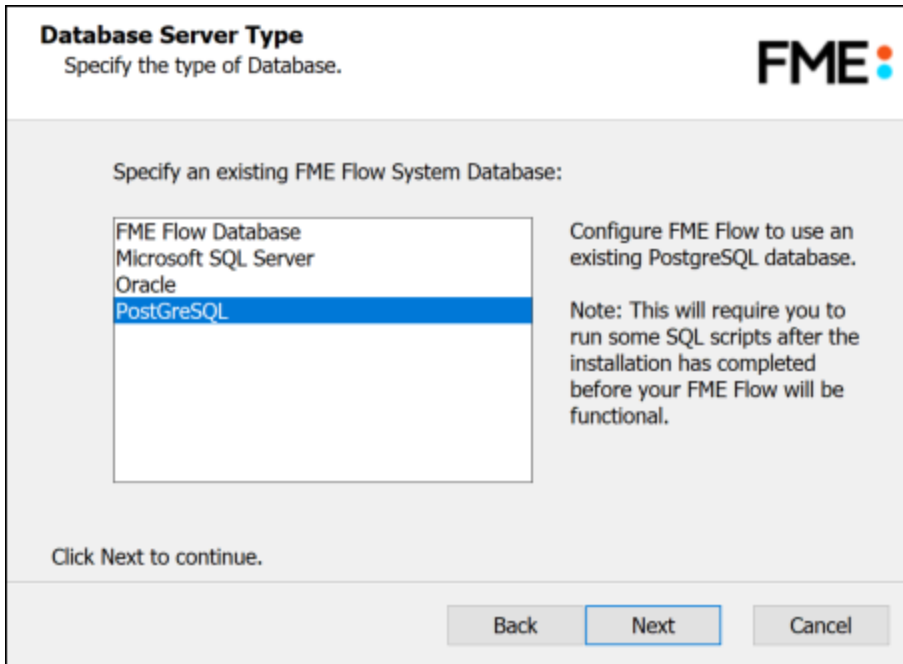
Specify the name of the machine hosting this installation of FME Flow.



Database Server Type

Note This dialog does not appear if you elected to install the **FME Flow Database** in step [Custom Setup](#) (above).

Specify the type of database for the FME Flow Database. If you installed, on a separate machine, the PostgreSQL database included with the FME Flow installer, select **FME Flow Database**. If you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, select the database server type: **Microsoft SQL Server**, **Oracle**, or **PostgreSQL**. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).




Database Server Parameters

Specify the connection parameters for the FME Flow Database. Optionally, to customize the connection parameters in the JDBC connection string, check **Specify JDBC Connection String**.

If **Microsoft SQL Server** was specified in the previous dialog, and it is a named instance of SQL Server, check *Use SQL Server instance name* to use that value instead of *Port*.

FME Flow includes a default JDBC driver for PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. If your database requires a special version of the JDBC driver, check *Use Custom JDBC Driver* and specify the *JDBC Driver*. If **Oracle** was specified in the previous dialog, you must specify the *JDBC Driver*.

Database Server Parameters
Specify the Database Parameters.



Configure the PostgreSQL Connection: Specify JDBC Connection String

Host:


Port:

FME Flow includes a default JDBC driver for PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. If your database requires a special version of the JDBC driver, you can specify it below.

Use Custom JDBC Driver

If you elected to install the **FME Flow Database** in step [Custom Setup](#) (above), a Database Parameters dialog appears instead:


- **Install the FME Flow Database files to:** By default, FME Flow Database files are written to %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data.

 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

To change the installation directory of FME Flow Database files, modify the path.

Database User

The installation creates a user account under which to use the FME Flow database. Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmefflow**) and *Password* for the database user account. *Password* must not contain any single quote (') characters.

 **Note** The password for the FME Flow Database user account is encrypted in FME Flow installation files. Take note of the *User Name* and *Password* that you specified. You may need to reference it later.

If you installed the PostgreSQL database included with the FME Flow installer, specify the same *User Name* and *Password* that you specified for Database User previously, under [Install the FME Flow Database](#).

Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

For FME Flow to run, a new user must be created for the chosen database. Please specify a name for this user (this will be added to a provided SQL script to run on your database). See [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#) for more details.

User Name:

Password:

Note: This password must adhere to the password complexity rules of the selected database type.

Back Next Cancel

Follow the remaining dialogs to complete the installation.

What's Next?

- Proceed to [Install the FME Flow Web Services](#)


Install the FME Flow Web Services

Perform all tasks, where applicable:

Install the FME Flow Web Services

Windows

1. Start the FME Flow Installer on the <webHost>.
2. On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.


 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.


Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.


3. Select the Distributed/Fault Tolerant setup type.
4. On the Custom Setup dialog, select only the Web Services component for installation.

 **Note** The FME Flow installer does not distinguish between the settings *Will be installed on local hard drive* and *Entire feature will be installed on local hard drive*. In either case, the entire feature is installed on the local drive.

5. On the Destination Folder dialog, specify the installation directory.
6. On the User Account dialog, specify the Windows user account that will run the FME Flow [System Services](#). This account must have:
 - Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share that you specify in the next dialog. The System Share is the location where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. (For more information, see [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).)
 - Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory that you specified in the previous dialog.
 - "Log on as a service" rights on this machine. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).


 **Note** If unsure, you can update account settings for the FME Flow system services after installation in the Services manager (Windows) or Linux equivalent.

7. On the Existing FME Flow System Share dialog, specify the UNC path to the [remote file system](#) for the FME Flow System Share.


 **Tip** As a best practice, specify the full UNC path to the FME Flow System Share, even if it is on the same (local) machine where you are running the installer.

8. On the FME Flow External Hostname dialog, enter the name of the machine hosting this installation of the FME Flow Web Services, as users will specify when connecting to the FME Flow Web User Interface. If a load balancer or reverse proxy is deployed through which to access the Web Application Server, check *Advanced* and provide the *External Web Traffic Port*. Specify this port only if it differs from the Web Application Server Port (specified below).
9. On the FME Flow Core Hostname dialog, enter the host name of the computer on which the FME Flow Core is installed.
10. On the Database Server Type dialog, select the [Database Server Type](#) as specified previously in the [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#) wizard.
11. On the Database Server Parameters dialog, provide the [Database Server Parameters](#) for the FME Flow Database, as specified previously in the [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#) wizard.
12. On the Database User dialog, provide the [Database User](#) password, as specified previously in the [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#) wizard.
13. On the Web Application Server dialog, specify the [web application server](#). If already provided, it is recommended that you shut down the service during installation.

14. If **Apache Tomcat** was specified in the previous dialog, the Web Application Server Parameters dialog opens. Provide the following settings specific to your Apache Tomcat installation: *Web Application Server Port*, *Web Applications Directory*, *Shared library directory*.
15. If **FME Flow Web Application Server** was specified in the previous dialog, the following dialogs appear:
 - a. HTTPS Configuration: To enable the Apache Tomcat web application server for HTTPS, check *Enable HTTPS with certificate* and provide the path to your PFX certificate and the certificate password.

 **Note** If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see [Configuring for HTTPS](#).

- b. Web Application Server Port: Specify the port to use for communication with the web application server. Port 80 is the recommended default. If this port is in use, port 8080 is recommended. If HTTPS was configured in the previous dialog, port 443 is set by default.

 **Note** Common applications that may be using port 80 include Skype and Internet Information Services (IIS). Either turn off these services, or select a different port, such as 8080.

Linux

1. Start the FME Flow Installer.
2. Select the Distributed (Custom) install option.
3. At the feature selection dialog, select only the Web Services component.
4. At the External Hostname prompt, enter the name of the machine hosting this installation of the FME Flow Web Services, as users will specify when connecting to the FME Flow Web User Interface. If a load balancer or reverse proxy is deployed

through which to access the Web Application Server, specify the *External Web Traffic Port* as well. Specify this port only if it differs from the Web Application Server Port (specified below).

5. Enter the host name of the computer on which the FME Flow Core is installed.
6. The installer prompts you for the path to the remote file system for the FME Flow System Share. Enter the path to the mounted directory that was specified in [Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share](#).
7. Select the [Database Server Type](#) as specified previously in the [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#) wizard.
8. Enter the [Database Server Parameters](#) for the FME Flow Database, as specified previously in the [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#) wizard.
9. Enter the [Database User](#) password, as specified previously in the [Install the FME Flow Core and FME Engines](#) wizard.
10. The installer prompts you to specify the [web application server](#). If already provided, it is recommended that you shut down the service during installation. Port 8080 is recommended.
11. Manually start FME Flow and configure it to start automatically. See [Working with the FME Flow System Services](#).
12. In order for the Data Download and Data Streaming web services to reference the correct web host location when outputting results that are returned from an FME Engine, you must manually change this location in your FME Engine configuration files:
 - a. Locate your FME Engine configuration files, under `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\fmeEngineConfig*.txt`
 - b. For each file, under the SUB_SECTION for FILE_DOWNLOAD_SERVICE and STREAM_DOWNLOAD_SERVICE, modify the SUCCESS_RESPONSE directive as follows:

From:

```
SUCCESS_RESPONSE 0:Translation Successful|OutputLocation=!FME_AUTO_
DIR_NAME!
```

To:

```
SUCCESS_RESPONSE 0:Translation
Successful|OutputLocation=<webHost>/DefaultResults/!FME_AUTO_DIR_
NAME_SIMPLE!
```

Following the installation on `<webHost>`, the FME Flow Web Application Server automatically starts. If you used your own web application server, you can restart that service.


Configure Firewall Settings

The FME Flow Web Services and other clients communicate with the FME Flow Core over TCP/IP. Requests are sent to the FME Flow Core over port 7071. Result messages are returned to clients over a randomly assigned port created by the FME Flow Core. Therefore, be sure to configure any firewall settings on the `<webHost>` with a rule to allow for full communication with the `<coreHost>` machines.


What's Next?

If you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer, proceed to [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#). Otherwise, proceed to [Log on to the Web User Interface](#).

Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server

 **Note** Complete this step *only* if you are configuring the FME Flow Database on your own database server, and did *not* install the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer. For more information, see [Provide a Database Server](#).

To configure FME Flow to use a separate database server, follow the steps below. You can configure FME Flow with a PostgreSQL (recommended), Microsoft SQL Server, or Oracle database, running on either Windows or Linux.

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

One notation used is *<FMEFlowDir>*, which is the installation directory of FME Flow. This is typically C:\Program Files\FMEFlow on Windows and /opt/fmeflow on Linux.

1. Stop All FME Flow Services on All Machines

When changing database providers or when initially setting up FME Flow to use a separate database server, [stop all FME Flow services](#) first.


Windows only: With all FME Flow services stopped, ensure memurai.exe (or redis-server on older FME Flow installations) is not present. Open Task Manager and click on the **Details** tab to view all running processes. Review the list for memurai.exe and end the task if it is still running.

2. Configure the Database

In this section, you will set up FME Flow Database objects and users with permissions to access the database. To ensure a successful database configuration, this procedure is best performed by a database administrator or in consultation with one.

During the installation of FME Flow, you were prompted to enter a database username (default **fmeflow**) and password. The installer uses these values to populate the database scripts and the JDBC connection string found in fmeDatabaseConfig.txt. It is expected that you will be using these values. If you want to change them, see [Providing Your Own FME Flow Database Schema, Name, or User](#).

If you are upgrading, you should back up any [FME Job Logs](#) you want to keep, as these logs are not part of the FME Flow backup.

 **Note** The specific way to set up database objects and user permissions on various production databases may differ depending on the available database tools and intended target platform.

Database Configuration - PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL is an open source database that can be downloaded from the Internet. For more information, see <https://www.postgresql.com>.


FME Flow comes shipped with the necessary PostgreSQL JDBC driver, which is located in `<FMEFlowDir>Utilities\jdbc`.

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- PostgreSQL is installed
- You know the credentials for the PostgreSQL superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to [pgAdmin](#) or a similar database client to connect to the PostgreSQL database server to run the necessary scripts.

To create the `fmeFlow` user and database objects, three SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are located in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\postgresql`

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `postgresql_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow database user with the name you specified during installation, and grants it all required permissions. The password

appears as <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>. Before running this script, replace <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>> with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.

- `postgresql_createDB.sql`: Creates the FME Flow Database.
- `postgresql_createSchema.sql`: Creates all FME Flow-related tables, indexes, views, and triggers.
- `postgresql_dropUser.sql` : Drops the FME Flow Database user.
- `postgresql_dropDB.sql`: Drops the FME Flow Database.


Instructions

Using your preferred PostgreSQL database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow database:

1. Connect to the PostgreSQL database server as the postgres user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create an FME Flow database user:
 - a. Open `postgresql_createUser.sql` in a text editor.
 - b. Replace <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>> with the password specified during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
 - c. Using your database client, run the `postgresql_createUser.sql` script. The script creates the FME Flow database user and password that you specified during installation.

3. Create the FME Flow Database:

Open and run the `postgresql_createDB.sql` script.

 **Note** This script will work through PostgreSQL SQL Shell, but cannot be run as-is through pgAdmin, as it requires switching databases using “\c”. If using pgAdmin, you will need to execute the first two commands in the sql script:

- CREATE DATABASE fmeflow;
- GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE fmeflow TO "fmeflow";

Then, connect to the new fmeflow database as the postgres admin user and run the last command:

- GRANT CREATE ON SCHEMA public TO "fmeflow";

The script creates a new, empty FME Flow database named `fmeflow` and grants all privileges on the database to the user.

4. Create the FME Flow Database schema:

- a. Using your preferred database client, connect to the fmeflow database as the fmeflow user.
- b. Open and run the `postgresql_createSchema.sql` script. The script creates all FME Flow related tables, indexes, views, and triggers.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user, run the `postgresql_dropUser.sql` script as the postgres user or equivalent. If you need to drop the FME Flow Database, run the `postgresql_dropDB.sql` script as the postgres user or equivalent.

Database Configuration - Microsoft SQL Server

FME Flow ships with the necessary SQL Server JDBC driver, located in `<FMEFlowDir>Utilities\jdbc`.


Before proceeding, make sure that:

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- SQL Server is installed
- You know the credentials for the sa superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to [SQL Server Management Studio](#) or a similar database client to connect to the SQL Server database server to run the scripts.

To create the fmeFlow user, login, and database objects, two SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are in the following directory:

`<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\sqlserver\.`

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `sqlserver_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow login and user with the name you specified during installation, and grants all required permissions. The password appears as `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>`. Before running this script, replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
- `sqlserver_createDB.sql`: Creates the FME Flow Database, including tables, indexes, views, and triggers..
- `sqlserver_dropUser.sql` : Drops the FME Flow Database user.
- `sqlserver_dropDB.sql`: Drops the FME Flow Database.

Instructions

Using your preferred SQL Server database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow Database:

1. Connect to the SQL Server as the sa user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create the FME Flow Database:

Open and run the `sqlserver_createDB.sql` script.
3. Create the FME Flow user and login:
 - a. Open `sqlserver_createUser.sql`.
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation, in single quotes.
 - c. Using your database client, run the `sqlserver_createUser.sql` script. The script creates the login and user, and grants the user access to the newly created database and makes it the owner.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user, run the `sqlserver_dropUser.sql` script as the sa user or equivalent. If you need to drop the FME Flow Database, run the `sqlserver_dropDB.sql` script as the sa user or equivalent.

Database Configuration - Oracle

Before proceeding, make sure that:

- Oracle database server is installed.
- You know the credentials for the SYS superuser or equivalent.
- You have access to a database client to connect to the Oracle database server and run the necessary scripts. Examples include Oracle SQL Developer, DBeaver, and SQLPlus command line.
- If using an Oracle database server, you must obtain the Oracle Database JDBC driver and place it in the following directory:
 - Windows:
 - `<FME FlowDir>\FMEFlow\Utilities\jdbc`

- Linux:
 - /opt/fmeflow/Utilities/jdbc

Driver versions recommended: FME Flow uses Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17, so the latest versions of ojdbc11.jar and ojdbc17.jar are recommended.

Driver versions *not* recommended: All ojdbc10.jar versions.


For more information, see <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/application-development/jdbc/downloads/index.html>.

If you encounter an issue with a newer version of the driver, try an older version.

Consider the version of the database server when selecting the appropriate driver version.

To create the fmeflow user and database objects, two SQL scripts are provided. Additional scripts are provided to drop the configured user and database. These scripts are in the following directory:

<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\oracle\.

 **Note** This directory refers to the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed (not the machine on which the database server is installed). To run these scripts, you must transfer this directory to the machine from where you can run the scripts, or reference it through a UNC path.

The scripts are:

- `oracle_createUser.sql`: Creates the FME Flow database user with the name you specified during installation, and grants it all required permissions. The password appears as <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>. Before running this script, replace <<DATABASE_PASSWORD>> with the password that was specified for the database during the FME Flow installation.

Considerations for [TABLESPACE](#): Discuss with your Oracle DBA what tablespace the new user will use. You can alter the user with an additional statement to ensure proper write permissions to the tablespace.

Example: `ALTER USER fmeflow QUOTA UNLIMITED ON users.`

- [oracle_createDB.sql](#): Creates all FME Flow-related database packages, tables, indexes, views, and triggers.
- [oracle_dropUser.sql](#) : Drops the FME Flow Database user and the database packages, tables, indexes, views, and triggers associated with the FME Flow database user.

Instructions

Using your preferred Oracle database client, follow these instructions to configure the FME Flow Database:

1. Connect to the Oracle database server as the SYS user or a user with similar administrative privileges.
2. Create the FME Flow Database user:
 - a. Open [oracle_createUser.sql](#).
 - b. Replace `<<DATABASE_PASSWORD>>` with the password specified during the FME Flow installation.
 - c. Consider the tablespace the user will use. Check with your database administrator if unsure.
 - d. You may be required to create a new tablespace and alter the script accordingly.
 - e. Using your database client, run the [oracle_createUser.sql](#) script.
3. Create the FME Flow Database:
 - a. Once the FME Flow database user has been created, log on again as the new user.
 - b. Open and run the [oracle_createDB.sql](#) script.

If you need to drop the FME Flow user and database objects, run the `oracle_dropUser.sql` script as the SYS user or equivalent.

3. Enable Connections

FME Flow connects to the database when it starts. Therefore, ensure that your database server is running and configured to accept incoming connections before FME Flow is started. The database must allow connections over TCP/IP with all machines on which the FME Flow Application Server, FME Flow Core and FME Engines are installed.

4. Configure the Database Connection

The connection to the FME Flow Database is specified in configuration file [fmeDatabaseConfig.txt](#). The FME Flow installer adds your connection parameters based on what was specified during installation.

To view the connection, open `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`. Under **FME SERVER SETTINGS START**, find the section titled **Database Connection**. The parameters are below for reference:

- `DB_TYPE` - Identifies the database server: postgresql, sqlserver, or oracle.
- `DB_DRIVER` - The JDBC driver name used for connecting to the database.
- `DB_JDBC_URL` - The JDBC URL used for connecting to the database.
- `DB_USERNAME` - The database user name.
- `DB_PASSWORD` - The database user password.
- `DB_CONNECT_EXPIRY` - The database connection expiry time, in seconds.
- `DB_SQLSTMTS_PATH` - The path to the SQL statement resource bundle.

An example is provided for each type of system database supported by FME Flow: PostgreSQL, SQL Server, and Oracle.

You may need to change these parameters, especially `DB_JDBC_URL`, depending on how your database server or database has been configured outside of FME Flow. For scenarios and guidance, see [Configuring the FME Flow Database Connection](#).

After changing `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`, FME Flow must be [restarted](#).

Note that the database password in the connection parameters is encrypted during installation. If you are changing the FME Flow database after installation, the new database password must be manually encrypted. Follow the procedure in [Encrypting the FME Flow Database Password](#). Alternatively, the database password can be provided as plain text in the connection parameters.

5. Start the FME Flow Services on All Machines

For more information, see [Working with the FME Flow System Services](#).

What's Next?

- [Log on to the Web User Interface](#)

Troubleshooting

If the FME Flow Web User Interface fails to present the login window, review the `fmeserver.log`, `fmeprocessmonitorcore.log`, and `fmeconnection.log` located in the FME Flow System Share, which is specified during installation:

```
<fileserversUNCPath>/resources/logs/core/current
```

If you see errors about a failed database login in the logs and are unsure of the database password, you can provide it in plain text in the `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt` configuration file to test. The FME Flow services must be [restarted](#) after modifying the file.

For more troubleshooting information, see <https://support.safe.com/hc/en-us/sections/25623298793101-Troubleshooting>.

Log on to the Web User Interface

To log in to the Web User Interface for the first time as an administrator following installation, specify *Username* `admin` and *Password* `admin`. You will be prompted to update the `admin` password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.

For more information and support:

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Web Interface Login](#)
- Accessing the Web User Interface
- Changing the Login Password
- [Default User Accounts and Passwords](#)
- [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)

What's Next?

- Where applicable, [Update the FME Web Services URLs](#). If not applicable, proceed to [Update the WebSocket Host](#).

Update the FME Web Services URLs

If both of the following conditions are true when you [installed the FME Flow web services](#), you must manually modify the FME Web Services URLs to Use HTTPS:

- You specified the **FME Flow Web Application Server** (that is, you did not connect to your own **Apache Tomcat** server).
- You specified *Enable HTTPS with certificate*.

To modify the FME Web Services URLs to Use HTTPS:

1. Log on to the FME Flow Web User Interface (see Logging In to the Web Interface).
2. Open the Services page.
3. Click **Change All Hosts** and, in the *URL Pattern* field, change **HTTP** to **HTTPS**. If required, modify the port number to the one that was specified during installation.
4. When finished, click **Save**.

What's Next?

- [Update the WebSocket Host](#)

Update the WebSocket Host

Perform this step to allow communication with the FME Flow WebSocket Server.

1. Log on to the FME Flow Web User Interface (see Logging In to the Web Interface).
2. Select **System Configuration > Networking > Topic Monitoring**.
3. Under Advanced Routing, set *External WebSocket Host* to the host name of the machine on which the FME Flow Core is installed.
4. Click **Save**.

What's Next?

- [Request and Install a License](#)

Request and Install a License

Note

License files are installed, by default, to:

» Windows: `C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\licenses`

» Linux: `/opt/fmeflow/licenses`

Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) licensing is not available for engines on FME Flow Hosted.


Automatic Mode (Recommended)

If your FME Flow host machine has an internet connection, you can request and install a license online without any need for downloading and re-uploading a license file.


Note

- Licensing FME Flow over the internet requires no inbound connection. For more information, see [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#).
- If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), automatic mode only is supported. Manual mode licensing (below) is not supported.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration** > **Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.


 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Automatic**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. A message indicates that your license is installed, and your available engines appear momentarily on the Engines page.


 **Note** If the *Serial Number* you provided includes Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), they are not configured to start by default. You can start and configure your Dynamic Engines on the Engines page.

Manual Mode

If you prefer not to use an internet connection for licensing, or if your FME Flow host machine does not have an internet connection, use this process to install a license.

 **Note** If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), manual mode licensing is not supported. Use automatic mode for licensing (above). For more information, contact your Safe Software Inc. sales representative.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Flow engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.
3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Manual**.
5. Click **OK**. A license request .json file downloads.
6. Email the .json file to codes@safe.com.
7. You will receive an email from Safe Software Inc. with a license file, which has a `.fmelic` extension. Download the file.
8. Return to the Licensing page. Under Standard Engines, click **Upload License File** and select the `.fmelic` file to upload. Or, drag and drop the `.fmelic` file onto the page under Standard Engines. A message indicates that it is installed, and your available engines appear on the Engines page.

Problems?

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: FME Flow Engines](#)
- Contact codes@safe.com.

See Also

- [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#)
- FME Engines

What's Next?

- (Recommended) [Update the Windows service accounts](#) that run the FME System Services.
- (Upgrade Only) [Restore](#) your FME Flow Configuration from a Previous Installation.
- [Test the Installation](#).

Test the Installation

To test your FME Flow installation, confirm that FME Flow can perform its primary function—running a job.

1. On the Run Workspace page, specify:
 - Repository: Samples
 - Workspace: austinApartments.fmw
 - Service: Job Submitter

2. Click Run Workspace.

If you see a success message, your install was a success.

See Also

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: Submitting a Job in FME Flow](#)

Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine

⚠ Warning This topic applies only to traditional FME Flow installations. If your FME Flow runs in a containerized environment, such as Docker Compose or a Kubernetes cluster, this architecture is not supported.

- **Skill Level:** Intermediate
- **Estimated Time Required:** 30-45 minutes
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Existing [Express, Distributed, or Fault-Tolerant](#) FME Flow installation.
 - Access to system, network, and FME Flow administrators.

You can add processing capacity to your FME Flow by installing additional FME Engines on a separate computer from the FME Flow Core.


When adding FME Engines, keep in mind the following:

- This approach requires the engine machines to be in the same network as your original FME Flow installation, and in the same data center or geographically close. To run jobs outside of your network, use [Remote Engines Services](#) instead.
- Adding FME Engines that do not match the primary release version of the FME Flow Core is not supported. The primary release version refers to the first decimal value following the release year. For example, if the release version of the FME Flow Core is 2026.1, FME Engines from release versions 2026.1.2 or 2026.1.3 are supported. However, FME Engines from release versions 2026.2 or 2027.1 are not supported.
- Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes that host FME Engines and other nodes of an FME Flow installation. For more information, see [FME Flow Ports](#).
- We recommend installing all FME Engines on systems that are synchronized to the same time zone as other FME Engines and the FME Flow Core. If time zones differ, unexpected issues may arise, including:

- Difficulty accessing the FME Flow Web User Interface.
- Improper timing of Schedule Initiated triggers.
- Inconsistent or misleading timestamps in log files (accessed from Resources).


For more information, see [About Times and Time Zones](#).

In the instructions below, the computer that hosts the FME Flow Core is the `<coreHost>`. If there is more than one `<coreHost>` in your FME Flow architecture, `<coreHost>` is the FME Flow Core to which you want the engine to connect. Any machine that hosts FME Engines is the `<engineHost>`.

 **Note** In a fault-tolerance environment, we recommend assigning unique names to FME Engines. However, if multiple FME Engine hosts have the same FME Engine name, the queue server configuration applies to all FME Engines with the same name in the same way regardless of which host it resides on. For more information, see [Job Queues](#).

Windows

1. Obtain the Installer. Be sure to obtain the FME Flow Installer (not the Engine Installer).
2. Start the installer on another computer (`<engineHost>`).
3. On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:


- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.

Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

4. On the Choose Setup Type dialog, select the Distributed Engine setup type.
5. On the Destination Folder dialog, specify the directory to install the FME Engines.
6. On the User Account page, specify the Windows user account that will run the <engineHost>. This account must have:
 - Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share that you specify in the next dialog. The System Share is the location where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files.
 - Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory that you specified in the previous dialog.
 - "Log on as a service" rights on the <engineHost>. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).
7. On the Existing FME Flow System Share dialog, provide the UNC path to the FME Flow System Share directory.

If the <coreHost> machine is an Express [installation](#) of FME Flow, the System Share is written, by default, to %ALLUSERSPROFILE% \Safe Software\FME Flow\, unless specified otherwise.


 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

In all cases, enter the UNC path to the System Share, including the final [Safe Software\FME Flow](#) directories, which are created by default. For example, [\\MyServer\Safe Software\FME Flow](#).

8. On the FME Flow Core Hostname dialog, enter the hostname of the <coreHost> computer. If there is more than one <coreHost> in your FME Flow architecture, specify

the one to which you want the engine to connect. Additionally, if the machine hosting this installation of FME Engines is identified by a name other than that specified under *Advanced*, check *Advanced* and specify the alternate name.

9. On the Database Server Type dialog, specify the database type that you specified when installing the FME Flow Core. If you specified a database other than the "FME Flow Database," enter the connection parameters in the next dialog.
10. On the Database User dialog, specify the user name and password for the FME Flow Database that you specified when installing FME Flow.
11. Complete the remaining dialogs of the FME Flow Installer.
12. If this `<engineHost>` is connecting to a `<coreHost>` that also hosts the built-in FME Flow database and the initial FME engines, as with an [Express Installation](#), allow the necessary connection to this machine:
 - a. On the `<coreHost>`, open file `pg_hba.conf`, located in `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data`.

 **Note** Unless modified, `C:\ProgramData` is the default value of the `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%` environment variable.

- b. Change the following lines:

```
# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        127.0.0.1/32          scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all        all        ::1/128               scram-sha-256

to:

# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        0.0.0.0/0             scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all        all        ::/0                  scram-sha-256
```

13. If the `<coreHost>` machine was an [Express Installation](#) of FME Flow, complete the following steps on the `<coreHost>`:

- a. Open the corresponding propertiesFile.properties file for the Data Download, Data Streaming, Job Submitter, and Notification services, located at `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\<service_name>\WEB-INF\conf\propertiesFile.properties`.

For example, the properties file for the Data Download Service is at `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\fmecatdownload\WEB-INF\conf\propertiesFile.properties`

- b. For each properties file, locate the parameter REQUEST_DATA_DIR and change the value from a local file system path (for example, `C:/ProgramData/Safe Software/FME Flow/resources/system/temp/requestdata`) to a UNC path that references the `<coreHost>` (for example, `//MyHost/FME Flow/resources/system/temp/requestdata`).

 **Note** Use forward slashes only.

- c. Open configuration file [fmeCommonConfig.txt](#), and update the `NODE_NAME` and `NODE_HOST` parameters to the name of the `<coreHost>` machine.

14. On the `<coreHost>` machine, open configuration file `fmeFlowConfig.txt`, and update the `FME_SERVER_HOST_NAME` parameter to a value that fully resolves to the IP address of the `<coreHost>` machine.

15. Save and close all files.

16. On the `<coreHost>` machine, [restart](#) FME Flow.

Linux

1. If not already accomplished, mount the directory that holds the FME Flow System Share. (The System Share holds FME Flow Repositories and Resources):

```
sudo mount -t nfs <coreHost>:<FMEFlowSystemShare> /<mntPath>
```

2. Obtain the Installer. Be sure to obtain the FME Flow Installer (not the Engine Installer).
3. Start the FME Flow Installer:

```
sudo ./<installationFile>
```

4. From the setup type list, choose [Engine](#).
5. The installer prompts you for a location to install the FME Flow Engine components. This can be on the local machine.
6. The installer prompts you for the name of the [<coreHost>](#). If there is more than one [<coreHost>](#) in your FME Flow architecture, specify the one to which you want the engine to connect.
7. The installer prompts you for the FME Flow System Share location. Enter the mounted directory created in step 1.
8. Enter the database type you specified when installing the FME Flow Core. If you specified a database other than the "FME Flow Database", enter the connection parameters.
9. Enter the user name and password for the FME Flow Database that you specified when installing FME Flow.
10. Complete the remaining dialogs of the FME Flow Installer.
11. Manually [start FME Flow](#), and configure it to start automatically.
12. If this [<engineHost>](#) is connecting to a [<coreHost>](#) that also hosts the built-in FME Flow database and the initial FME engines, as with an [Express Installation](#), allow the necessary connection to this machine:

- a. On the [<coreHost>](#), open file `pg_hba.conf`, located in `<FMEFlowSystemShare>\pgsql\data\`.

- b. Change the following lines:

```
# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        127.0.0.1/32        scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
```

```
host    all    all    :::1/128    scram-sha-256
to:
# IPv4 local connections:
host    all    all    0.0.0.0/0    scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all    all    :::/0    scram-sha-256
```

13. If the `<coreHost>` machine was an [Express Installation](#) of FME Flow, open configuration file [fmeCommonConfig.txt](#), and update the `NODE_NAME` and `NODE_HOST` parameters to the name of the `<coreHost>` machine.
14. Ensure that the user account that runs `<engineHost>` has the necessary permissions to access the FME Flow System Share and the FME Flow install directory. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).
15. On the `<coreHost>` machine, open configuration file `fmeFlowConfig.txt`, and update the `FME_SERVER_HOST_NAME` parameter to a value that fully resolves to the IP address of the `<coreHost>` machine.
16. On the `<coreHost>` machine, [restart](#) FME Flow.

Verify the Installation

The installation on `<engineHost>` starts two FME Engines by default. The FME Engines start and register with the FME Flow Core running on `<coreHost>`. All licensed engines are listed on the Engines page of the Web User Interface.

 **Note** You may have to disable any firewalls that are running on this computer.

- To license FME Engines, see [Licensing](#).
- If you want this computer to start more or less FME Engines, see [Configuring the Number of FME Engines to Start](#).

For more information, see [Verify the Installation](#).

Performing a Silent Installation (Windows)

To perform a silent installation of FME Flow, extract and run an installer from a Windows command line, and override any default installation properties to customize the installation.

To obtain the installer, see Obtain the Installer.

Extracting Installation Files

Installation files, which consist of a .msi file and .cab files, must be extracted before proceeding with installation. You can extract installation files in either of the following ways:

- Manual extraction. Following extraction, invoke the .msi file to perform a silent install.
- Invoke the installation .exe directly, and use the following parameters to control extraction and installation:

Flag	Description
- d<path >	Set the destination folder for unpacked files.
-s, -s1, -s2	Silent mode. Switch -s is a brief form of -s1. Both -s and -s1 hide the main dialog and extraction progress. -s2 hides the start dialog, but extraction progress is displayed.
- sp<par >	Installer Flags to pass to the extracted .msi installer when it is run.

Installer Flags

The following .msi-specific flags can be passed to the installer:

Flag	Description
/q[n b]	Signifies a quiet installation. /qn means quiet with no user interface, and /qb means a quiet installation with a basic progress bar.
/norestart	Do not restart the computer after installation.
/l*v <logfile>	Enable logging to the <logfile> specified.

Specifying FME Flow Components to Install

To select which components of FME Flow to install, as in a [Distributed](#) installation, use the `ADDLOCAL` property, and specify components in a comma-delimited list. If this property is not specified, all components are installed, as in an [Express](#) installation.

Note Following a distributed or fault tolerant installation, the FME Flow system services do not start automatically. You must [manually start](#) them.

Feature	Value
FME Flow Core	FMEFlowCore
Web Services	Services
FME Engine	FMEEngine
FME Flow Database (on PostgreSQL)	FMEFlowDatabase

Example

To install the FME Flow Core and FME Engine services:


`ADDLOCAL=FMEFlowCore,FMEEngine`

Installation Properties


The following table lists the installation properties that you can set in advance, and their default values if left unset. These properties correspond to properties that can be adjusted in the user dialogs of a standard installation.

Expand for Properties Table


Property	Default Value	Description
EXTRACTONLY		Extracts the .msi installation file, but does not run the installer. A C++ runtime package and MSSQL driver only are installed.
COREHOSTNAME	<code>localhost</code> if an Express installation; otherwise, the machine name on which the installer is running.	Host name of the machine that runs the FME Flow Core.

Property	Default Value	Description
INSTALLDIR	C:\Program Files\FMEFlow or C:\apps\FMEFlow	<p>The FME Flow install directory. If you change this value the path must end in "\". For example, <code>INSTALLDIR=C:\apps\FMEFlow\</code></p> <p>Do not specify a UNC path.</p> <div data-bbox="1019 699 1463 1787" style="border: 1px solid #0056b3; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note You may require quotes to escape spaces in paths. From the Windows Command Prompt, use eight quotes. For example, <code>""""""C:\Program Data\Safe Software\FME Flow""""""</code>. From Windows PowerShell, use sixteen quotes. For example, <code>""""""""""C:\Program Files\FMEFlow""""""</code>.</p> </div>


Property	Default Value	Description
FMEFLOWUSER	local system account	<p>The Windows user account that will run the FME Flow System Services. This account must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share, where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. (For more information, see Provide a Remote File System for the FME Flow System Share.) • Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory. • "Log on as a service" rights on this machine. For more information, see this Microsoft Docs article.
FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD		If FMEFLOWUSER is specified, the user account password.


Property	Default Value	Description
FMEFLOWSHAREDDAT A	<code>C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FMEFlow</code>	<p>The path to the FME Flow System Share directory, where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. Path names are case-sensitive.</p> <div data-bbox="1019 569 1463 1654" style="border: 1px solid #005596; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note You may require quotes to escape spaces in paths. From the Windows Command Prompt, use eight quotes. For example, <code>""""""C:\ProgramData\SafeSoftware\FMEFlow""""""</code>. From Windows PowerShell, use sixteen quotes. For example, <code>""""""""""C:\ProgramFiles\FMEFlow""""""""</code>.</p> </div>


Property	Default Value	Description
NODENAME	The machine name on which the installer is running	If you are installing an FME Core or FME Engines, use this property to advertise a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) for how other distributed components connect to this COREHOSTNAME. Specify a FQDN that resolves to the IP address of the machine via DNS.
OVERRIDE_NETWORK_CHECK		If Yes , the installer does not ensure the path specified for FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA exists and is writable by the user account specified for FMEFLOWUSER.

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASETYPE	Default	<p>The database server type that will be used for the FME Flow Database. Possible values are Default, MSSQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL. Default assumes the PostgreSQL database server that is included with the FME Flow installer and located on the same machine.</p> <div data-bbox="1019 856 1463 1423" style="border-left: 2px solid #0056b3; border-right: 2px solid #0056b3; border-bottom: 2px solid #0056b3; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.</p> </div>
DATABASEHOST	[COREHOSTNAME]	<p>The host that the database is on. Specify only if DATABASETYPE is not Default.</p>

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASEPORT	MSSQL: 1433 PostgreSQL: 5432 Oracle: 1521	The port to connect to the database. Specify only if DATABASETYPE is not Default .
INSTANCENAME		If DATABASETYPE is MSSQL , the SQL Server instance name to use for connecting to the database, instead of DATABASEPORT.
DATABASECONNECTIONSTRING	A connection string is generated based on the values of DATABASETYPE, DATABASEHOST, DATABASEPORT, and (if specified) INSTANCENAME.	The JDBC connection string for connecting to the database.
ORACLESID		The SID for the Oracle database. Must be specified only if DATABASETYPE is Oracle .
JDBCDRIVER		If your database requires a JDBC driver that Safe does not provide, specify the full path to it here, and it will be copied to the appropriate place in the install directory.

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASEUSER	fmeflow	<p>The FME Flow Database user account name. This property applies regardless of the value specified by DATABASETYPE.</p> <div data-bbox="1019 514 1463 1255"><p> Warning If DATABASETYPE is Default, do not specify postgres. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.</p></div>

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASEPASSWORD		<p>The password for the FME Flow Database user name. The password must not contain any single quote (') characters.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #005596; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note The password for the FME Flow Database user account is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.</p> </div>
PGDATA	C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FMEFlow	If <code>DATABASETYPE=Default</code> , the directory to contain the data for the FME Flow PostgreSQL database.
SERVLETTYPE	Default	The type of Application Server (servlet engine) you will use with FME Flow. Possible values are <code>Default</code> or <code>Apache</code> (Tomcat). <code>Default</code> installs the Apache Tomcat servlet provided with the FME Flow installer.


Property	Default Value	Description
SSLENABLED	false	<p>If <code>true</code>, enables the Apache Tomcat web application server for HTTPS.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #005596; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see Configuring for HTTPS.</p> </div>
KEYSTOREFILESOURCE		If <code>SSLENABLED=true</code> , the local path to the .pfx certificate.
KEYSTOREPASSWORD		If <code>SSLENABLED=true</code> , the .pfx certificate password.
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	[COREHOSTNAME]	The hostname on which the Web Application Server is installed, or the hostname of the load balancer serving the Web Application Server, if applicable.

Property	Default Value	Description
SERVLETPORT	80 (if open), 443 if SERVLETTYPE is <code>Default</code> and SSLENABLED is <code>true</code> .	The port that the Web Application Server host uses or that the built-in Apache Tomcat server uses. If not specified, the installer checks ports 80, 8080-8085 and uses the first one that is not in use.
EXTERNALPORT	[SERVLETPORT]	If applicable, a load balancer port or port that is otherwise different from the SERVLETPORT on which the Web Application Server is listening.
WEBAPPSDIR	[INSTALLDIR]\Utilities\tomcat\webapps	If an Apache Tomcat servlet is already installed on the machine, the path to the webapps directory for the servlet engine, for installing WAR files. This is a necessary property for distributed web applications.

Property	Default Value	Description
SHAREDTCOMCATLIB	[INSTALLDIR]\Utilities\tomcat\lib	If an Apache Tomcat servlet is already installed on the machine, the path to the lib directory for the servlet engine, for installing JAR files. This is a necessary property for distributed web applications.
NOLOGPREFIX	No	If Yes , FME Flow log file names are not prefixed with the server host name.
FIRSTLOGINCHANGEPASSWORD	true	If true , the user will be prompted to update the admin password upon initial login to the FME Flow Web User Interface following installation. If false , updating the admin password will not be required upon initial login.

Properties Required for a Distributed Installation

If you are performing any type of installation other than Express, in which FME Flow components are [distributed](#) across servers, refer to the table below to determine which installation properties (above) must be set when installing each component.

 **Note** For default values, refer to the table above, under [Installation Properties](#).

Expand for Table

Property	Required When Installing the...			
	FME Flow Core	FME Flow Web Services	FME Engines	FME Flow Database
INSTALLDIR	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value
FMEFLOWUSER	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Web Services	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Not applicable
COREHOSTNAME	Not applicable	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Core	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Core	Not applicable
NODENAME	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
DATABASETYPE	Yes, if other	Yes, if other	Yes, if other	Not applicable

	Required When Installing the...			
Property	FME Flow Core	FME Flow Web Services	FME Engines	FME Flow Database
	than the default value	than the default value	than the default value	
DATABASEPORT	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
DATABASEHOST	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Database	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Database	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Database	Not applicable
DATABASEUSER	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value
DATABASEPASSWORD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PGDATA	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value
SERVLETTYPE	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Not applicable
SERVLETPORT	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Not applicable

Post-Install Tasks

Distributed/Fault Tolerant Installations

If you performed a distributed or fault tolerant installation (specifying the [ADDLOCAL](#) property), the FME Flow system services do not start automatically. You must [manually start](#) them.

MSSQL Formats

If you plan to run workspaces that reference Microsoft SQL Server and Azure SQL Database (MSSQL_*) readers and writers, you must manually install the MSSQL OLE DB Driver and Microsoft System CLR Types for SQL Server on all machines that host FME Engines. To install, navigate to the [INSTALLDIR] and run the following:

```
msiexec /i msoledbsql.msi /qb
msiexec /i SQLSysClrTypes.msi /qb
```

Examples

The following examples assume you are running a command line from a directory that contains an installer named `fme-flow-win-x64.exe` to extract and install, or `fme-flow.msi` to install following manual extraction.

Invoking the .exe Installer to Extract and Install

Examples

Extract installer to C:\FME\installer and install with all default options (similar to Express install)

```
fme-flow-win-x64.exe -d"C:\FME\installer" -s -sp"/qb /norestart"
```

In Windows PowerShell:

```
start-process -FilePath <downloadpath>\fme-flow-win-x64.exe -
Argumentlist '-dC:\FME\installer','-s','-sp"/qb /norestart"'
```

Extract installer to C:\FME\installer and install core only with an FME Flow System Share directory on a share on another machine named "\\machine1\share"

```
fme-flow-win-x64.exe -d"C:\FME\installer" -s -sp"ADDLOCAL=FMEFlowCore  
FMEFLOWUSER=MYCOMPANY\user1 FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password  
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA=\\machine1\share /qb /norestart"
```

In Windows PowerShell:

```
start-process -FilePath <downloadpath>\fme-flow-win-x64.exe -  
Argumentlist '-dC:\FME\installer','-s','-sp"ADDLOCAL=FMEFlowCore  
FMEFLOWUSER=MYCOMPANY\user1 FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password  
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA=\\machine1\share /qb /norestart"'
```

Invoking the .msi File to Install, Following Manual Extraction

Examples

Install with all default options (similar to Express install), with logging enabled

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi /qb /norestart /l*v install\FMEFlowLog.txt
```

Distributed install:

- host1: FME Flow Core and FME Engines
- host2: FME Flow Database and FME Flow Web Services
- host3: FME Flow System Share

host1 command:

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi ADDLOCAL=FMEFlowCore,FMEEngine  
FMEFLOWUSER=DOMAIN\user1 FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password  
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="\\host3\share" EXTERNALHOSTNAME="host2"  
DATABASEHOST="host2" DATABASEPASSWORD=password /qb /norestart /l*v  
install\FMEServerLog.txt
```

host2 command:

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi ADDLOCAL=Services,FMEFlowDatabase  
FMEFLOWUSER=DOMAIN\user1 FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password
```

```
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="\\host3\share" COREHOSTNAME="host1"
```

```
DATABASEPASSWORD=password /qb /norestart /l*v installFMEServerLog.txt
```

Distributed install:

- host1: FME Flow Core, FME Flow Web Services, FME Flow System Share
- host2: FME Engines
- host3: FME Flow Database

host1 command:

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi ADDLOCAL=FMEFlowCore,Services
```

```
FMEFLOWUSER=DOMAIN/user1 FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password
```

```
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="C:\FMEFlowShare" DATABASEHOST="host3"
```

```
DATABASEPASSWORD=password /qb /norestart /l*v installFMEServerLog.txt
```

host2 command:

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi ADDLOCAL=FMEEngine FMEFLOWUSER=DOMAIN/user1
```

```
FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="\\host1\FMEFlowShare"
```

```
COREHOSTNAME="host1" DATABASEHOST="host3" DATABASEPASSWORD=password /qb  
/norestart /l*v installFMEServerLog.txt
```

host3 command:

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi ADDLOCAL=FMEFlowDatabase
```

```
DATABASEPASSWORD=password /qb /norestart /l*v installFMEServerLog.txt
```

FME Engine-only install, with all other FME Flow components on another server named
"\\machine1\FMEFlowSystemShare"

```
msiexec /i fme-flow.msi /l*v "install.log" /qb /norestart
```

```
INSTALLDIR="C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\" FMEFLOWUSER=MYCOMPANY\user1
```

```
FMEFLOWUSERPASSWORD=password COREHOSTNAME="machine1" ADDLOCAL=FMEEngine
```

```
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="\\machine1\FMEFlowSystemShare\"
```

```
DATABASETYPE="PostgreSQL" DATABASEHOST="FMEFlowCore" DATABASEPORT="7082"
```

```
SERVLETPORT="80"
```

Performing a Silent Installation (Linux)

Silent installation of FME Flow on Linux is controlled by an `install.cfg` file that is passed to the installer. This file contains a list of properties that control different options in the installer. The command for silent installation is:

```
./<filename> -- --file install.cfg
```

Example `<filename>`: `fme-flow-2023.0.0.3-b23319-linux-x64~ubuntu.20.04.run`

Properties are listed in the `install.cfg` file in the form:

```
<property>=<value>
```

To obtain the installer, see [Obtain the Installer](#).

Specifying FME Flow Components to Install

To select which components of FME Flow to install, use the following set of properties. These properties can be set to either "Yes" or "No" (case-sensitive). The default values are "Yes".

Feature	Property
FME Flow Core	FEATURE_FMEFlowCore_INSTALL
Web Services	FEATURE_Services_INSTALL
FME Engine	FEATURE_FMEEngine_INSTALL
FME Flow Database (on PostgreSQL)	FEATURE_FMEFlowDatabase_INSTALL

Installation Properties


The following table lists the installation properties that you can specify in the `install.cfg` file, and their default values if left unset. These properties correspond to properties that can be adjusted in the user dialogs of a standard installation.

Expand for Properties Table

Property	Default Value	Description
COREHOSTNAME	<code>localhost</code> if an Express installation; otherwise, the machine name on which the installer is running.	Host name of the machine that runs the FME Flow Core.
INSTALLDIR	<code>/opt/fmeflow</code>	The FME Flow install directory.
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA	[INSTALLDIR]	The path to the FME Flow System Share directory, where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files. Path names are case-sensitive.


Property	Default Value	Description
NODENAME	The machine name on which the installer is running	If you are installing an FME Core or FME Engines, use this property to advertise a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) for how other distributed components connect to this COREHOSTNAME. Specify a FQDN that resolves to the IP address of the machine via DNS.


Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASETYPE	Default	<p>The database server type that will be used for the FME Flow Database. Possible values are Default, MSSQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL. Default assumes the PostgreSQL database that is included with the FME Flow installer and located on the same machine.</p>

Property	Default Value	Description
		<div data-bbox="1166 243 1463 1329" style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #004a87; border-radius: 5px;"> <p> Note</p> <p>PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.</p> </div>
DATABASEHOST	[COREHOSTNAME]	The host that the database is on. This should only be specified if DATABASETYPE is not Default.

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASEPORT	MSSQL: 1433 PostgreSQL: 5432 Oracle: 1521	The port to connect to the database. This should only be specified if DATABASETYPE is not Default.
INSTANCENAME		If DATABASETYPE is MSSQL , the SQL Server instance name to use for connecting to the database, instead of DATABASEPORT.
DATABASECONNECTIONSTRING	A connection string is generated based on the values of DATABASETYPE, DATABASEHOST, DATABASEPORT, and (if specified) INSTANCENAME.	The JDBC connection string for connecting to the FME Flow Database.
ORACLESID		The SID for the Oracle database. Must be specified only if DATABASETYPE is Oracle.


Property	Default Value	Description
JDBCDRIVER		If your database requires a JDBC driver that Safe does not provide, specify the full path to it here, and it will be copied to the appropriate place in the install directory.

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASEUSER	fmeflow	<p>The FME Flow Database user account name. This property applies regardless of the value specified by DATABASETYPE.</p> <div data-bbox="1166 684 1463 1885" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Warning If DATABASETYPE is <code>Default</code>, do not specify <code>postgres</code>. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.</p> </div>

Property	Default Value	Description
DATABASEPASSWORD		<p>The password for the FME Flow Database user name. The password must not contain any single quote (') characters.</p> <div data-bbox="1166 684 1463 1367" style="border-left: 2px solid #004a7c; border-right: 2px solid #004a7c; border-bottom: 2px solid #004a7c; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note The password for the FME Flow Database user account is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.</p> </div>
PGDATADIR	/opt/fmeflow//Utilities/pgsql/data	<p>If <code>DATABASETYPE=Default</code>, the directory to contain the data for the FME Flow PostgreSQL database.</p>

Property	Default Value	Description
SERVLETTYPE	Default	The type of Application Server (servlet engine) you will use with FME Flow. Possible values are Default or Apache (Tomcat). Default installs the Apache Tomcat servlet provided with the FME Flow installer.
SERVLETPORT	8080	If SERVLETTYPE is Default , the listening port of the Apache Tomcat servlet engine host. Must be different from EXTERNALPORT.


Property	Default Value	Description
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	[COREHOSTNAME]	The hostname on which the Web Application Server is installed, or the hostname of the load balancer serving the Web Application Server, if applicable.
INSTALLNGINX	true	If <code>true</code> , installs the NGINX reverse proxy. To prevent NGINX from installing, specify <code>false</code> . This option may be useful for fault-tolerant installations that use a third-party load balancer instead.
NGINXPORT	80	If <code>SERVLETTYPE</code> is <code>Default</code> , the listening port of the NGINX reverse proxy.

Property	Default Value	Description
EXTERNALPORT	[SERVLETPORT]	<p>If applicable, a load balancer port or port that is otherwise different from the SERVLETPORT on which the Web Application Server is listening.</p>
SSLENABLED	false	<p>If true, enables the web application server for HTTPS.</p> <div data-bbox="1166 1020 1463 1875" style="border: 1px solid #005596; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p> Note If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see Configuring for HTTPS.</p> </div>

Property	Default Value	Description
SSLCERTIFICATESOURCE		If <code>SSLENABLED=true</code> , the path to the SSL certificate file.
SSLCERTIFICATEPRIVATEKEY		If <code>SSLENABLED=true</code> , the path to the SSL certificate private key file.
WEBAPPSDIR	[INSTALLDIR]\Utilities\tomcat\webapps	If an Apache Tomcat servlet is already installed on the machine, the path to the webapps directory for the servlet engine, for installing WAR files. This is a necessary property for distributed web applications.

Property	Default Value	Description
SHAREDTCATLIB	[INSTALLDIR]\Utilities\tomcat\lib	If an Apache Tomcat servlet is already installed on the machine, the path to the lib directory for the servlet engine, for installing JAR files. This is a necessary property for distributed web applications.


Property	Default Value	Description
CONFIGSELINUX	Yes	If SERVLETYPE is "Default" and installation is on a Red Hat or Rocky Linux distribution, the SELinux module must be configured to work with the NGINX reverse proxy.

Property	Default Value	Description
		<p> Note The NGINX reverse proxy allows easy SSL configuration with the web application server, and the ability to choose ports under 1024 without root permission.</p> <p>To configure SELinux, specify Yes. Else, No.</p>
NOLOGPREFIX	No	If Yes, FME Flow log file names are not prefixed with the server host name.

Property	Default Value	Description
FIRSTLOGINCHANGEPASSWORD	true	If <code>true</code> , the user will be prompted to update the <code>admin</code> password upon initial login to the FME Flow Web User Interface following installation. If <code>false</code> , updating the <code>admin</code> password will not be required upon initial login.

Properties Required for a Distributed Installation

If you are performing any type of installation other than Express, in which FME Flow components are [distributed](#) across servers, refer to the table below to determine which installation properties (above) must be set when installing each component.

 **Note** For default values, refer to the table above, under [Installation Properties](#).

Expand for Table

Property	Required When Installing the...			
	FME Flow Core	FME Flow Web Services	FME Engines	FME Flow Database
INSTALLDIR	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value

Property	Required When Installing the...			
	FME Flow Core	FME Flow Web Services	FME Engines	FME Flow Database
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Web Services	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Not applicable
COREHOSTNAME	Not applicable	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Core	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Core	Not applicable
NODENAME	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
DATABASETYPE	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
DATABASEPORT	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable
DATABASEHOST	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Database	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Database	Yes, unless installing with the FME Flow Database	Not applicable
DATABASEUSER	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default value	Yes, if other than the default

Property	Required When Installing the...			
	FME Flow Core	FME Flow Web Services	FME Engines	FME Flow Database
				value
DATABASEPASSWORD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PGDATADIR	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value
SERVLETTYPE	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Not applicable
SERVLETPORT	Not applicable	Yes, if other than the default value	Not applicable	Not applicable

Post-Install: MSSQL Formats Only

If you plan to run workspaces that reference Microsoft SQL Server and Azure SQL Database (MSSQL_*) readers and writers, you must manually install the MSSQL OLE DB Driver and Microsoft System CLR Types for SQL Server on all machines that host FME Engines. To install, navigate to the [INSTALLDIR] and run the following:

```
msiexec /i msoledbsql.msi /qb
msiexec /i SQLSysClrTypes.msi /qb
```

Examples

Install with all default options (similar to Express install), to /home/user/fmeflow

```
INSTALLDIR="/home/user/fmeflow"
```

Install the FME Flow Core only with an FME Flow System Share directory on a share on another machine named "\\machine1\share"

```
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="/mnt/machine1/share"  
FEATURE_FMEFlowCore_INSTALL="Yes"  
FEATURE_FMEEngine_INSTALL="No"  
FEATURE_Services_INSTALL="No"
```

Express install, but with an MSSQL database located on another server

```
DATABASETYPE=MSSQL  
DATABASEHOST=DatabaseMachine  
DATABASEPORT=1433
```

Install the Web Services feature only with an Apache Tomcat Servlet Engine:

```
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="//CoreMachine\share"  
SERVLETTYPE=Apache  
SERVLETPORT=8080  
WEBAPPSDIR="C:\Program Files\tomcat\webapps"  
FEATURE_FMEFlowCore_INSTALL="No"  
FEATURE_FMEEngine_INSTALL="No"  
FEATURE_Services_INSTALL="Yes"
```

FME Engine-only install, with all other FME Flow components on another server named "machine1"

```
COREHOSTNAME="machine1"  
INSTALLDIR="/home/user/FMEFlow"  
FMEFLOWSHAREDDATA="//machine1\FMEFlowSystemShare"  
DATABASETYPE="PostGreSQL"  
DATABASEHOST="FMEFlowCore"  
DATABASEPORT="7082" SERVLETPORT="80"  
FEATURE_FMEFlowCore_INSTALL="No"  
FEATURE_FMEEngine_INSTALL="Yes"
```

Deploying FME Flow with Docker Compose

As a multi-container application, FME Flow supports deployment with Docker Compose. We recommend deploying FME Flow this way only if you have worked with Docker before and understand its architecture.

Limitations and Considerations

When deciding if you want to deploy FME Flow with Docker Compose, keep in mind the following:

- Container deployments of FME Flow are built on Linux. Review our [FME formats matrix](#) and compare by platforms to see if the formats you plan to use are available on Linux. In particular:
 - Certain Esri formats cannot be used in a Docker deployment due to operating system compatibility. For integrating Esri formats with FME Flow, we recommend installing FME Flow on Windows machines and not using containers. Esri integrations with ArcPy/ArcGIS Pro require Windows libraries. ArcGIS Server for Linux is not a usable alternative.
 - Database formats (such as SQL Server) require the JDBC version of the format, which may require workspace modification if publishing from FME Form on Windows.
 - To use third-party libraries, JDBC drivers, and similar requires creating your own FME Flow engine container image.
- FME Flow deployed with Docker Compose is supported on Oracle Linux 7 only if the default Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel is used.
- [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#) that is not containerized is not tested, supported, or recommended by Safe Software. It is not possible to use this architecture

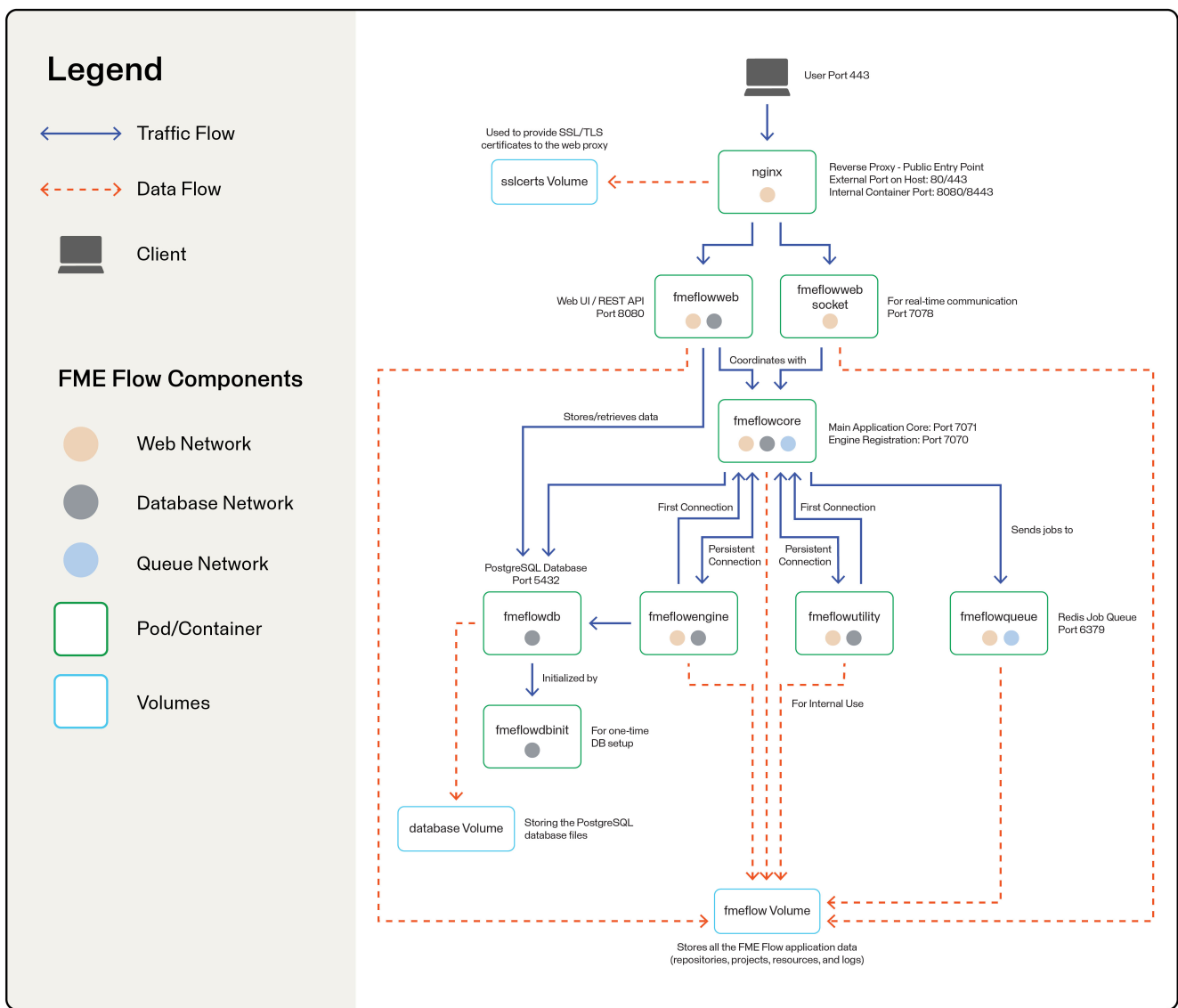
to add FME Engines on a Windows VM to a Docker deployment of FME Flow for format compatibility.

About the Docker Compose File for FME Flow

The following diagram depicts a deployment of FME Flow using the default Docker Compose .yaml file:


Mouse over to expand diagram:

Docker-based FME Flow Diagram



Services

The Compose file defines containers for each of the services that comprise FME Flow. These service names can be specified to start, stop, scale, or run other commands on a specific container. They are also used as the host names for the containers to communicate with each other.

Service	Description
fmeflowcore	FME Flow Core
fmeflowwebsocket	WebSocket Server
fmeflowweb	FME Flow Web Services
fmeflowdb	FME Flow Database
fmeflowengine	FME Engines
fmequeue	Job Queues <div data-bbox="516 1165 1463 1388"><p> Note The preferred method for assigning FME Engines to queues is through the ENGINEPROPERTIES FME Engine Container environment variable.</p></div>
nginx	Reverse proxy for FME Flow; receives all web traffic and forwards it to the right container. Also responsible for handling the https connection.
fmeutility	For internal processes only.

See Also

- [Working with FME Flow Container Environment Variables](#)

Ports

The FME Flow deployment maps three ports to the host machine:

- nginx maps port 80 and 443 for the FME Flow Web User Interface. (See [To Disable https](#) (below) for more details.)
- fmeflowcore maps port 25 for [SMTP relay](#).

Once FME Flow is deployed, any requests to these ports on the host machine are routed to the proper container. This means you can access the FME Flow Web User Interface on port 443 of your host machine even though the fmeflowweb service is actually running inside a container.

Volumes

The Compose file defines two main volumes:

- Database - Where the fmeflowdb service stores its database files.
- FME Flow System Share - Actually comprised of several volumes that restrict access to certain folders from containers that do not require it.

Deploying and Administering FME Flow on Docker Compose

Download the Docker Compose File for FME Flow

Docker Compose files are available at <https://www.safe.com/support/downloads/> for each available tag (version) of the FME Flow container deployment.

Working with the docker compose Command

Use the `docker compose` command to create, start, and stop FME Flow. This command looks in the current directory for a file named `docker-compose.yaml`, and uses that for the definition of what to deploy. Alternatively, you can pass in a path to a compose file using the `-f` parameter. Example commands below assume that a `docker-compose.yaml` file exists in the current working directory.

To Launch a New FME Flow Stack

Use the `up` parameter to bring up a new set of containers as defined in `docker-compose.yml`. Pass in the `-d` parameter to run in the background.

```
docker compose up -d
```

Docker Compose creates the networks, volumes and containers defined in the Compose file. When complete, you can connect to the FME Flow Web User Interface on `https://localhost/`. The administrator user name and password defaults to `admin` and `admin`, respectively. You can change this on the Users page.

To Launch a New FME Flow Stack with a Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) License

1. In the `docker-compose.yml` file, locate the commented block that begins:

```
--- Uncomment to deploy CPU-Usage Engines with FME Server ---
```

2. Uncomment the full block.

3. Run the `up` command to set the number of CPU usage engines. For example, to set the number of CPU usage engines to 4:

```
docker compose -f "<docker-compose.yml filepath>" up --scale  
fmeflowenginedynamic=4 -d
```

To Stop a Running FME Flow

```
docker compose stop
```

To Start FME Flow

```
docker compose start
```

To Restart FME Flow

```
docker compose restart
```

To Specify Services in the Compose File

You can specify the [Services](#) defined in the Compose file to start and stop. For example, to stop just the FME Flow Web Services container:

```
docker compose stop fmeflowweb
```

To Scale FME Engines

You can scale the number of running engines by launching additional FME Engines containers. (For more information, see [Configuring the Number of FME Engines to Start](#).)

Use the `scale` command to specify the number of FME Engines you want after the command executes. The following command scales the number of engines to 4:

```
docker compose -f "<docker-compose.yaml filepath>" up -d --scale fmeengine=4
```

To Remove an FME Flow Deployment

The `down` command destroys all containers, volumes and networks that were created in the stack. The `-v` parameter removes the volumes as well.

```
docker compose down -v
```

Without the `-v` parameter, the Database and FME Flow System Share volumes are not destroyed, and if the same stack were launched again using `up`, no data would be lost.

To Upgrade an FME Flow Deployment

 **Note** See also [Upgrading to a Patch Build in Docker](#).

1. Make a local backup of FME Flow on the Backup & Restore page of the Web User Interface. Make sure this file is saved somewhere outside of the FME Flow Resources folders, as those will be removed.

2. Remove the containers, volumes and networks.

```
docker compose down -v
```

3. Obtain the latest version of the `.yaml` file.

- a. On the [FME Downloads page](#), under *Platform*, select **Docker**.
- b. Right-click on the download link and select **Copy link address**.
- c. Paste the address into a `wget` command line, and execute. For example:

```
wget https://downloads.safe.com/fme/2025/platform_independent/docker-compose-2025.1.0.1-b25609.yaml
```

4. Download the images for the services defined in the .yaml file

```
docker compose pull
```

Or, if multiple .yaml files exist in the current directory, you must specify the latest version with the `-f` parameter. For example:

```
docker compose -f docker-compose-2025.1.0.1-b25609.yaml pull
```

5. Deploy the new version of the containers.

```
docker compose up -d
```

6. Restore your backup on the Backup & Restore page of the Web User Interface by uploading the backup file you saved in step 1.

To Run Multiple FME Flows on One Machine

While not recommended for production machines, running multiple FME Flow stacks on a single machine may be useful if you are prototyping or testing workflows on multiple versions of FME Flow.

When running multiple FME Flows on the same machine, keep in mind the following:

- When launching a stack, `docker compose` prepends a project name, separated by an underscore, to all the containers, volumes and networks. The project name defaults to the name of the working directory when the stack is created. In the image below, the stack was launched in a directory named `server`, so `server_` is prepended to all the resources created:

```
Creating network "server_web" with driver "bridge"
Creating network "server_database" with driver "bridge"
Creating volume "server_engine" with local driver
Creating volume "server_key" with local driver
Creating volume "server_logs" with local driver
Creating volume "server_temp" with local driver
Creating volume "server_subscriptions" with local driver
Creating volume "server_database" with local driver
Creating volume "server_repositories" with local driver
Creating volume "server_dashboards" with local driver
Creating volume "server_localization" with local driver
Creating volume "server_upload" with local driver
Creating volume "server_requestdata" with local driver
Creating volume "server_engineresults" with local driver
Creating volume "server_emailattachments" with local driver
Creating volume "server_licenses" with local driver
Creating volume "server_tomcat" with local driver
Creating volume "server_backups" with local driver
Creating volume "server_data" with local driver
Creating server_fmserverdb_1
Creating server_fmservercore_1
Creating server_fmserverweb_1
Creating server_fmserverengine_1
```

If the docker-compose.yml files for each deployment are not in directories with different names, you can pass in a project name when launching the stack with the `-p` flag:

```
docker compose -p projectname up -d
```

- Since a few [Ports](#) are mapped to the host machine, the same port cannot be used twice. You must either make sure only one is started at a time, or change the port mappings. For example, to use port 8080 instead of 443, delete the redirect port 80:8080 from the fme-flow-web container with this command:

```
EXTERNALPORT=8080 docker compose up -d
```

This sets the external port on all relevant containers to 8080 and brings up FME Flow.

To Disable https

To run FME Flow without https:

1. Remove the exposed port 80 from the nginx container in the Docker Compose file (line 80:8080).

2. Start the FME Flow with `WEBPROTOCOL=http` and `EXTERNALPORT=80` variables. For example:

```
WEBPROTOCOL=http EXTERNALPORT=80 docker compose up -d
```

To Use a Custom TLS/SSL Certificate

⚠ Warning Ensure a copy of the certificate is stored in a different location before mounting it in the nginx container. The code in the container may have untested "edge" cases that overwrite the certificate.

To use a valid SSL certificate, make the following files available in a directory on the FME Flow host:

- `nginx.crt`: The certificate, including full certificate chain, if necessary.
- `nginx.key`: Private key used to generate the certificate.

Once provided, pass in the location to the certificate and key by setting the `SSLCERTLOCATION=/path/to/certificates` variable.

See Also

- [Working with FME Flow Container Environment Variables](#)
- [Upgrading to a Patch Build in Docker](#)

Working with FME Flow Container Environment Variables

To perform additional configuration of an FME Flow deployment with Docker Compose, define an environment variable section under the relevant container service. Each service has a different set of environment variables that can be defined.

FME Flow Web Services Container

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	localhost	The host name that users will use to connect to this FME Flow. This is commonly the hostname or IP address of the physical machine on which the Docker deployment is running, or the external endpoint of the load balancer. This variable is used for Topic Monitoring. If you do not need to use Topic Monitoring, leave as localhost .
EXTERNALPORT	80 (Windows) 8080 (Linux)	The port used to connect to the FME Flow Web User Interface. This should be the port exposed on the host or load balancer that users will use to connect.
FMEFLOWHOSTNAME	fmeflowcore	The service name or host name of the FME Flow Core container.
WEBSERVERHOSTNAME	fmeflowweb	The service name or host name of the FME Flow Web Services container.
WEBPROTOCOL	https	The protocol FME Flow uses. Can be either http or https .

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
WEBSOCKETHOSTNAME	fmeflowwebsocket	The service name or host name of the WebSocket server container.
LOGPREFIX	The host name of the container	The prefix to use on the log files created by this container.
PGSQLHOSTNAME	fmeflowdb	The service name or host name of the FME Flow PostgreSQL database. If you want to use a different database type, see Changing the Database Connection , below.
PGSQLPORT	5432	The port for the FME Flow PostgreSQL database. If you want to use a different database type, see Changing the Database Connection , below.
POSTGRESQSSL	false	Set to <code>true</code> to force the PostgreSQL connection to use SSL. This adds the option <code>sslrequire=true</code> to the JDBC connection strings.
PGSQLUSERNAME	fmeflow	The user to create as part of the FME Flow schema that FME Flow will use to connect to the database.

FME Engine Container

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
ENGINEPROPERTIES		A comma-delimited list of properties to set on this engine. Engine properties are useful when assigning FME Engines to queues.
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	localhost	The host name that users will use to connect to this FME Flow. This is commonly the hostname or IP address of the physical machine on which the Docker deployment is running. This is used for the data download results URL that is returned after running a job in the Data Download Service. If you don't use the Data Download service, leave as localhost .
EXTERNALPORT	443	Port used to connect to FME Flow.
FMEFLOWHOSTNAME	fmeflowcore	The service name or host name of the FME Flow Core container.
PGSQLHOSTNAME	fmeflowdb	The service name or host name of the FME Flow PostgreSQL database. If you want to use a different database type, see Changing the Database Connection , below.

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
PGSQLPORT	5432	The port for the FME Flow PostgreSQL database. If you want to use a different database type, see Changing the Database Connection , below.
POSTGRESQSSL	false	Set to <code>true</code> to force the PostgreSQL connection to use SSL. This adds the option <code>sslrequire=true</code> to the JDBC connection strings.
PGSQLUSERNAME	fmeflow	The user to create as part of the FME Flow schema that FME Flow will use to connect to the database.
WEBPROTOCOL	https	The protocol FME Flow uses. Can be either <code>http</code> or <code>https</code> .
LOGPREFIX	The host name of the container	The prefix to use on the log files created by this container.
FME_INSTANCE_NAME	The host name of the container	The name of the engine that appears on the Engines page.
NODENAME	The host name of the container	The host name of the engine that the Core container uses to communicate with this engine.

FME Flow Core Container

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
FMEFLOWHOSTNAME	fmeflowcore	The service name or host name of the FME Flow Core container.
PGSQLHOSTNAME	fmeflowdb	The service name or host name of the FME Flow PostgreSQL database. To use a different database type, see Changing the Database Connection , below.
PGSQLPORT	5432	The port for the FME Flow PostgreSQL database. To use a different database type, see Changing the Database Connection , below.
POSTGRESQSSL	false	Set to <code>true</code> to force the PostgreSQL connection to use SSL. This adds the option <code>sslrequire=true</code> to the JDBC connection strings.
PGSQLUSERNAME	fmeflow	The user to create as part of the FME Flow schema that FME Flow will use to connect to the database.

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
WEBSERVERHOSTNAME	fmeflowweb	The service name or host name of the FME Flow Web Services container.
REDISHOSTS	fmeflowqueue	The service name or host name of the Memurai queue.
REDISPORT	6379	The port for the Memurai queue.

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
PORTPOOL		<p>This setting is required only if FME Engines that are not running in Docker are connecting to this FME Flow Core. If engines are connecting from outside the docker network, perform the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open additional ports in the Compose file for the engines to connect. 2. Set this PORTPOOL variable to a port range, such as <code>PORTPOOL=9000-9200</code>. 3. Map the specified ports to the physical host in the Compose file under the <code>ports</code> section. For example: <code>9000-9200:9000-9200</code>.

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
FIRSTLOGINCHANGEPASSWORD	true	If <code>true</code> , the user will be prompted to update the <code>admin</code> password upon initial login to the FME Flow Web User Interface following installation. If <code>false</code> , updating the <code>admin</code> password will not be required upon initial login.
MAX_TRANSACTION_RESULT_SUCCESSES		Specifies the number of successful translations until an engine process should be restarted.
MAX_TRANSACTION_RESULT_FAILURES		Specifies the number of failed translations until an engine process should be restarted.


Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
PRIMARY_PROCESS	core	Defines the purpose of this container. Valid values are core , websocket , or initpgsql . Setting to websocket starts only the websocket process. Setting to initpgsql runs the database initialization scripts against the configured database. For more information, see Initializing the PostgreSQL Database , below.

NGINX Container

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
WEBPROTOCOL	https	The protocol FME Flow uses. Can be either http or https .
EXTERNALHOSTNAME	localhost	The host name that users will use to connect to this FME Flow. This is commonly the hostname or IP address of the physical machine on which the Docker deployment is running. This variable is used for Topic Monitoring. If you do not need to use Topic Monitoring, leave as localhost .
EXTERNALPORT	443	The port used to connect to FME Flow.

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
NGINX_WORKER_PROCESSES	1	Number of NGINX workers to start.

Changing the Database Connection

 **Note** To configure FME Flow to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server or an Oracle database, [contact Safe Support](#).

Initializing the PostgreSQL Database

When a new stack is launched, a mode of the core container populates an empty PostgreSQL database with the FME Flow database schema before starting FME Flow. If you want to use an existing PostgreSQL database for your FME Flow, you must configure an initialization container using the following environment variables.

For example, the following command populates the schema in an existing PostgreSQL database running on host my-psgql-hostname, and then exits.

```
docker run -e PGSQHOSTNAME=my-psgql-hostname -e PGSQPORT=5432 -e PGSQADMINUSER=postgres -e PGSQADMINPASSWORD=postgres -e PRIMARY_PROCESS=initpgsql safesoftware/fmeflow-core:2024-latest
```

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
PGSQLHOSTNAME	fmeflowdb	The host name of the PostgreSQL database that is to be initialized.
PGSQLPORT	5432	The port to connect to the PostgreSQL database.
PGSQLADMINUSER	postgres	A user that exists on the PostgreSQL database that has permissions to create a database.
PGSQLADMINPASSWORD		The password for the PGSQLADMINUSER.
PGSQLADMINDATABASE	Same value as PGSQLADMINUSER	Set this to the database to which to connect initially as the PGSQLADMINUSER to initialize the database schema on the fmeflowdbinit service.
PGSQLUSERNAME	fmeflow	The user to create as part of the FME Flow schema that FME Flow will use to connect to the database.
PRIMARY_PROCESS		Set to <code>initpgsql</code> .

Environment Variable	Default Value	Description
AZUREPOSTGRESQL	false	Set to <code>true</code> on the <code>fmeflowdbinit</code> service in the Docker Compose file when using an Azure database for PostgreSQL to ensure the connection string is formatted correctly.

Running the Containers as a Different User

By default, the FME Flow containers run as a user named `fmeflow` in group `fmeflow`, with UID and GID 1363. You may want the UID and GID of the user in the container to match a user defined on the host machine. For example, you may want to use a host bind mount for the FME Flow System Share volume instead of using Docker volumes. If mounting a host directory into the container, it is optimal if the permissions in that folder match a real user on the host.

To match the user and group running any container *except* `fmeflowdb` with a user defined on the host machine, pass in variables `FMEFLOW_UID` and `FMEFLOW_GID` in the `environment` section of the compose file. Set them to the UID and GID of the user and group ID you want to use, respectively. Additionally, you must run the containers as the root user so that the container init can set the right permissions on the files. This is done in a Docker `run` command with the `--user=0` flag, and in Compose with the attribute `user: 0` to run as root.

Running Containers in the Local Time Zone

By default, FME Flow containers run in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). To adjust to the local time zone of the container hosts, mount time zone files to the `fmeflowweb`, `fmeflowcore`, `fmeflowqueue`, and `fmeflowengine` containers, as follows:

```
volumes:
  - "/etc/timezone:/etc/timezone:ro"
```

```
- "/etc/localtime:/etc/localtime:ro"
```

Alternatively, set the TZ environment variable for each container, as follows:

```
TZ=<timezone>
```

where *<timezone>* is a valid country code. For a list of country codes, see

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones.

Upgrading to a Patch Build in Docker

When an FME Flow build is released, two tags are created for each component's image. For example, if the release version is 2021.2, these tags are named `2021.2` and `2021.2-20211029`, where `20211029` is the date the image was released.

The available tags for each FME Flow component can be found on [Dockerhub](#).

Patch Builds

Images of each build are patched periodically with security updates. When this occurs, each image is released again with the current date as a suffix to the build number (for example, `2021.2-20211030`). As well, the original tag (for example, `2021.2` is updated to refer to the most recently released version of the build. With this in mind, if it is preferable to lock down to a specific image and avoid updating to a patched version, use the timestamped tags. Otherwise, to always use the latest version of a build, use the non-timestamped tag (for example, `2021.2`).

To upgrade to the latest patch build in a Docker Compose deployment

1. Pull the latest images. Run:

```
>> docker compose pull
```

2. Update the FME Flow deployment with the new images. Run:

```
>> docker compose -f docker-compose.yml up -d
```

3. Remove the old images. (They should be listed with repository `<none>` and tag `<none>`.)

To upgrade to a specific patch build

1. Search for the build on [Dockerhub](#) or [Quay.io](#), which will display each of the patch builds for that build number.
2. In your docker compose file, update each image tag (after the ':' in the image name) to the desired build/timestamp.
3. Update the FME Flow deployment with the new images. Run:

```
>> docker compose -f docker-compose.yml up -d
```

See Also

- [To Upgrade an FME Flow Deployment](#)


Deploying FME Flow with Kubernetes

Prerequisites and Considerations

To deploy FME Flow with Kubernetes, you must fulfill the following prerequisites:

Install Kubernetes

Install and configure a Kubernetes cluster. To install a local (single-node) cluster, we recommend installing [Docker Desktop](#), and following the Getting Started guide. Once installed, select [Enable Kubernetes](#) to start a single-node cluster.

 **Tip** Ensure sufficient CPU and memory resources are assigned to your Docker Engine, preferably higher than the default allocations. We recommend at least 4 CPUs and 8 GB memory.

Install Helm

The Helm tool is required for pulling the fme-flow Kubernetes chart.

1. [Install Helm](#).
2. Add the [fme flow chart](#) to the cluster:

```
helm repo add safesoftware https://safesoftware.github.io/helm-  
charts/
```

Install NGINX Ingress Controller

FME Flow deployments require the [official NGINX Ingress Controller](#) from NGINX Inc. Install it using Helm:

```
helm install nginx-ingress oci://ghcr.io/nginx/charts/nginx-ingress
```

For full installation options and prerequisites, see the [NGINX Ingress Controller Helm installation guide](#).

Other Considerations

When deploying FME Flow to a Kubernetes cluster, keep in mind the following:

- It is not possible to use the FME Flow Web User Interface to deploy FME Engines or change the number of FME Engines. For more information, see [Defining FME Engines, Queue Control, and Streams to a Kubernetes Deployment](#).
- Any memory or CPU limits you define on containers are ignored by all FME Flow processes. Memory and CPU limits defined on FME Engine containers are honored.
- Pods for the FME Engines and FME Flow Core/Web Services can be scaled; no other Pods can be scaled.

Performing the Kubernetes Deployment

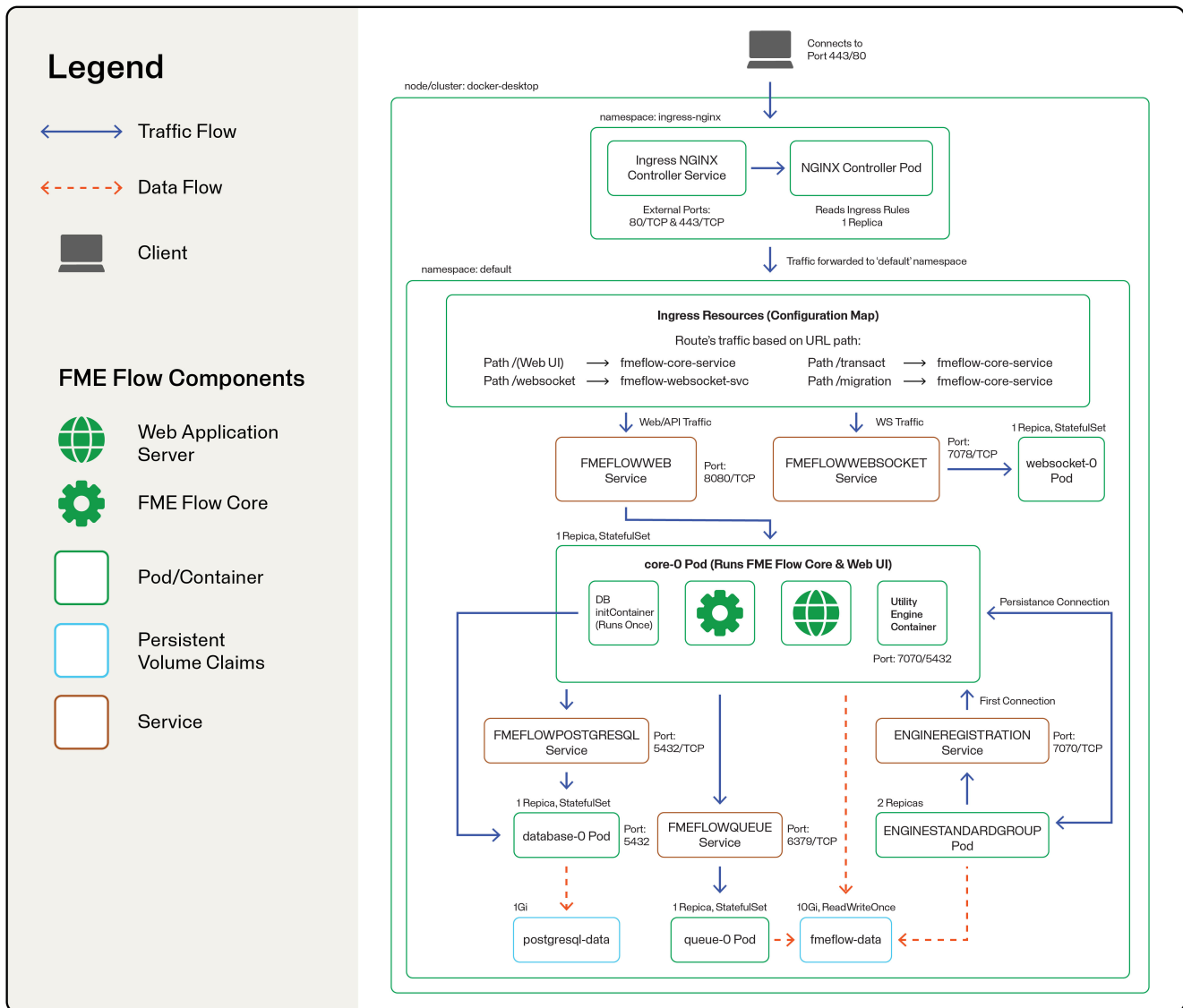
Use the Helm tool to deploy FME Flow with Kubernetes. This tool allows you to set various deployment parameters, depending on need.

About the Helm Chart for FME Flow

The following diagram depicts a single-node Kubernetes installation using the default Helm chart/values.yaml file.

Mouse over to expand diagram:

Kubernetes-based FME Flow Diagram



Add the Safe Software Helm Repository

```
helm repo add safesoftware https://safesoftware.github.io/helm-charts/
```

At a minimum, you must provide the FME Flow release and build number.

Example: Install FME Flow 2024.1

```
helm install fme-flow safesoftware/fme-flow --set
fme-flow.image.tag=2024.1
```

After running the `install` command, you can connect to the FME Flow Web User Interface on `https://<hostname>`. For more information, see:

- Accessing the Web User Interface
- Logging In to the Web Interface

Example: Install with User-Supplied Values

Create a values.yaml file that passes user-supplied parameter values to the Helm chart.

To get the default Helm chart values file, run:

```
helm show values chart>
```

For example:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow
```

To write the values to a file:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow >> values.yaml
```

For more information on value files, see the [Helm Docs](#).

A current list of supported parameters for FME Flow can be found on [GitHub](#).

Parameters to Note

The following are parameters you may want to change in the values.yaml file:

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
fmeflow.image.tag	2024.1	Set to the FME Flow major release version you want to deploy, such as 2024.0 or 2024.1 .

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
<code>fmeflow.engines[].name</code>	“standard-group”	The name of the engine group. This can be changed, particularly if creating multiple engine groups.
<code>fmeflow.engines[].engines</code>	2	Controls the number of engine pods to start.
<code>fmeflow.engines[].type</code>	STANDARD DYNAMIC	Controls the type of engine to start.
<code>deployment.hostname</code>		When using the official NGINX Ingress Controller, set to a DNS hostname (for example, fmeflow.example.com) or <code>localhost</code> for local testing.
<code>deployment.numCores</code>	2	Starts two FME Flow Core pods for fault tolerance and load balancing.

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
deployment.useHostnameIngress	true false	<p>When <code>true</code>, traffic is only routed to FME Flow if the request hostname matches <code>deployment.hostname</code>. This must remain <code>true</code> when using the official NGINX Ingress Controller. Set to <code>false</code> only if using a different ingress controller that does not require hostname-based routing.</p>
deployment.ingress.useNginxMergeable	true	<p>Enables NGINX mergeable ingress resources (master/minion mode). Leave as <code>true</code> when using the official NGINX Ingress Controller. Set to <code>false</code> only when using a different ingress controller.</p>

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
fmeflow.engines.terminationGracePeriodSeconds	300	The number of seconds Kubernetes waits for an FME Engine pod to finish its current job before force-stopping it during a scale-down or upgrade. The default is 300 seconds (5 minutes).

Install FME Flow

Ensure the values.yaml file is saved, then reference it with the `helm install` command:

```
helm install <name> <chart> -f values.yaml
```

For example:

```
helm install fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml
```

If you make changes to the values.yaml file after FME Flow is installed (such as to scale FME Flow engines), use the `helm upgrade` command:


```
helm upgrade <name> <chart> -f values.yaml
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml
```

Scale FME Engines

To set the number of FME Engines, use the values.yaml file and set the `fmeflow.engines[]` parameters listed in [Parameters to Note](#) (above). Alternatively, see [Defining FME Engines, Queue Control, and Streams to a Kubernetes Deployment](#).

 **Note** Changing the number of FME Engines in the FME Flow Web User Interface is not supported in Kubernetes deployments.

Delete an FME Flow Deployment

```
helm uninstall fmeflow -n <namespace_name>
```

Defining FME Engines, Queue Control, and Streams to a Kubernetes Deployment

You can define multiple FME Engines for a Kubernetes deployment. Managing FME Engines in the FME Flow Web User Interface is not supported in Kubernetes deployments. Instead, engine definition is managed through Kubernetes and a `values.yaml` file.

Each engine deployment defines the `name` of the deployment, the license `type` (`STANDARD` or `DYNAMIC`), and the number of replicas (`engines`) for that deployment. As well, the deployment `name` serves as an engine property. When configuring Queue Control and Streams, you can use this property when assigning engines to queues (in engine assignment rules) and streams. Additional properties can be assigned to engines with the `engineProperties` specifier.

Each engine deployment can also specify Kubernetes scheduling parameters `nodeSelector`, `tolerations` and `affinity`.

Example FME Engine Deployments

The following examples specify FME Engine deployments in a `values.yaml` file when deploying the FME Flow Helm chart.

This example shows a default Helm deployment of one FME Engine deployment with two replicas. In the example, property `standard-group` may be specified in an engine assignment for a queue or stream of `Type: Property`.

```
fmeflow:
  engines:
    - name: "standard-group"
      type: "STANDARD"
      engines: 2
```

```
affinity: {}
nodeSelector: {}
tolerations: []
```

The following example defines three engine deployments—one standard engine with two replicas, one standard engine with three replicas, and one dynamic engine with three replicas. When configuring engine assignment to queues or streams, use the `name` properties `standard-group`, `standard-group-2`, and `dynamic-group` to assign engines to queues or a stream. Two additional `engineproperties`, `property1` and `property2`, are defined on `standard-group` and `standard-group-2` respectively, and can also be used in engine assignment.

```
fmeFlow:
  engines:
    - name: "standard-group"
      type: "STANDARD"
      engines: 2
      engineProperties: "property1"
    - name: "standard-group-2"
      type: "STANDARD"
      engines: 3
      engineProperties: "property2"
    - name: "dynamic-group"
      type: "DYNAMIC"
      engines: 3
```

Deploying with Kubernetes and a Trusted Certificate

To deploy FME Flow with a trusted certificate to a Kubernetes cluster, you can run [cert-manager](#) in your cluster, which issues the necessary certificates.

Alternatively, you can deploy with a certificate and private key that are already generated.

Deploying with cert-manager

Use the `deployment.certManager.issuerName` and `deployment.certManager.issuerType` parameters in the FME Flow Helm chart to add annotations to the ingress. The annotations

instruct cert-manager to issue a certificate for that ingress.

Deploying with an existing certificate

1. Upload the certificate to the cluster:

```
kubectl create secret tls fmefflow-tls-cert --key  
localhost.self.fmefflow.key --cert localhost.self.fmefflow.crt
```

2. Install FME Flow, setting the TLS certificate:

Example (Helm v3):

```
helm install fmefflow safesoftware/fmefflow --set  
fmefflow.image.tag=2024.0,  
deployment.tlsSecretName=fmefflow-tls-cert,  
deployment.hostname=localhost
```

When finished, connect to the FME Flow Web User Interface on <http://localhost>. For more information, see:

- [Accessing the Web User Interface](#)
- [Logging In to the Web Interface](#).

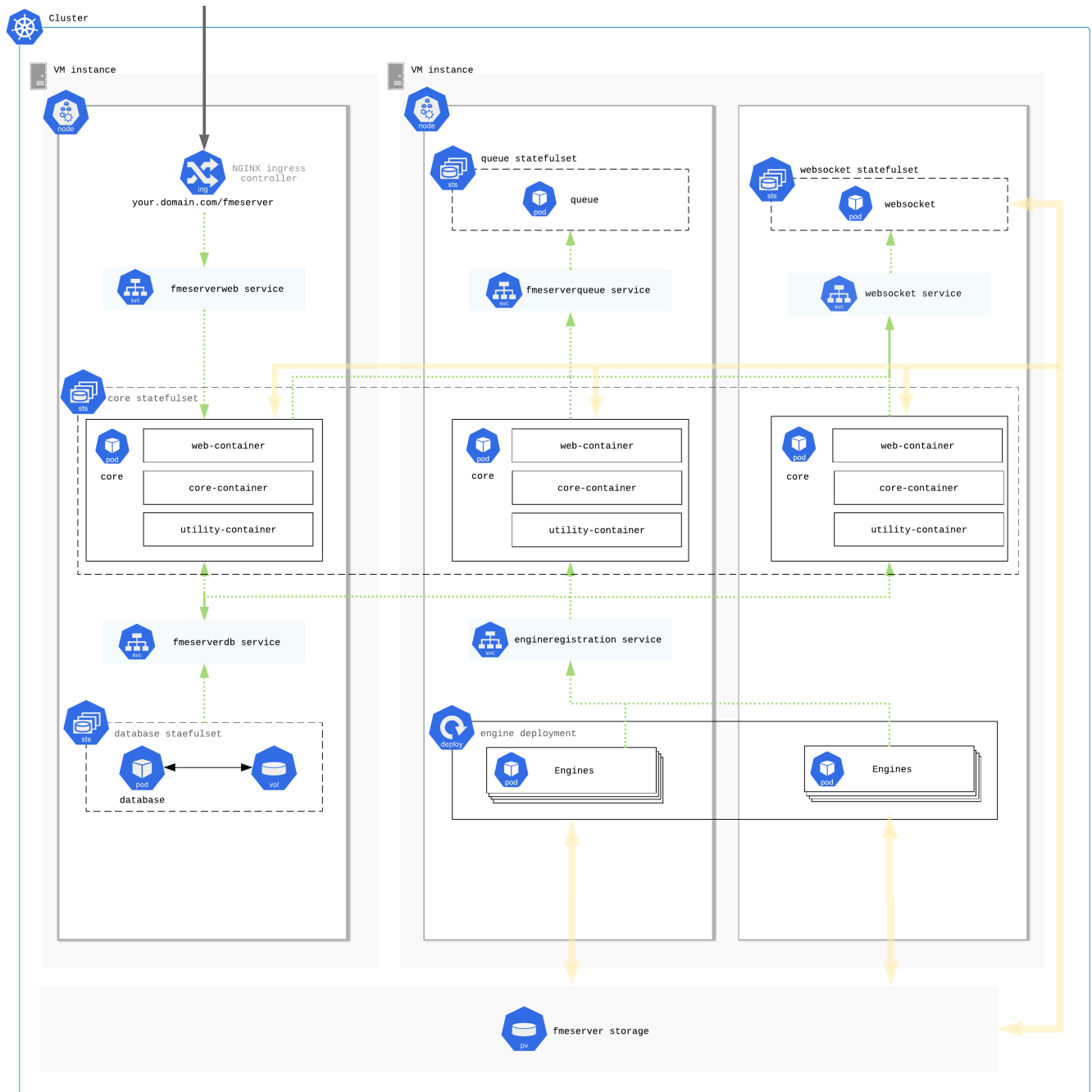
Deploying with Kubernetes across Multiple Hosts

You can duplicate the FME Flow Core across multiple hosts in a Kubernetes deployment. This duplication provides higher availability; if one host fails, the FME Flow Core on the other host can continue functioning.

To deploy FME Flow across multiple hosts, a network file system (NFS) or other distributed system is required. In a Kubernetes deployment, the storage volume must support a *ReadWriteMany* access mode. If no existing distributed file system is available, we recommend using an existing NFS server and configuring Kubernetes to use that server to provision volumes. Alternatively, use an offering from a Cloud provider, such as Azure Files.


Note The Helm chart requires multiple hosts (nodes) to work with more than one FME Flow Core. Only one Core is launched per node.

Architecture of a High-Availability FME Flow Kubernetes Deployment



To Deploy Across Multiple Hosts


Deploying with an NFS Client Provisioner

 **Warning** Safe Software has not yet tested an NFS Client Provisioner deployment for production workflows.

You can deploy an NFS Client provisioner to use an existing NFS Server to provision volumes for Kubernetes to use. The provisioner must be installed before FME Flow and should not be removed before FME Flow is removed from the cluster.

1. Follow the instructions [here](#) to deploy the NFS client provisioner using the settings of your existing NFS Server.
2. Install FME Flow.

Example:


 **Note** The following script assumes the storage class name of the NFS Client Provisioner is unchanged from its default, "managed-nfs-storage."

- Helm v2:

```
helm install --namespace <fmeflow-namespace> -n <fmeflow-deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow --set fmeflow.image.tag=<fmeflowVersion>,deployment.numCores=2,storage.fmeflow.class=managed-nfs-storage,storage.fmeflow.accessMode=ReadWriteMany
```
- Helm v3:

```
helm install <fmeflow-deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow --namespace <fmeflow-namespace> --set fmeflow.image.tag=<fmeflowVersion>,deployment.numCores=2,storage.fmeflow.class=managed-nfs-storage,storage.fmeflow.accessMode=ReadWriteMany
```


Parameters

 **Note** To add other parameters, if required, see the relevant topic under [Deploying FME Flow with Kubernetes](#).

- *fmeFlow-namespace*: Kubernetes namespace in which to install FME Flow.
- *fmeFlow-deployment-name*: Helm deployment name, arbitrary.
- *fmeVersion*: FME Flow major release version (examples: [2024.0](#) or [2024.1](#)).


Deploying with an External Database

The FME Flow Database is a critical part of any FME Flow deployment. In a default Kubernetes deployment, it is a single point of failure. If it fails, FME Flow stops functioning. For a highly available deployment of FME Flow, we recommend that you use a highly available PostgreSQL database. For example, if you are deploying on AWS, you may want to use Amazon Relational Database Service (RDS), which is a highly available and scalable managed database.

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

To use an external database outside of the Kubernetes cluster, perform the following:

1. Provision the database and take note of the host, master username, and master password.
2. Ensure the cluster has access on port 5432.
3. Create a secret in your cluster in the namespace where you will deploy that contains the admin password for the database. The password must be base64-encoded.
 - a. Create a `secrets.yaml` file similar to the following:

 **Note** You must manually encode the password in base64.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: fmeFlowsecret
type: Opaque
data:
  password: Zm15473ja3M
```

b. Run: `kubectl create -f secrets.yaml`

c. Note the secret name and the name of the key that holds the value of the password.

4. Run the Helm chart, setting the following values:


- `deployment.deployPostgresql` (required): Set to `false` to use an external database.
- `fmeFlow.database.host` (required): The host name of the external database
- `fmeFlow.database.adminUser` (optional): The default is `postgres`. If the master user of the external database is not called this, you must set it.
- `fmeFlow.database.adminPasswordSecret` (required): The name of the secret you created.
- `fmeFlow.database.adminPasswordSecretKey` (required): The name of the key in the secret that holds the value of the base64-encoded password.
- `fmeFlow.database.port` (optional): The default port is 5432. If the external database runs on another port, you must set this.

When FME Flow is deployed, one of the containers will connect to the external database and run all of the SQL setup scripts.

Deploying with Kubernetes to a Cloud Provider

Deploying to Azure Kubernetes Service Using Azure Files

1. Launch the Cluster

 **Note** For Microsoft Azure documentation on deploying and connecting to an AKS cluster, click [here](#).

- a. Navigate to the Microsoft Azure portal in a web browser.
- b. Navigate to the Kubernetes services section.
- c. Click **Create > Create a Kubernetes Cluster**.
- d. On the **Basics** tab, specify the parameters:
 - *Subscription*: Specify your subscription and resource group that Kubernetes will run in.
 - *Cluster Details*: Specify a name for the cluster and the region to launch it. The Kubernetes version can remain as the default.
 - *Nodes*: For each FME Flow Core you wish to run, you need approximately 8GB of memory. For a single-Core deployment, we recommend 2 vCPUS, 8GB RAM, and 2 nodes. For a two-Core deployment, we recommend 4 vCPUS, 16GB RAM, and 3 nodes.

 **Note**

- More than one Core container requires a minimum of two nodes due to a constraint in the Helm chart that prevents Core containers residing on the same node. To ensure fault tolerance, we recommend three nodes because if a node is lost, two Cores can still run on the remaining two nodes.
- The above are the requirements for FME Flow alone. The cluster also needs resources to run Azure services that are installed by default. You may wish to create a separate node pool in your cluster for your FME Flow deployment that meets the above requirements.

- For a test deployment, leave all other parameters at their default settings.

e. Click **Review + Create**.

f. After validation checks complete, review the settings, and click **Create**.

2. Install Helm and an NGINX Ingress Controller

a. Using [Azure Cloud Shell](#), connect to the Kubernetes cluster.

b. Check that Helm is installed. Run:

```
helm version.
```

If not installed, [install Helm](#).

c. Give Helm deploy permissions.

Run:

```
kubectl create clusterrolebinding add-on-cluster-admin --  
clusterrole=cluster-admin --serviceaccount=kube-system:default
```

d. Install the official NGINX Ingress Controller:

```
helm install nginx-ingress oci://ghcr.io/nginx/charts/nginx-  
ingress
```

For full installation options and prerequisites, see the [NGINX Ingress Controller Helm installation guide](#).

3. Setup Shared Storage using Azure Files

To deploy FME Flow across multiple nodes, create a storage class that defines a shared storage volume backed by Azure Files.

- a. Using Azure Cloud Shell, run:

```
az aks show --resource-group <resource_group> --name <cluster_name> --query nodeResourceGroup -o tsv
```

Replacing `<resource_group>` and `<cluster_name>` with what you defined when you deployed your cluster. This command provides the AKS node resource group for your cluster.

- b. Create a general-purpose storage account. Using the Azure CLI, run:

```
az storage account create --resource-group <node_resource_group> --name <storageaccountname> --sku Premium_LRS --kind FileStorage
```

Replacing `<node_resource_group>` with the result of the command in the previous step, and `<storageaccountname>` with a unique name for the storage account.

- c. Use `vi` or `nano` to create the following `.yaml` file in Azure Cloud Shell, or create the file locally and upload it to Azure Cloud Shell using the "Manage Files" option:

```
kind: StorageClass
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: azurefiles-fmeflow
provisioner: kubernetes.io/azure-file
parameters:
  skuName: Premium_LRS
```

```
    storageAccount: <storageaccountname>
  mountOptions:
    - uid=1363
    - gid=1363
```

Replacing `<storageaccountname>` with the name you specified previously when creating the account.

d. Run:

```
kubectl apply -f <path_to_file>
```

Where `<path_to_file>` is the YAML file created above.

To see `azurefiles-fmeflow` in the list, run:

```
kubectl get sc
```

e. If RBAC is enabled, grant permissions to Azure Files:

```
kubectl create clusterrolebinding add-on-cluster-vol-binder --
clusterrole=cluster-admin --serviceaccount=kube-
system:persistent-volume-binder
```

4. Deploy FME Flow

Perform the following in the Azure Cloud Shell:

a. Add the Safe Software Helm repository:

```
helm repo add safesoftware
https://safesoftware.github.io/helm-charts/
```

b. Get the external IP or hostname of the NGINX Ingress Controller:

```
kubectl get services nginx-ingress-nginx-ingress-controller
```

Note the value under "EXTERNAL-IP". You must set `deployment.hostname` to either a DNS hostname or `localhost` ; a raw IP address is not supported. For a production deployment, create a DNS record pointing to this external IP address and use that DNS name as `deployment.hostname`. For local testing, use `localhost`.

c. Create a namespace in which to deploy. Run:

```
kubectl create namespace <namespace_name>
```

For example:

```
kubectl create namespace fmeflow
```

d. Create a values.yaml file that will pass user-supplied parameter values into the Helm chart.

To get the default Helm chart values file, run:

```
helm show values <chart>
```

For example:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow
```

To write the values to a file:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow >> values.yaml
```

For more information on value files, see the [Helm Docs](#).

A current list of supported parameters for FME Flow can be found on [GitHub](#).

e. (Optional) Update parameters in values.yaml.

The following are parameters you may want to change in the values.yaml file:

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
fmeflow.image.tag	2024.2.2-20250115	Set to a valid date-stamped tag from Docker Hub (https://hub.docker.com/r/safesoftware/fmeflow-core/tags), such as 2024.2.2-20250115

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
<code>fmefflow.engines[].name</code>	“standard-group”	The name of the engine group. This can be changed, particularly if creating multiple engine groups.
<code>fmefflow.engines[].engines</code>	2	Controls the number of engine pods to start.
<code>fmefflow.engines[].type</code>	STANDARD DYNAMIC	Controls the type of engine to start.
<code>deployment.hostname</code>		Set to a DNS hostname (for example, <code>fmefflow.example.com</code>) or <code>localhost</code> for local testing. Do not set to a raw IP address.
<code>deployment.numCores</code>	2	Starts two FME Flow Core pods for fault tolerance and load balancing.

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
deployment.useHostnameIngress	true false	When <code>true</code> , traffic is only routed to FME Flow if the request hostname matches <code>deployment.hostname</code> . This must remain <code>true</code> when using the official NGINX Ingress Controller. Set to <code>false</code> only if using a different ingress controller that does not require hostname-based routing.
storage.fmeFlow.class	azurefiles-fmeFlow	Uses the Azure Files storage account set up previously.
storage.fmeFlow.accessMode	ReadWriteMany	Set this parameter to <code>ReadWriteMany</code> when using Azure File Storage

f. Install FME Flow.

```
helm install <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm install fmeFlow safesoftware/fmeFlow -f values.yaml -n fmeFlow
```


If you make changes to the `values.yaml` file after FME Flow is installed (such as to scale FME Flow engines), use the `helm upgrade` command:

```
helm upgrade <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml -n  
fmeflow
```

- g. To access FME Flow after it deploys, invoke the external IP in your browser.


 **Note** If you are using the external IP address, and not a DNS, to access the deployment, you must update the URLs for each of the FME Flow Web Services to that address. To update, see [Services](#).

Deploying to Google Cloud Using Google Kubernetes Engine and Cloud Filestore

The following steps explain how to deploy an FME Flow Kubernetes deployment consisting of multiple FME Flow Core nodes to Google Cloud using Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) and Cloud Filestore for storage.

1. Launch the Cluster


- a. Navigate to the [Google Kubernetes Engine](#) section of the Google Cloud Platform console.
- b. Select **Create Cluster** to deploy a new Kubernetes Cluster.
- c. If not already selected, select **Switch to Standard cluster** at the top right, and set the following parameters:
 - *Name*: Name of the cluster.
 - *Location type*: For test purposes, select **Zonal**.
 - *Zone*: Select the zone closest to you or your data.
 - *Node pool*: For each FME Flow Core you want to run, you need approximately 8GB of memory. For a single-Core deployment, we recommend 2 vCPUS, 8GB RAM, and 2 nodes. For a two-Core deployment, we recommend 4 vCPUS, 16GB RAM, and 3 nodes.

 **Note** More than one Core container requires a minimum of two nodes due to a constraint in the Helm chart that prevents Core containers residing on the same node. To ensure fault tolerance, we recommend three nodes because if a node is lost, two Cores can still run on the remaining two nodes.

d. Click **Create**.

Expand instructions for an Autopilot cluster

- a. Navigate to the [Google Kubernetes Engine](#) section of the Google Cloud Platform console.
- b. Select **Create Cluster** to deploy a new Kubernetes Cluster.
- c. If not already selected, select **Switch to Autopilot cluster** at the top right, and set the following parameters:
 - *Name*: Name of the cluster.
 - *Region*: Select the region closest to you or your data.
 - *Networking*: Choose the correct network settings for your environment. You must ensure that the cluster is accessible to any other services you may use, such as Filestore or Cloud SQL.
- d. Click **Create**.

 **Note** When creating an Autopilot cluster, you may run into issues concerning resource requests. Ensure you update the resource requests before installing FME Flow to comply with the allowed minimum and maximum values. For more information, see [Resource requests in Autopilot](#).

2. Connect to the Cluster

Run the following commands in Cloud Shell (recommended). Alternatively, configure your local machine to run `kubectl` and `helm` commands to deploy resources to the cluster.

- a. Click **Connect** beside the Kubernetes cluster you just launched.
- b. Copy the "Command-line access" command and run in Google Cloud Shell or execute it on your terminal.
- c. To check if you are connected to the cluster, run:

```
kubectl get nodes
```

You should see all nodes in the cluster.

- d. Install the official NGINX Ingress Controller:

```
helm install nginx-ingress oci://ghcr.io/nginx/charts/nginx-ingress
```

For full installation options and prerequisites, see the [NGINX Ingress Controller Helm installation guide](#).

3. Set Up Shared Storage for the FME Flow System Share

Using [Cloud Filestore](#), storage for the FME Flow System Share is accessible across all nodes. This procedure allows your cluster to utilize the Filestore CSI driver to provision and connect to Cloud Filestore.

- a. Enable the Cloud Filestore API and the Google Kubernetes Engine API for your account, if you have not done so already:
<https://cloud.google.com/filestore/docs/csi-driver#prerequisites>
- b. Enable the Filestore CSI driver for your cluster:
<https://cloud.google.com/filestore/docs/csi-driver#existing>
- c. Determine which storage class you want to use based on your desired storage tier. For this guide, we use the `standard` tier and associated storage class `standard-rwx`: <https://cloud.google.com/filestore/docs/csi-driver#storage-class>

- d. Your cluster is now ready to provision and connect to Cloud Filestore. See the [parameters table](#) (below) for how to use Filestore with your deployment.

4. Deploy FME Flow

- a. Add the Safe Software Helm repository:

```
helm repo add safesoftware  
https://safesoftware.github.io/helm-charts/
```

- b. Get the external IP or hostname of the NGINX Ingress Controller:

```
kubectl get services nginx-ingress-nginx-ingress-controller
```

Note the value under "EXTERNAL-IP". You must set `deployment.hostname` to either a DNS hostname or `localhost` ; a raw IP address is not supported. For a production deployment, create a DNS record pointing to this external IP address and use that DNS name as `deployment.hostname`. For local testing, use `localhost`.

- c. Create a namespace in which to deploy. Run:

```
kubectl create namespace <namespace_name>
```

For example:

```
kubectl create namespace fmeflow
```

- d. Create a values.yaml file that will pass user-supplied parameter values into the Helm chart.

To get the default Helm chart values file, run:

```
helm show values <chart>
```

For example:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow
```

To write the values to a file:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow >> values.yaml
```

For more information on value files, see the [Helm Docs](#).

A current list of supported parameters for FME Flow can be found on [GitHub](#).


e. Update parameters in values.yaml.

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
fmefflow.image.tag	2024.2.2-20250115	Set to a valid date-stamped tag from Docker Hub (https://hub.docker.com/r/safesoftware/fmefflow-core/tags), such as <code>2024.2.2-20250115</code>
fmefflow.engines[].name	“standard-group”	The name of the engine group. This can be changed, particularly if creating multiple engine groups.
fmefflow.engines[].engines	2	Controls the number of engine pods to start.
fmefflow.engines[].type	STANDARD DYNAMIC	Controls the type of engine to start.

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
fmeflow.healthcheck.liveness.initialDelaySeconds	60	For Autopilot clusters, set this value to <code>900</code> , as FME Flow pods take longer to come online when using Autopilot. This will ensure the pods have enough time to start without premature health checks.
fmeflow.healthcheck.readiness.initialDelaySeconds	60	For Autopilot clusters, set this value to <code>900</code> , as FME Flow pods take longer to come online when using Autopilot. This will ensure the pods have enough time to start without premature health checks.
deployment.hostname		Set to a DNS hostname (for example, <code>fmeflow.example.com</code>) or <code>localhost</code> for local testing. Do not set to a raw IP address.


Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
deployment.numCores	2	Starts two FME Flow Core pods for fault tolerance and load balancing.
deployment.useHostnameIngress	true false	When <code>true</code> , traffic is only routed to FME Flow if the request hostname matches <code>deployment.hostname</code> . This must remain <code>true</code> when using the official NGINX Ingress Controller. Set to <code>false</code> only if using a different ingress controller that does not require hostname-based routing.
storage.fmeflow.class	standard-rwx	The storage class for the Cloud Filestore CSI driver.
storage.fmeflow.accessMode	ReadWriteMany	Set to <code>ReadWriteMany</code> if using Cloud Filestore with the CSI driver.

The following resource requests have been configured to comply with minimum resource requests allowed by Autopilot.

 **Note** Autopilot may automatically increase resource requests for some pods. Autopilot rejects pods that have anti-affinity rules and do not meet the minimum or allowed resource request values.

For more information, see [Resource requests in Autopilot](#).

Expand for resource requests (Autopilot clusters only)

 **Note** The following resource request values are appropriate for a single FME Flow Core, single FME Engine deployment on Autopilot.

```
1 engines:
2   groups:
3     - name: "standard-group"
4       resources:
5         requests:
6           memory: 512Mi
7           cpu: 250m
```

```
1 resources:
2   core:
3     requests:
4       memory: 1.5Gi
5       cpu: 250m
6   web:
7     requests:
8       memory: 1Gi
9       cpu: 250m
10    limits:
11     memory:
12     cpu:
13   queue:
14     requests:
15       memory: 512Mi
16       cpu: 500m
17   websocket:
18     requests:
19       memory: 512Mi
20       cpu: 250m
```

```
1 postgresql:
2   primary:
3     persistence:
4       existingClaim: fmeserver-postgresql
5     resources:
6       requests:
7         memory: 512Mi
8         cpu: 250m
```

f. Install FME Flow.

```
helm install <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm install fmeFlow safesoftware/fmeFlow -f values.yaml -n
fmeFlow
```


If you make changes to the values.yaml file after FME Flow is installed (such as to scale FME Flow engines), use the `helm upgrade` command:

```
helm upgrade <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade fmeFlow safesoftware/fmeFlow -f values.yaml -n fmeFlow
```

- g. To access FME Flow after it deploys, use your browser to invoke the external IP in your browser.

 **Note** If you are using the external IP address, and not a DNS, to access the deployment, you must update the URLs for each of the FME Flow Web Services to that address. To update, see [Services](#).

Deploying to Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service Using Elastic File System

1. Launch the Cluster and Connect

To launch and connect to a cluster in Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS), follow the instructions in the [Getting Started with Amazon EKS](#) documentation. You must configure some prerequisite resources such as an Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) and Identity and Access Management (IAM) role for the cluster.

To deploy an FME Flow to the cluster for test purposes, we recommend the following settings:

- *NodeAutoScalingGroupMinSize*: 3
- *NodeAutoScalingGroupDesiredSize*: 3
- *NodeAutoScalingGroupMaxSize*: 4
- *NodeInstanceType*: t3.large
- *Disk size*: 40 GB

You can skip the step to "Launch a Guest Book Application."

2. Install Helm and an NGINX Ingress Controller

- a. Check if Helm is already installed. Run:

```
helm version
```

If not installed, [install Helm](#).

- b. Give Helm deploy permissions.

Run:

```
kubectl create clusterrolebinding add-on-cluster-admin --  
clusterrole=cluster-admin --serviceaccount=kube-system:default
```


- c. Install the official NGINX Ingress Controller:

```
helm install nginx-ingress oci://ghcr.io/nginx/charts/nginx-  
ingress
```

For full installation options and prerequisites, see the [NGINX Ingress Controller Helm installation guide](#).

3. Configure Shared Storage Using Amazon Elastic File System


To deploy FME Flow across multiple nodes, configure storage for the FME Flow System Share using Amazon Elastic File System (EFS).

 **Note** The default Amazon EFS performance options may not be adequate for how your FME Flow is used. If you experience performance issues, see the [Amazon EFS Performance](#) documentation.

- a. From the AWS Management Console, navigate to EFS.
 - i. Click **Create file system**.
 - ii. Select the new VPC created for the Kubernetes cluster.
 - iii. Click **Customize**.
 - iv. Add any tags as desired. Everything can be left as default. Click **Next**.
- b. The subnets should change to the EKS subnets. Add the EKS Node security group to the list of security groups so that our nodes have permissions to mount them.
 - i. Click **Next** and then **Create**.
 - ii. Create Access Point. We recommend the following settings:

- Root directory path: /data/fmeflowdata
- POSIX user
 - User ID: 1363
 - Group ID: 1363
- Root directory creation permissions
 - Owner user ID: 1363
 - Owner group ID: 1363
 - Permissions: 0755

c. Install the [Amazon EFS CSI Driver](#) for your region.

 **Note** You can use either dynamic or static provisioning for your EFS drive. The example in the next step shows how to use dynamic provisioning for the FME Flow System Share on EFS.

d. To create the EFS storage class, save the following .yaml snippet and apply with kubectl:

```
kind: StorageClass
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: efs-sc
provisioner: efs.csi.aws.com
parameters:
  provisioningMode: efs-ap
  fileSystemId: fs-<file-system-id>
  directoryPerms: "700"
```

Replace *<file-system-id>* with the File System ID for your EFS.

- e. Create the persistent volume using the following yml file as an example. You will need to replace the `volumeHandle` with your File system ID and Access point ID from the EFS.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: fme-flow-data
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 10Gi
  volumeMode: Filesystem
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Retain
  storageClassName: efs-sc
  csi:
    driver: efs.csi.aws.com
    volumeHandle: fs-<file-system-id>::fsap-<access-point-id>
```

- f. Add the [Amazon EBS CSI driver](#) add-on to your cluster.

4. Deploy FME Flow

- a. Add the Safe Software Helm repository:

```
helm repo add safesoftware
https://safesoftware.github.io/helm-charts/
```

- b. Get the external IP or hostname of the NGINX Ingress Controller:

```
kubectl get services nginx-ingress-nginx-ingress-controller
```

Note the value under "EXTERNAL-IP". You must set `deployment.hostname` to either a DNS hostname or `localhost` ; a raw IP address is not supported. For a production deployment, create a DNS record pointing to this external IP address

and use that DNS name as `deployment.hostname`. For local testing, use `localhost`.

- c. Create a namespace in which to deploy. Run:

```
kubectl create namespace <namespace_name>
```

For example:

```
kubectl create namespace fmeflow
```

- d. Create a `values.yaml` file that will pass user-supplied parameter values into the Helm chart.

To get the default Helm chart values file, run:

```
helm show values <chart>
```

For example:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow
```

To write the values to a file:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmeflow >> values.yaml
```

For more information on value files, see the [Helm Docs](#).

A current list of supported parameters for FME Flow can be found on [GitHub](#).

- e. (Optional) Update parameters in `values.yaml`.

The following are parameters you may want to change in the `values.yaml` file:

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
<code>fmeflow.image.tag</code>	2024.0	Set to the FME Flow major release version you want to deploy, such as 2024.0 or 2024.1 .
<code>fmeflow.engines[].name</code>	“standard-group”	The name of the engine group. This can be changed, particularly if creating multiple engine groups.
<code>fmeflow.engines[].engines</code>	2	Controls the number of engine pods to start.
<code>fmeflow.engines[].type</code>	STANDARD DYNAMIC	Controls the type of engine to start.
<code>deployment.hostname</code>		Set to a DNS hostname (for example, fmeflow.example.com) or <code>localhost</code> for local testing. Do not set to a raw IP address.

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
deployment.numCores	2	Starts two FME Flow Core pods for fault tolerance and load balancing.
deployment.useHostnameIngress	true false	When <code>true</code> , traffic is only routed to FME Flow if the request hostname matches <code>deployment.hostname</code> . This must remain <code>true</code> when using the official NGINX Ingress Controller. Set to <code>false</code> only if using a different ingress controller that does not require hostname-based routing.
storage.fmeflow.class	efs-sc	Uses the EFS storage class set up previously. To verify the name, run <code>kubectl get sc</code>

f. Install FME Flow.

```
helm install <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm install fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml -n fmeflow
```


If you make changes to the values.yaml file after FME Flow is installed (such as to scale FME Flow engines), use the `helm upgrade` command:

```
helm upgrade <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```


For example:

```
helm upgrade fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml -n fmeflow
```

- g. To access FME Flow after it deploys, invoke the external IP in your browser.

 **Note** If you are using the external IP address, and not a DNS, to access the deployment, you must update the URLs for each of the FME Flow Web Services to that address. To update, see Services.

Deploying to Alibaba Cloud Using Network Attached Storage

 **Note** Official Alibaba documentation on deploying and connecting to a Kubernetes cluster is available [here](#).

1. Launch the Cluster
 - a. Navigate to the Alibaba Cloud console.
 - b. Click **Container Service**.
 - c. Click **Create Kubernetes Cluster**.
 - d. Click the **Managed Kubernetes** tab at top.

- e. Specify the following parameters:
 - *Cluster name, Region, Zone, and VPC.*
 - Choose an *Instance type* and *Node count*. For example, **ecs.mn4.large** *Instance type*, quantity of **3**. Uncheck **Attach Data Disk**.
 - Specify an *ssh key pair* for logging in.
 - For all other parameters, keep the default settings.
- f. Click **Create**. The cluster may take 5-10 minutes to create.

2. Connect to the Cluster

- a. Go to **Container Service** in the Alibaba Cloud console.
- b. Click on the cluster you just created.
- c. At the bottom of the page is a kubectl config file. Copy and paste this into a .yaml file on your machine.
- d. Set the environment variable KUBECONFIG to point to this file in your terminal.
- e. To check you are connected, run:

```
kubectl get nodes
```

3. Install Helm

- a. Check that Helm is installed. Run:

```
helm version
```

If not installed, [install Helm](#).

- b. Give Helm deploy permissions.

Run:

```
kubectl create clusterrolebinding add-on-cluster-admin --  
clusterrole=cluster-admin --serviceaccount=kube-system:default
```

4. Configure Network Attached Storage (NAS)

- a. In the Alibaba Cloud console, navigate to the NAS console
- b. Click **Create File System**.
- c. Specify the parameters:
 - *Region* and *Zone*: Specify the same as your Kubernetes cluster.
 - Under *Storage Type*, select **SSD performance-type**
 - *Storage Type*: **NFS**
- d. Click **OK**.
- e. Click **Add Mount Point**.
- f. Specify the parameters:
 - *Mount Point Type*: **VPC**
 - Select the same VPC as the one in which the Kubernetes cluster is running.
 - Select the default VPC permission group.
- g. Click **OK**.
- h. To add an NAS storage class to the Kubernetes cluster, go to the [Alibaba documentation on using NAS storage in a Kubernetes cluster](#).
 - i. Under "Dynamic storage volumes", copy and paste the "Install the plug-in" config file into a file on your local machine.
 - ii. In that file, modify the value of `NFS_SERVER` in the controller container, and the "server" in the volume to be the mount point URL created for the NAS.
 - iii. Remove the `nodeSelector` section completely.
 - iv. Apply to the cluster with `kubectl apply -f <path_to_yaml>`, where `<path_to_yaml>` is the config file created in the previous step.
- i. You should now have a storage class in your cluster with the name "alicloud-nas" that can use the FME Flow System Share.

5. Deploy FME Flow

- a. Add the Safe Software Helm repository:

```
helm repo add safesoftware
https://safesoftware.github.io/helm-charts/
```

- b. Construct a hostname for the FME Flow deployment. Alibaba's Kubernetes Ingress Controller resolves a DNS name in the form:

```
*.<cluster-id>.<region-id>.alicontainer.com
```

For example, you can use DNS hostname:

```
fmefflow.<cluster-id>.<region-id>.alicontainer.com
```

<cluster-id> and region can be found on the Container Service page of the Alibaba Cloud console. See the [Alibaba documentation](#) for a mapping of regions to <region-id>.

- c. Create a values.yaml file that will pass user-supplied parameter values into the Helm chart.

To get the default Helm chart values file, run:

```
helm show values <chart>
```

For example:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmefflow
```

To write the values to a file:

```
helm show values safesoftware/fmefflow >> values.yaml
```

For more information on value files, see the [Helm Docs](#).

A current list of supported parameters for FME Flow can be found on [GitHub](#).

- d. (Optional) Update parameters in values.yaml.

The following are parameters you may want to change in the values.yaml file:

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
<code>fmefflow.image.tag</code>	2024.0	Set to the FME Flow major release version you want to deploy, such as 2024.0 or 2024.1 .
<code>fmefflow.engines[].name</code>	“standard-group”	The name of the engine group. This can be changed, particularly if creating multiple engine groups.
<code>fmefflow.engines[].engines</code>	2	Controls the number of engine pods to start.
<code>fmefflow.engines[].type</code>	STANDARD DYNAMIC	Controls the type of engine to start.
<code>deployment.hostname</code>		If a DNS has been configured to point to the external IP address, set to that value. If using the external IP address only, leave as localhost and set <code>deployment.useHostnameIngress</code> to false .

Parameter	Example or Possible Value	Description
deployment.numCores	2	Starts two FME Flow Core pods for fault tolerance and load balancing.
deployment.useHostnameIngress	true false	If DNS is set up for the ingress controller, specify the DNS name for deployment.hostname and leave this parameter to true. If not, specify false.
storage.fmeflow.class	alicloud-nas	Uses the Alibaba NAS set up previously.

e. Install FME Flow.

```
helm install <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm install fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml -n fmeflow
```


If you make changes to the values.yaml file after FME Flow is installed (such as to scale FME Flow engines), use the `helm upgrade` command:

```
helm upgrade <name> <chart> -f values.yaml -n <namespace>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values.yaml -n fmeflow
```


- f. To access FME Flow after it deploys, invoke the external IP in your browser.

 **Note** If you are using the external IP address, and not a DNS, to access the deployment, you must update the URLs for each of the FME Flow Web Services to that address. To update, see [Services](#).

Upgrading a Kubernetes Deployment of FME Flow

With little downtime, you can upgrade a Kubernetes deployment of FME Flow to a later version using the following procedure:

- Launch a new FME Flow of the desired build version in a new namespace.
- Backup the current FME Flow and restore it to the new FME Flow.
- Update the ingress hostname from the old FME Flow to the new FME Flow.
- Remove the old FME Flow.

 **Warning** You may have Schedules, Automations workflows, or Notifications that would conflict with themselves during the time that both the new and old FME Flows are running. Disable these tools before proceeding with a backup.

Performing the Upgrade

1. Create a new namespace for the new version of FME Flow:

```
kubectl create namespace <namespace-new-version>
```

For example:

```
kubectl create namespace fme-flow-2024-1-1
```

2. If your FME Flow uses an external PostgreSQL database for the FME Flow Database, copy the admin password secret, using the namespace of the current version of FME Flow, to the new version. (If your FME Flow uses the PostgreSQL container that is deployed with the Helm chart, skip this step.)

```
kubectl get secret postgresql-admin-password --namespace  
<namespace-old-version> --export -o yaml | kubectl apply --  
namespace=<namespace-new-version> -f -
```

For example:

```
kubectl get secret postgresql-admin-password --namespace fmeFlow -  
-export -o yaml | kubectl apply --namespace=fmeFlow-2024-1-1 -f -
```

3. Make a copy the values .yaml file for the current FME Flow and update the following values:

- `deployment.hostname`: Set to a temporary hostname. (You will reset it later in this procedure.)
- `fmeFlow.image.tag`: Set to the container image tag you want to deploy for the upgraded FME Flow.
- If your FME Flow uses an external PostgreSQL database for the FME Flow Database, set the following values to be different from the ones in use for the current FME Flow:
 - `fmeFlow.database.name`
 - `fmeFlow.database.username`

4. Update your Helm repository:

```
helm repo update
```

5. Deploy FME Flow in the new namespace using Helm and the updated values .yaml file.

```
helm install --namespace <namespace-new-version> -n <helm-  
deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeFlow -f <new-values-filename>
```

For example:

```
helm install --namespace fmeFlow-2024-1-1 -n fmeFlow  
safesoftware/fmeFlow -f values-2024.1.1.yaml
```

6. From the FME Flow Web User Interface, perform the following:

- a. [License](#) FME Flow.
- b. Backup the old FME Flow.

- c. Restore the backup to the new FME Flow.
7. Change the DNS of the old FME Flow to a different, temporary URL. Doing so will allow you to update the DNS of the new FME Flow to your production URL.
 - a. In the old values .yaml file, change the value of `deployment.hostname`.
 - b. Upgrade the Helm chart of the previous deployment.

```
helm upgrade --namespace <namespace-old-version> <helm-deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow -f <old-values-filename>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade --namespace fmeflow fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values-2024.0.0.yaml
```

8. Update the DNS of the new FME Flow to your production URL.
 - a. In the new values .yaml file, change the value of `deployment.hostname`.
 - b. Upgrade the Helm chart of the new deployment.

```
helm upgrade --namespace <namespace-new-version> <helm-deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow -f <new-values-filename>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade --namespace fmeflow-2024-1-1 fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow -f values-2024.1.1.yaml
```

9. Verify that the upgraded FME Flow works as expected. If you find issues, you can switch back the `deployment.hostname` values in the old and new values .yaml files so that your production URL points back to the old FME Flow.
10. Remove the old version of FME Flow.

- Helm v2: `helm del --purge <helm-deployment-name>`
- Helm v3: `helm uninstall <helm-deployment-name> -n <namespace_name>`

For example:

- Helm v2: `helm del --purge fmeflow`
- Helm v3: `helm uninstall fmeflow -n fmeflow`

11. If your FME Flow uses an external PostgreSQL database for the FME Flow Database, drop the database for the old FME Flow.

Deploying FME Flow in the Cloud

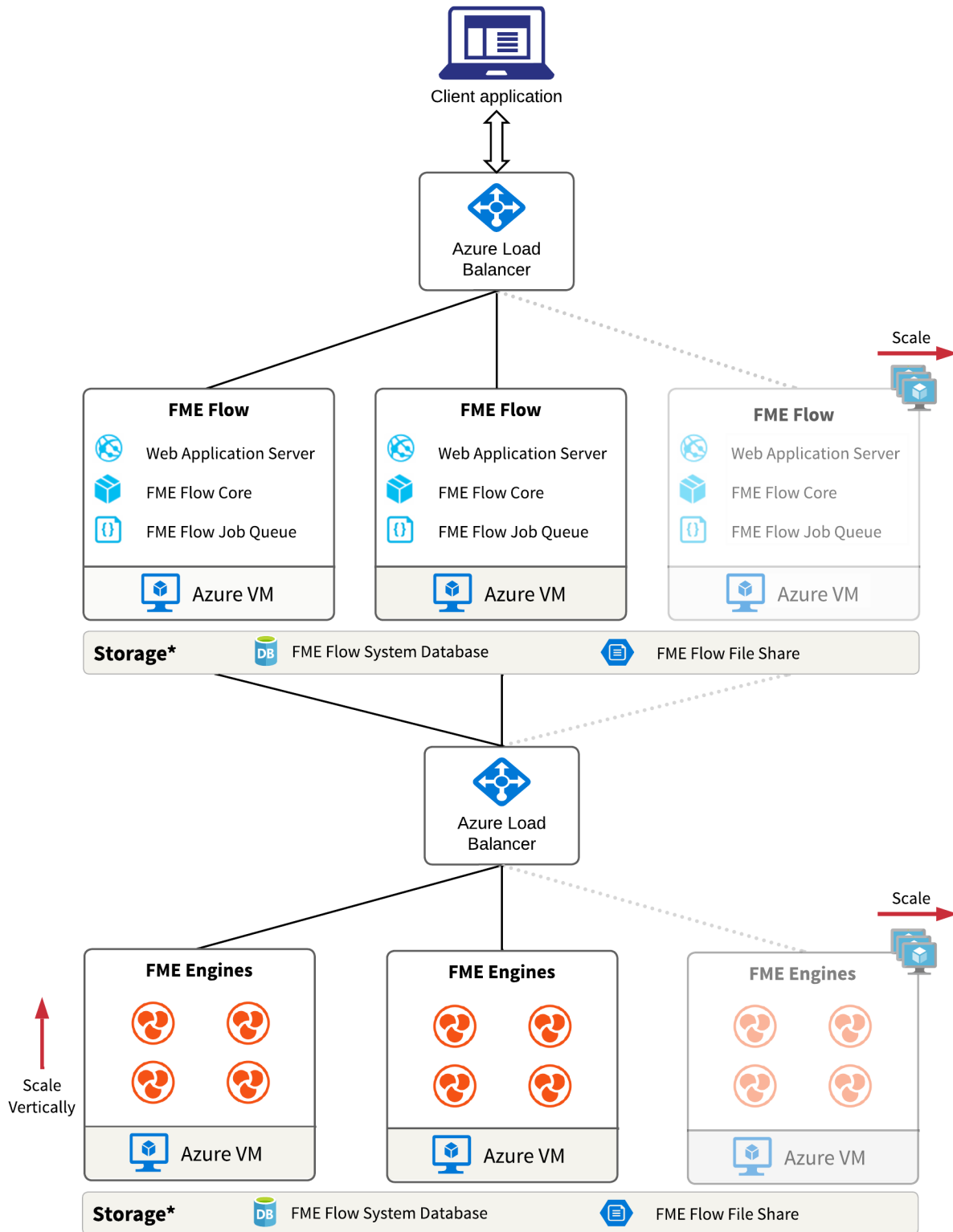
Safe Software Inc. provides a variety of options for deploying FME Flow to a Cloud environment.

Azure Marketplace

Microsoft Azure Marketplace allows you to deploy FME Flow on Windows, optimized for Azure Cloud. This option, based on a [distributed](#) FME Flow architecture, defines the virtual machine configuration, file storage, load balancers, and databases. It also leverages [Azure Virtual Machine Scale Sets](#), making it easy to scale the FME Engines.

This deployment is not as flexible as deploying FME Flow manually using installers. For example, you cannot easily change the underlying images (for example, installing Esri software) or switch to a different database.

Mouse over to view architecture:



* The same FME Flow database and file share need to be accessed by both the FME Engine VM and the FME Flow Core VM.

To get started with an Azure Marketplace deployment, click [here](#).

Terraform

[Terraform](#) is a popular Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool to create templates for multiple cloud providers. The following Terraform templates allow for [distributed](#) FME Flow deployments on Windows:

- [Amazon Web Services](#)
- [Microsoft Azure](#)

Vendor-Specific IaC Tools

As alternatives to Terraform for a Windows [distributed](#) FME Flow deployment on Amazon Web Services or Microsoft Azure, the following vendor-specific options are available:

- [AWS CloudFormation](#)
- [Azure Resource Manager \(ARM\) Bicep templates](#)

Installing Remote Engines Services

Use these instructions to install [Remote Engines Services](#) on a remote server. To obtain a Remote Engines Service installer, visit the [FME downloads page](#). Remote Engines Service installers are named beginning with `fme-flow-remote-engine-*`.


⚠ Warning Adding remote engines that do not match the primary release version of the FME Flow Core is not supported. The primary release version refers to the first decimal value following the release year. For example, if the release version of the FME Flow Core is 2024.0, you may use remote engines from 2024.0.1 or 2024.0.2, but not 2024.1 or 2025.0.

FME Flow Remote Engines Installation Extractor

Start the FME Flow remote engines installer.

On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it

does *not* specify where FME Flow remote engines program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:


- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.

Click **Install**.

When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Destination Folder dialog.

Destination Folder

- **Install FME Flow Remote Engine to:** By default, most files for your FME Flow remote engine installation are written to C:\Program Files\FMEFlowRemoteEngine\. To change the installation directory, modify the path.
- **Install the FME Flow System Share to:** By default, FME Flow System Share files, which include Repositories and Resources, are written to %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\.

 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

This configuration is recommended, because applications that use FME Flow to write data can access C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow when all [FME Flow System Services](#) run under the local system account (the most common scenario), while the remaining files are protected in a read-only location. To change the installation directory of FME Flow System Share files, modify the path.

Note If you plan to scale-out your FME Flow anytime following installation by [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#), the specified directory must be read/write accessible by the account that runs the additional FME Engines.

- **Install the FME Flow Database files to:** By default, FME Flow Database files are written to %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data.

Note Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

To change the installation directory of FME Flow Database files, modify the path.

Destination Folder
Specify the installation directory for FME Flow.

Install FME Flow 2023.0.0.1 to:
C:\Program Files\FMEFlow\
Browse...

Install the FME Flow System Share to:
C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\
Browse...


Install the FME Flow Database files to:
C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data\
Browse...

Back Next Cancel

Admin User

This installation of an FME Flow Remote Engines Service creates a user to log in to the FME Flow Web User Interface. To log in to the Web User Interface for the first time as an administrator following installation, enter the *User Name* specified below and *Password admin*. You will be prompted to update the password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.

Admin User
Set the username of the Admin User for Remote Engine




This installation of an FME Flow Remote Engine will create a user to log in through the Web UI. The password will be set to "admin" and will be forced to be reset on first login. Please specify a username below.


User Name:

HTTPS Configuration

To enable the Apache Tomcat web application server for HTTPS, check *Enable HTTPS with certificate* and provide the path to your PFX certificate and the certificate password.

 **Note** If you do not configure for HTTPS during installation, you can configure it later. For more information, see [Configuring for HTTPS](#).

HTTPS Configuration
Configure Tomcat for HTTPS.



Enable HTTPS with certificate

PFX Certificate:

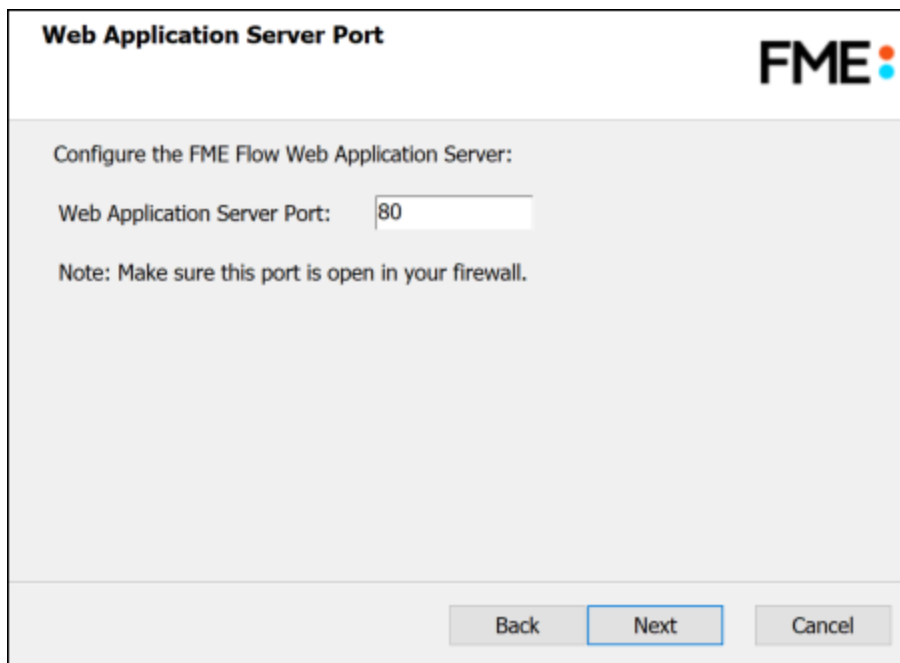
Password for PFX Certificate:

Confirm Password:

Web Application Server Port

Port 80 is the recommended default. If this port is in use, port 8080 is recommended. If HTTPS was configured in the [previous dialog](#), port 443 is set by default.

Note Common applications that may be using port 80 include Skype and Internet Information Services (IIS). Either turn off these services, or select a different port, such as 8080.



Web Application Server Port FME

Configure the FME Flow Web Application Server:

Web Application Server Port:

Note: Make sure this port is open in your firewall.

Database User

The installation creates the FME Flow Database on a PostgreSQL database server, and a user account under which to use the database. Specify a *User Name* (defaults to **fmeflow**) and *Password* for the database user account.

Warning Do not specify *User Name* **postgres**. This name corresponds to the PostgreSQL master user. If the corresponding passwords do not match, the database will not install.

Note The password for the FME Flow Database user account is encrypted in FME Flow installation files.

Database User
Set the username and password for the database user used by FME Flow

This installation of FME Flow will install PostgreSQL and create a new user for FME Flow to use. Please specify a username and password below.

User Name:

Password:

Confirm Password:

On the last screen, click **Install**.

Next Steps

Following installation, complete the following:

1. Log in to the Web User Interface of the FME Flow Remote Engine Service and change the default password. For more information, see [Logging in to the Web User Interface](#).
2. Log in to the Web User Interface of the primary FME Flow installation. On the [Remote Engines Services](#) page, create a queue (if necessary) and a connection for the remote engine. For more information, see [Getting Started with Remote Engines Services](#).

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Before Upgrading: Things to Consider

Before upgrading FME Flow, consider the following:

- The version of FME Flow to which you want to upgrade may have new technical requirements. For example, your current Windows server may no longer be compatible and a new server may need to be provisioned. Review the [FME Platform Technical Specifications](#).
- Features may be deprecated due to minimal use from users or libraries that are no longer available. Review [FME Deprecations](#).
- If you use Esri software with FME, it is important to review the [Notes on FME and Esri Versions and Compatibility](#) and determine if you will need to upgrade your Esri software as well.
- Review the FME Flow product [change log](#) to see what has changed between your current version of FME Flow and the version to which you are upgrading.
- Be aware of [known issues](#) and their workarounds.

Full FME Flow Upgrade

There are multiple approaches to upgrading your FME Flow installation, each with advantages and disadvantages. Read below to decide which is right for you. Note that all scenarios require FME Flow to be completely uninstalled and reinstalled.

Upgrading to a Second Machine, Using a Different Host Name

Advantages

- Less risk because the FME Flow configuration remains available from the old installation.
- The existing FME Flow installation remains accessible.
- No DNS entry modification is required by your IT department.

Disadvantages

- Requires provision of additional machine.
- Users and applications must be updated to access FME Flow through a different host name.

For procedure, click [here](#).

Upgrading to a Second Machine, Using the Same Host Name

Advantages

- Less risk because the FME Flow configuration remains available from the old installation.
- The existing FME Flow installation remains accessible from the same host name without interruption.

Disadvantages

- Requires provision of additional machine.
- Requires DNS entry modification by your IT department.

For procedure, click [here](#).

Upgrading In-Place, on the Same Machine

Advantages

- Does not require provision of additional machine.
- Does not require DNS entry modification by your IT department.

Disadvantages


- More risk because the FME Flow configuration cannot be retrieved if the backup file is corrupted.
- The FME Flow installation is inaccessible for a period of time.

For procedure, click [here](#).


See Also

- [FME Engine Only Upgrade](#)


Upgrading to a Second Machine, Using a Different Host Name

 **Note** If the FME Flow you are upgrading from was [configured for HTTPS](#), you must reconfigure HTTPS after the upgrade is complete.


1. Provide a new machine for the upgrade.
2. [Backup](#) the FME Flow configuration from the old machine.

 **Warning** If System Encryption is **Standard** (default) on the FME Flow that is backed up, it must also be **Standard** on the FME Flow that is restored, and use the same custom encryption key. Before proceeding, ensure your custom encryption key is downloaded and safely saved.

3. [Install](#) FME Flow on the new machine. On the FME Flow Hostname dialog, specify the new hostname.


 **Note** If your FME Flow installation includes an FME Flow Database that is configured on your own database server, you must perform the step to *Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server* as part of installation. You cannot reuse the FME Flow Database from a previous installation because the table schemas may differ from the upgraded version.

4. [Restore](#) the backed-up FME Flow configuration to the new machine.
5. Test that your configuration has been migrated successfully.

 **Note** Hardcoded paths to the previous host name in workspaces, transformers and HTTP push subscriptions must be manually updated.

6. [Uninstall](#) FME Flow from the old machine (or recycle the machine).

Upgrading to a Second Machine, Using the Same Host Name

 **Note** If the FME Flow you are upgrading from was [configured for HTTPS](#), you must reconfigure HTTPS after the upgrade is complete.

1. Provide a new machine for the upgrade.
2. Note the host name you are using to access your currently-installed FME Flow.

3. On the new machine, configure the hosts file so that this host name resolves to the new machine.

Windows:

1. In a text editor, open C:\Windows\System32\Drivers\etc\hosts
2. Add a line like this: `<localhost_ip> <hostname>`


For example: `127.0.0.1 fmefflow.com`

Linux:


1. In a text editor, open /etc/hosts
2. Add a line like this: `<localhost_ip> <hostname> <hostname>`

For example: `127.0.0.1 fmefflow.com fmefflow.com`

4. [Backup](#) the FME Flow configuration from the old machine.

 **Warning** If System Encryption is **Standard** (default) on the FME Flow that is backed up, it must also be **Standard** on the FME Flow that is restored, and use the same custom encryption key. Before proceeding, ensure your custom encryption key is downloaded and safely saved.


5. [Install](#) FME Flow on the new machine. On the FME Flow Hostname dialog, specify the same host name as the previous installation.

 **Note** If your FME Flow installation includes an FME Flow Database that is configured on your own database server, you must perform the step to *Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server* as part of installation. You cannot reuse the FME Flow Database from a previous installation because the table schemas may differ from the upgraded version.


6. [Restore](#) the backed-up FME Flow configuration to the new machine.

7. Test that your configuration has been migrated successfully by running a workspace from the Web User Interface in a browser on the new machine. Alternatively, if you want to test from a remote machine, you must temporarily configure the machine to route requests for the FME Flow host to the new FME Flow machine. Use the same procedure as step 3 above.
8. Instruct your IT department to switch the DNS setting for the host name so that it routes to the new machine instead of the old machine.
9. [Uninstall](#) FME Flow from the old machine (or recycle the machine).


Upgrading In Place, On the Same Machine

 **Note** If the FME Flow you are upgrading from was [configured for HTTPS](#), you must reconfigure HTTPS after the upgrade is complete.

1. [Back Up Configuration](#).


 **Warning** If System Encryption is **Standard** (default) on the FME Flow that is backed up, it must also be **Standard** on the FME Flow that is restored, and use the same custom encryption key. Before proceeding, ensure your custom encryption key is downloaded and safely saved.

2. Verify the integrity of the backup by [restoring the configuration](#) to the existing FME Flow. A successful restore indicates the backup is valid.
3. [Uninstall](#) FME Flow.
4. [Install](#) the newer version.

 **Note** If your FME Flow installation includes an FME Flow Database that is configured on your own database server, you must perform the step to *Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server* as part of installation. You cannot reuse the FME Flow Database from a previous installation because the table schemas may differ from the upgraded version.


5. [Restore Configuration](#).

Back Up Configuration

 **Warning** If System Encryption is **Standard** (default) on the FME Flow that is backed up, it must also be **Standard** on the FME Flow that is restored, and use the same custom encryption key. Before proceeding, ensure your custom encryption key is downloaded and safely saved.

To back up an FME Flow, perform the following:

1. Back up Tomcat folder, if applicable.
2. Back up the FME Flow configuration files.
3. Back up repository file versions, if applicable.
4. Back up the FME Flow configuration .


 **Note** Before proceeding, be sure to note your product's serial number. It may be required when you restore the configuration to the upgraded FME Flow. You can find the serial number on the [Licensing](#) page.

Back up Tomcat Folder

Uninstalling FME Flow on Linux removes the contents of your Tomcat directory if you installed the default web application server. This folder is located in the FME Flow installation directory under Utilities\tomcat. If you made custom modifications to this Tomcat, these modifications should be backed up before uninstall.

Back Up the FME Flow Configuration Files

Before proceeding with the primary task of backing up your FME Flow configuration, we recommend manually backing up the FME Flow Configuration Files to a location outside of your FME Flow installation directory, in case you need to refer to them later. These files contain configurations for the FME Flow Database and miscellaneous settings for the Transformation and Repository Managers. These configurations are not included in the primary backup procedure. To restore any changes that were made in these files, you must be able to refer to them when the upgrade is complete, so that you can make the corresponding changes in the replacement file.

 **Warning** Configuration files from a backed-up FME Flow are for reference only. Do not copy them to the corresponding directory of a restored FME Flow.


Back up Repository Versions

If Version Control is enabled on the current FME Flow, and it is *not* configured with a remote Git repository, previous versions of repository files are *not* available following an upgrade.


You can view all versions from the Repositories page (History), and download them as desired.

Back up the FME Flow Configuration

The FME Flow Web User Interface makes it easy to back up your FME Flow. For information about what is included in a backup, see [Which FME Flow Configuration Components are Migrated?](#).

 **Note** Backing up job history is not supported.

To perform the backup, use the Web User Interface tool.


 **Note** To restore your configuration after you upgrade FME Flow, see [Restore Configuration](#).

Uninstall

To uninstall FME Flow, complete the following steps:

1. [Back Up Configuration](#)
2. [Stop the FME Flow System Services](#)
3. [Drop the FME Flow Database](#) (if required)
4. [Uninstall FME Flow](#)

Stop the FME Flow System Services

 **Note** Before proceeding, be sure to note your product's serial number. It may be required when you restore the configuration to the upgraded FME Flow. You can find the serial number on the [Licensing](#) page.


For the uninstall process to complete properly, you must first stop the FME Flow System Services, as well as any third-party web application and database services. For more information, see [Starting and Stopping FME Flow Manually](#).

If you have FME Flow components installed on multiple machines, you must stop the services on all applicable machines. For example, if you have installed multiple FME Flows for [fault tolerance](#), you must stop all services on their respective machines. Likewise, if you have [FME Engines installed on multiple machines](#), you must stop the FME Flow Engines service on all applicable machines.

To stop the web application server and database services depends on which ones you installed. If you installed FME Flow using the Express option, you can use the instructions at [Starting and Stopping FME Flow Manually](#) to stop these services as well. If you installed FME Flow using a [Distributed Installation](#), then you are using your own database server, and you may have opted to use your own web application server. To stop these services, refer to your product-specific documentation.

Drop the FME Flow Database

If your installation of FME Flow is a [Fault-Tolerant installation, or a Distributed Installation](#) in which the FME Flow Database is configured on your own database server, you must drop the FME Flow Database. Use one of the following sets of SQL scripts, depending on the server you are using to run the database:

 **Note** It is only necessary to drop the FME Flow database. It is not necessary to uninstall the database server.

Microsoft SQL Server

Script location: `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\sqlserver`

Scripts:

`sqlserver_dropUser.sql`

`sqlserver_dropDB.sql`

Oracle

Script location: `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\oracle`

Scripts:

`oracle_dropUser.sql`

PostgreSQL

Script location: `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\database\postgresql`

Scripts:

`postgresql_dropDB.sql`

`postgresql_dropUser.sql`


Uninstall FME Flow

- On Windows, uninstall FME Flow through the Control Panel.
- On Linux, run the `uninstall.sh` script located in the FME Flow installation directory. Execute this script as root to ensure everything gets uninstalled properly.

If you have FME Flow components installed on multiple machines, you must uninstall the components on all applicable machines. For example, if you have installed multiple FME Flows for [fault tolerance](#), you must uninstall FME Flow from all machines. Likewise, if you have [FME Engines installed on multiple machines](#), you must uninstall the FME Flow Engines from all applicable machines.

If you installed FME Flow by [distributing components](#) and opted to use your own web application server, it is not necessary to uninstall it. Instead, delete all folders and .war files from the web application installation directory that begin with "fme" (that is, are named like `fme*`).

Finally, if you installed FME Flow using any [Distributed/Fault Tolerant Installation](#), you must remove the [FME Flow System Share](#), assuming you have already performed a backup of FME Flow, or upgraded FME Flow to a second machine.

 **Note** On Linux, uninstalling removes the configuration of the following components, but does not uninstall them. They are reconfigured when FME Flow is reinstalled. If you want to use the more current version of these components, remove them completely from the system before re-installing:

- The PostgreSQL FME Flow Database, if applicable.
- The NGINX reverse proxy. If this component remains installed, it may prompt to use port 81 instead of 80 on reinstall, but you can still select port 80 or another port.

Install

Depending on the type of installation you want to perform and your operating system, perform the installation and licensing procedures provided in one of the following sections:

- [Express Installation for Windows](#)
- [Express Installation for Linux](#)
- [Fault-Tolerant Installation](#)

- [Distributed Installation \(2-tier\)](#)
- [Distributed Installation \(3-tier\)](#)

Restore Configuration

To restore an FME Flow that you backed up previously, use the Restore tool in the FME Flow Web User Interface.

FME Engine Only Upgrade

FME Engines are the component of FME Flow that perform the actual data translations and transformations. At times, you might want to upgrade only your FME Engines and not any other FME Flow components. For example, you might want to provide support for recently added formats or other newer functionality included in a new release, which requires only an upgrade of the FME Engines.

The procedures described in this section use the standard FME installer provided on the Safe Software web site, and can be performed with an official or beta release of the FME Engine installer.

FME Flow supports installing newer FME Engines if those engines share the same version year and major point (yyyy.x) version as the current installation of FME Flow. The same guidelines apply to installing newer FME Engines on [Remote Engines Services](#). That is, the newer engines must share the same version year and major point version as the primary FME Flow installation.

For example:

FME Flow Version	FME Engine Version	Supported?
2023.0	2023.0	Yes
2023.0	2023.0.1	Yes
2023.0	2023.1.0	No
2023.1	2023.0	No

Obtaining the Installer

Install the upgraded FME Engine in its own path rather than overwriting the existing FME Engine. This way, you can reverse the upgrade if required.

To upgrade only the FME Engine component when installing an FME Flow environment, use a stand-alone FME Engine installer, not the FME Flow installer, and follow these steps.

To obtain the appropriate FME Engine Installer, visit the [FME Downloads page](#).

Install on Windows

To install FME Engine in a Windows environment

1. Run the FME installer on any computers that are running FME Engines that you want to upgrade.

Be sure to leave the existing FME Engine in place as a backup:

```
<FMEFlowDir>\Server\fme
```

and create a new directory for the upgraded FME:

```
<FMEFlowDir>\Server\FMEEngineUpgrade
```

2. Open Windows Explorer.
3. Make a copy of the file `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\FMEEngineUpgrade\fme.exe`, place that copy in the same `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\FMEEngineUpgrade` directory, and rename it `FMEEngine.exe`.
4. Edit the `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\processMonitorConfigEngines.txt` file.

Look for lines that start FME Engines, such as the following:


```
TEMPLATE_START_ENGINE="C:/Program  
Files/FMEFlow/Server/fme/FMEEngine.exe"
```

and change the path to the new FME, for example:

```
TEMPLATE_START_ENGINE="C:/Program  
Files/FMEFlow/Server/FMEEngineUpgrade/FMEEngine.exe"
```

5. Restart FME Flow.

6. To confirm that you are using the upgraded FME Engine from the new path and that you are using the FME build that you require, check the process monitor engine log (fmeprocessmonitorengine.log) on any computer running an FME Engine. In the log, you should see your new FME Engine path and build number reflected in the FME Start-up sections.

 **Note** Upgraded FME Engines are not reflected on the Engines page unless you perform a [Full FME Flow Upgrade](#).

Install on Linux

1. [Stop](#) FME Flow.
2. Move the currently-installed engines to a different directory. For example:

```
mv /opt/fme-engine-2020 /opt/fme-engine-2020-old
```

3. Perform the installation according to your Linux environment:

Debian (Ubuntu)

Using a GUI:

Double-click on the .deb install package, and follow the package manager to install FME Engines.

Using the command line:

Run the following commands under the root account:

```
apt install <installer_filename>.deb
```

For example:

```
apt install fme-engine-2023_2023.1.23619~ubuntu.20.04_amd64.deb
```

RedHat, Rocky Linux

Using a GUI:

Double-click on the .rpm install package, and follow the package manager to install FME Engines.

Using the Command Line:

Run the following command under the root account:

```
yum install <installer_filename>.rpm
```

For example:

```
yum install fme-engine-2023_2023.1-23619.el9.x86_64.rpm
```

4. [Start](#) FME Flow.
5. Use the Engines page to confirm that you are using the upgraded FME Engines. Under "Engines" verify that the "Build" number matches the build number of the filename for the Engines you have installed.

To Undo an Engine Upgrade

1. Run the following command under the root account to uninstall the newer FME Engine package:

Debian (Ubuntu)

```
apt remove <fme_engine_version>
```

For example:

```
apt remove fme-engine-2023
```

RedHat, Rocky Linux

```
yum remove <fme_engine_version>
```

For example:

```
yum remove fme-desktop-2023
```

2. Move the older FME Engines back to the current directory. For example:

```
mv /opt/fme-engine-2020-old /opt/fme-engine-2020
```

Upgrading a Kubernetes Deployment of FME Flow

With little downtime, you can upgrade a Kubernetes deployment of FME Flow to a later version using the following procedure:

- Launch a new FME Flow of the desired build version in a new namespace.
- Backup the current FME Flow and restore it to the new FME Flow.
- Update the ingress hostname from the old FME Flow to the new FME Flow.
- Remove the old FME Flow.

⚠ Warning You may have Schedules, Automations workflows, or Notifications that would conflict with themselves during the time that both the new and old FME Flows are running. Disable these tools before proceeding with a backup.

Performing the Upgrade

1. Create a new namespace for the new version of FME Flow:

```
kubectl create namespace <namespace-new-version>
```

For example:

```
kubectl create namespace fme-flow-2024-1-1
```

2. If your FME Flow uses an external PostgreSQL database for the FME Flow Database, copy the admin password secret, using the namespace of the current version of FME Flow, to the new version. (If your FME Flow uses the PostgreSQL container that is deployed with the Helm chart, skip this step.)

```
kubectl get secret postgresql-admin-password --namespace  
<namespace-old-version> --export -o yaml | kubectl apply --  
namespace=<namespace-new-version> -f -
```

For example:

```
kubectl get secret postgresql-admin-password --namespace fmeflow -  
-export -o yaml | kubectl apply --namespace=fmeflow-2024-1-1 -f -
```

3. Make a copy the values .yaml file for the current FME Flow and update the following values:
 - `deployment.hostname`: Set to a temporary hostname. (You will reset it later in this procedure.)
 - `fmeflow.image.tag`: Set to the container image tag you want to deploy for the upgraded FME Flow.
 - If your FME Flow uses an external PostgreSQL database for the FME Flow Database, set the following values to be different from the ones in use for the current FME Flow:
 - `fmeflow.database.name`
 - `fmeflow.database.username`

4. Update your Helm repository:

```
helm repo update
```

5. Deploy FME Flow in the new namespace using Helm and the updated values .yaml file.

```
helm install --namespace <namespace-new-version> -n <helm-  
deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow -f <new-values-filename>
```

For example:

```
helm install --namespace fmeflow-2024-1-1 -n fmeflow  
safesoftware/fmeflow -f values-2024.1.1.yaml
```

6. From the FME Flow Web User Interface, perform the following:
 - a. [License](#) FME Flow.
 - b. Backup the old FME Flow.
 - c. Restore the backup to the new FME Flow.
7. Change the DNS of the old FME Flow to a different, temporary URL. Doing so will allow you to update the DNS of the new FME Flow to your production URL.

- a. In the old values .yaml file, change the value of `deployment.hostname`.
- b. Upgrade the Helm chart of the previous deployment.

```
helm upgrade --namespace <namespace-old-version> <helm-  
deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow -f <old-values-filename>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade --namespace fmeflow fmeflow safesoftware/fmeflow  
-f values-2024.0.0.yaml
```

8. Update the DNS of the new FME Flow to your production URL.
 - a. In the new values .yaml file, change the value of `deployment.hostname`.
 - b. Upgrade the Helm chart of the new deployment.

```
helm upgrade --namespace <namespace-new-version> <helm-  
deployment-name> safesoftware/fmeflow -f <new-values-filename>
```

For example:

```
helm upgrade --namespace fmeflow-2024-1-1 fmeflow  
safesoftware/fmeflow -f values-2024.1.1.yaml
```

9. Verify that the upgraded FME Flow works as expected. If you find issues, you can switch back the `deployment.hostname` values in the old and new values .yaml files so that your production URL points back to the old FME Flow.
10. Remove the old version of FME Flow.

- Helm v2: `helm del --purge <helm-deployment-name>`
- Helm v3: `helm uninstall <helm-deployment-name> -n <namespace_name>`

For example:

- Helm v2: `helm del --purge fmeflow`
- Helm v3: `helm uninstall fmeflow -n fmeflow`

11. If your FME Flow uses an external PostgreSQL database for the FME Flow Database, drop the database for the old FME Flow.

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Configuring the Number of FME Engines to Start

FME Engines connect to an FME Flow Core and process requests from the Core. Adding FME Engines to start with the Core provides these benefits:

- Increases the Core's ability to perform concurrent processing of requests.
- Helps with [Job Recovery](#).


The number of licensed FME Engines you can add is limited only by the host's CPU and memory resources, which constrain the maximum concurrent request throughput.

By default, FME Flow is configured to start two FME Engines, if two licenses are available. If only one license is available, only one FME Engine starts.

To add or remove FME Engines to Start

Open the Engines page of the Web User Interface, and follow the steps under Configuring the Number of FME Engines to Start.

Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine

 **Warning** This topic applies only to traditional FME Flow installations. If your FME Flow runs in a containerized environment, such as Docker Compose or a Kubernetes cluster, this architecture is not supported.

- **Skill Level:** Intermediate
- **Estimated Time Required:** 30-45 minutes
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Existing [Express, Distributed, or Fault-Tolerant](#) FME Flow installation.
 - Access to system, network, and FME Flow administrators.


You can add processing capacity to your FME Flow by installing additional FME Engines on a separate computer from the FME Flow Core.

When adding FME Engines, keep in mind the following:

- This approach requires the engine machines to be in the same network as your original FME Flow installation, and in the same data center or geographically close. To run jobs outside of your network, use [Remote Engines Services](#) instead.
- Adding FME Engines that do not match the primary release version of the FME Flow Core is not supported. The primary release version refers to the first decimal value following the release year. For example, if the release version of the FME Flow Core is 2026.1, FME Engines from release versions 2026.1.2 or 2026.1.3 are supported. However, FME Engines from release versions 2026.2 or 2027.1 are not supported.
- Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between nodes that host FME Engines and other nodes of an FME Flow installation. For more information, see FME Flow Ports.
- We recommend installing all FME Engines on systems that are synchronized to the same time zone as other FME Engines and the FME Flow Core. If time zones differ, unexpected issues may arise, including:
 - Difficulty accessing the FME Flow Web User Interface.
 - Improper timing of Schedule Initiated triggers.
 - Inconsistent or misleading timestamps in log files (accessed from Resources).


For more information, see [About Times and Time Zones](#).

In the instructions below, the computer that hosts the FME Flow Core is the `<coreHost>`. If there is more than one `<coreHost>` in your FME Flow architecture, `<coreHost>` is the FME Flow Core to which you want the engine to connect. Any machine that hosts FME Engines is the `<engineHost>`.

 **Note** In a fault-tolerance environment, we recommend assigning unique names to FME Engines. However, if multiple FME Engine hosts have the same FME Engine name, the queue server configuration applies to all FME Engines with the same name in the same way regardless of which host it resides on. For more information, see Job Queues.

Windows

1. Obtain the Installer. Be sure to obtain the FME Flow Installer (not the Engine Installer).
2. Start the installer on another computer (`<engineHost>`).
3. On the Installation Extractor dialog, specify a *Destination folder* in which to extract installation files. Note that this folder *only* specifies where installation files are extracted—it does *not* specify where FME Flow program files are installed. That location is specified later in the installer.

 **Tip** Take note of the specified *Destination folder* location. Following installation, you may wish to:

- Review the installation .log file.
- Remove these files to save disk space.

Click **Install**.


When extraction is complete, the installer opens. Proceed through the installer to the Choose Setup Type dialog.

4. On the Choose Setup Type dialog, select the Distributed Engine setup type.
5. On the Destination Folder dialog, specify the directory to install the FME Engines.
6. On the User Account page, specify the Windows user account that will run the `<engineHost>`. This account must have:

- Read/Write access to the FME Flow System Share that you specify in the next dialog. The System Share is the location where FME Flow stores Repositories and Resources files.
- Read/Write access to the FME Flow installation directory that you specified in the previous dialog.
- "Log on as a service" rights on the `<engineHost>`. For more information, see [this Microsoft Docs article](#).

7. On the Existing FME Flow System Share dialog, provide the UNC path to the FME Flow System Share directory.


If the `<coreHost>` machine is an Express [installation](#) of FME Flow, the System Share is written, by default, to `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\`, unless specified otherwise.

 **Note** Unless modified, `C:\ProgramData` is the default value of the `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%` environment variable.

In all cases, enter the UNC path to the System Share, including the final `Safe Software\FME Flow` directories, which are created by default. For example, `\\MyServer\Safe Software\FME Flow`.

8. On the FME Flow Core Hostname dialog, enter the hostname of the `<coreHost>` computer. If there is more than one `<coreHost>` in your FME Flow architecture, specify the one to which you want the engine to connect. Additionally, if the machine hosting this installation of FME Engines is identified by a name other than that specified under *Advanced*, check *Advanced* and specify the alternate name.
9. On the Database Server Type dialog, specify the database type that you specified when installing the FME Flow Core. If you specified a database other than the "FME Flow Database," enter the connection parameters in the next dialog.

10. On the Database User dialog, specify the user name and password for the FME Flow Database that you specified when installing FME Flow.
11. Complete the remaining dialogs of the FME Flow Installer.
12. If this *<engineHost>* is connecting to a *<coreHost>* that also hosts the built-in FME Flow database and the initial FME engines, as with an [Express Installation](#), allow the necessary connection to this machine:
 - a. On the *<coreHost>*, open file pg_hba.conf, located in %ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Safe Software\FME Flow\pgsql\data.

 **Note** Unless modified, C:\ProgramData is the default value of the %ALLUSERSPROFILE% environment variable.

- b. Change the following lines:

```
# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        127.0.0.1/32        scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all        all        ::1/128             scram-sha-256


to:

# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        0.0.0.0/0           scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all        all        ::/0                scram-sha-256
```

13. If the *<coreHost>* machine was an [Express Installation](#) of FME Flow, complete the following steps on the *<coreHost>*:
 - a. Open the corresponding propertiesFile.properties file for the Data Download, Data Streaming, Job Submitter, and Notification services, located at *<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\<service_name>\WEB-INF\conf\propertiesFile.properties*.

For example, the properties file for the Data Download Service is at
<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\fmecatdownload\WEB-INF\conf\propertiesFile.properties

- b. For each properties file, locate the parameter REQUEST_DATA_DIR and change the value from a local file system path (for example, `C:/ProgramData/Safe Software/FME Flow/resources/system/temp/requestdata`) to a UNC path that references the <coreHost> (for example, `//MyHost/FME Flow/resources/system/temp/requestdata`).

 **Note** Use forward slashes only.

- c. Open configuration file [fmeCommonConfig.txt](#), and update the `NODE_NAME` and `NODE_HOST` parameters to the name of the <coreHost> machine.
14. On the <coreHost> machine, open configuration file `fmeFlowConfig.txt`, and update the `FME_SERVER_HOST_NAME` parameter to a value that fully resolves to the IP address of the <coreHost> machine.
 15. Save and close all files.
 16. On the <coreHost> machine, [restart](#) FME Flow.

Linux

1. If not already accomplished, mount the directory that holds the FME Flow System Share. (The System Share holds FME Flow Repositories and Resources):

```
sudo mount -t nfs <coreHost>:/<FMEFlowSystemShare> /<mntPath>
```
2. Obtain the Installer. Be sure to obtain the FME Flow Installer (not the Engine Installer).
3. Start the FME Flow Installer:

```
sudo ./<installationFile>
```
4. From the setup type list, choose `Engine`.

5. The installer prompts you for a location to install the FME Flow Engine components. This can be on the local machine.
6. The installer prompts you for the name of the `<coreHost>`. If there is more than one `<coreHost>` in your FME Flow architecture, specify the one to which you want the engine to connect.
7. The installer prompts you for the FME Flow System Share location. Enter the mounted directory created in step 1.
8. Enter the database type you specified when installing the FME Flow Core. If you specified a database other than the "FME Flow Database", enter the connection parameters.
9. Enter the user name and password for the FME Flow Database that you specified when installing FME Flow.
10. Complete the remaining dialogs of the FME Flow Installer.
11. Manually [start FME Flow](#), and configure it to start automatically.
12. If this `<engineHost>` is connecting to a `<coreHost>` that also hosts the built-in FME Flow database and the initial FME engines, as with an [Express Installation](#), allow the necessary connection to this machine:
 - a. On the `<coreHost>`, open file `pg_hba.conf`, located in `<FMEFlowSystemShare>\pgsql\data\`.

b. Change the following lines:

```
# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        127.0.0.1/32        scram-sha-256
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all        all        ::1/128             scram-sha-256

to:


# IPv4 local connections:
host    all        all        0.0.0.0/0           scram-sha-256
```

```
# IPv6 local connections:
host    all      all      ::/0      scram-sha-256
```

13. If the `<coreHost>` machine was an [Express Installation](#) of FME Flow, open configuration file `fmeCommonConfig.txt`, and update the `NODE_NAME` and `NODE_HOST` parameters to the name of the `<coreHost>` machine.
14. Ensure that the user account that runs `<engineHost>` has the necessary permissions to access the FME Flow System Share and the FME Flow install directory. For more information, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).
15. On the `<coreHost>` machine, open configuration file `fmeFlowConfig.txt`, and update the `FME_SERVER_HOST_NAME` parameter to a value that fully resolves to the IP address of the `<coreHost>` machine.
16. On the `<coreHost>` machine, [restart](#) FME Flow.

Verify the Installation

The installation on `<engineHost>` starts two FME Engines by default. The FME Engines start and register with the FME Flow Core running on `<coreHost>`. All licensed engines are listed on the Engines page of the Web User Interface.

 **Note** You may have to disable any firewalls that are running on this computer.

- To license FME Engines, see [Licensing](#).
- If you want this computer to start more or less FME Engines, see [Configuring the Number of FME Engines to Start](#).

For more information, see [Verify the Installation](#).

Remote Engines Services

Select **Engine Management > Remote Engines Services** tab.

Remote Engines Services allow you to use queues to run jobs on separate, specialized installations of FME Flow that may be closer to your data, while bypassing Queue Control

rules. You can install Remote Engines Services and connect to them on servers that are part of your network, available outside your network on accessible endpoints, or in the Cloud, such as Azure Functions or Google Cloud Functions, or Snowpark Container Services. Customers of FME Flow Hosted can also connect to Remote Engines Services. Unlike [Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#), Remote Engines Services may be especially useful if you want to run jobs on servers outside your network, while maintaining your primary FME Flow installation behind a firewall.

Capabilities and Limitations

When running jobs on Remote Engines Services, keep in mind the following:

- **Licensing:** Remote Engines Services supports multiple Standard and Dynamic (CPU Usage) FME Engines. Licenses for these engines are not granted separately; they are allotted as part of FME Flow Core licensing, depending on your licensing terms and how your licenses are configured to start. However, if you are configuring remote engines for an FME Flow Hosted instance, you must explicitly request a license (see [below](#)).
- Connecting to Remote Engines Services through a proxy is supported.
- FME Flow queues jobs when a Remote Engines Service is offline, and submits them for processing once they are online.
- Remote Engines Services can accept workspaces that are registered to run only the Job Submitter Service. Other FME Flow Web Services are not supported.
- In addition to jobs submitted from the Run Workspace page, Remote Engines Services can run jobs submitted from Run a Workspace automations actions and Schedules.
- Although Remote Engines Services cannot run jobs submitted directly from Workspace Apps or Run a Dynamic Workspace automations actions, workspaces that contain FMEFlowJobSubmitter transformers can submit jobs to Remote queues, even if those workspaces are invoked from those mechanisms.
- Remote Engines Services cannot run [custom formats](#) or [linked transformers](#).
- A Remote Engines Service can connect with only one FME Flow instance at a time. Simultaneous connections with multiple FME Flow instances are not supported.

Getting Started with Remote Engines Services

To target a Remote Engines Service to run jobs:

1. Install a Remote Engines Service on your remote server.
2. FME Flow Hosted users only: Request a license for a Remote Engines Service.
3. Create queues (if necessary).
4. Create a connection to a Remote Engines Service and associate it with one or more queues.
5. Run the job on one of the specified queues.

Install a Remote Engines Service

Follow the instructions [here](#) to install a Remote Engines Service on your remote server. To obtain a Remote Engines Services installer, visit the [FME downloads page](#). Remote Engines Services installers are named beginning with `fme-flow-remote-engine-*`.

FME Flow Hosted Only: Request a License for a Remote Engines Service

On your FME Flow Hosted instance connection, request a license from the [Licensing](#) page, under the Remote Engines Services heading.

Create Queues (if necessary)

You may already have queues that you use to target jobs to FME Engines based on existing Queue Control rules. When specified explicitly in a Run Workspace directive, those same queues can run jobs on Remote Engines Services, effectively bypassing queue control rules. Alternatively, you can create new queues and use those instead. To create new queues, select the **Queues** tab, and click **Create**.

Create a Remote Engines Service Connection and Associate it with Queues


1. On the Remote Engines Services tab of the Engine Management page, click **Create** and complete the following fields:

Connection Details


- *Name*: Specify a name of your choice for the Remote Engines Service connection.
- *URL*: The URL of the remote server on which the FME Flow Remote Engines Service was installed.

Authentication

- *Username*: **admin**
- *Password*: The password to authenticate the **admin** account.
- *Snowflake Authentication*: If the Remote Engines Service is hosted on Snowpark Container Services, additional authentication may be required. Check this box and complete the following:
 - *Account*: The Snowflake account name.
 - *User*: The Snowflake user on the *Account*. Only one user may be specified.
 - *Role*: The role that has access to the Remote Engines Service within the Snowpark Container Services. This role must be assigned to *User*.

 **Tip** Role is likely to be the *owner* of the service, which can be obtained by executing the [SHOW SERVICES](#) command.

- *Endpoint*: The service endpoint with which the service *Role* communicates.

 **Tip** To get the Endpoint, execute [SHOW ENDPOINTS](#) in conjunction with [USE ROLE](#), [USE DATABASE](#), [USE SCHEMA](#), and [USE WAREHOUSE](#), specifying their respective values obtained from SHOW SERVICES, above. The endpoint displays under the Results column *ingress_url*.

- *Private Key*: The contents of the private key file to assign to the *User* to create a session with the service.
- *Public Key*: The contents of the public key file to assign to the *User* to create a

session with the service.


 **Tip** For more information, see [Creating a Keypair for Snowflake](#).

- *Proxy Enabled*: To connect to the Remote Engines Service through a proxy, check this box and complete the following:
 - *Host*: The proxy server hostname.
 - *Port*: The port through which communication with the proxy server takes place.
 - *No Proxy For*: (optional) A list of hostnames and IP addresses that will be accessed through a direct connection, bypassing the proxy. To avoid entering multiple hosts in the same domain, hosts can be prefixed and appended with the wildcard character `*`.

To delimit the list, use commas, semicolons, or press the tab or enter keys. Do not copy-paste a list of entries. To delineate properly in the display, each entry must be added separately.

Example:

No Proxy For ⓘ (optional) localhost x 127.0.0.1 x *.example.* x MyHostname.MyDomain.* x

 **Note** Specifying `localhost` does not include, by default, `127.0.0.1` or `:::1`. To bypass the proxy when the local host is referenced, you must explicitly specify any other expected forms for referencing local traffic.

- *Authentication Required*: Click if authentication is required to access the proxy server, and complete the following:
 - *Username*: The account username for running the proxy server.
 - *Password*: The password for the proxy server account.


- *Authentication Method*: The authentication method used by the proxy server, either **Basic**, **Digest**, or **NTLM**.

Manage Account


- *Password*: If you want to change the *Password* from the one specified above (under Authentication) for the account that connects to the Remote Engines Service, click **Change Password**.

Queues and Engines

- *Queues*: The queues to associate with the Remote Engines Service connection. When one of these queues is specified explicitly in a run workspace directive, the job is routed to this connection.
- *Standard Engines*: Specify the number of Standard FME Engines you want to start on the Remote Engines Service for running jobs.

 **Note** This number is limited to your [Licensing](#) terms.

- *CPU Usage Engines*: Specify the number of Dynamic (CPU Usage) FME Engines you want to start on the Remote Engines Service for running jobs.

 **Note** This number is limited to your [Licensing](#) terms.

2. (Optional) If the Remote Engines Service is currently online, click **Test** to ensure the specified credentials are valid.
3. Click **Create**.

The Remote Engines Service connection appears on the Engine Management page. You may need to refresh the page until the STATUS icon shows a green check mark.

Run a Job with the Remote Engines Service Connection

From any of the following run workspace scenarios (under Advanced settings), specify the desired *Job Queue* associated with the Remote Engines Service connection that you want to run the job:

- Run Workspace
- Run a Workspace automations action
- Schedules

The specified queue overrides the queue that would otherwise be assigned based on queue control rules, and instead routes the job to the Remote Engines Service connection.

Administering Remote Engines Services

Administrators of Remote Engines Services installations can access the Jobs, Logs Folder in Resources, Analytics, Engines, and Queues pages of the Remote Engines Services Web User Interface.

Resetting the Cache

When jobs are submitted to remote engines, FME Flow automatically uploads contents to the Remote Engines Service that are necessary to run the job, including the workspace and its dependencies, such as resources, packages, web connections, web services, and database connections. To clear this cache, select the Remote Engines Service for the cache you want to clear, click **Actions**, and select **Reset Cache**.

Resetting the Remote Engines Service Password

You can update the password of a Remote Engines Service user account from the Remote Engines Services page on the primary FME Flow installation.

Click on the Remote Engines Service to open it. On the Editing page, click **Change Password**. The new password must comply with the Password Policy configuration.

Removing Remote Engines Services

Select the Remote Engines Service you want to remove, click **Actions**, and select **Remove**.

Changing the Database Provider for the FME Flow Database

Warning


Due to dependencies in the FME Flow environment, the procedure described here is not recommended for [Express](#) installations. Instead, we recommend the following procedure to change the database provider:

1. Back up the current configuration of FME Flow.
2. Uninstall FME Flow and re-install a 2-tier [Distributed](#) architecture, specifying the new database provider.
3. Restore the FME Flow Configuration.

To change the database provider for the FME Flow Database, perform an “in-place” backup and restore procedure:

1. [Disable System Encryption](#)
2. [Backup Your FME Flow Configuration](#)
3. [Configure the New Database Server and Connection](#)
4. [Restart FME Flow](#)
5. [Restore Your FME Flow Configuration](#)
6. [Remove Dependency, Disable, and Stop the Previous Database Service](#)
7. [Enable System Encryption](#)

FME Flow supports PostgreSQL (recommended), SQL Server, or Oracle databases.

 **Note** PostgreSQL is the recommended database server with FME Flow, offering enhanced performance and stability through targeted optimizations.

Disable System Encryption

If [System Encryption](#) is **Standard** (this is the default setting), temporarily disable it by setting *Encryption Mode* to **Weak** before attempting to change the FME Flow Database.

Backup Your FME Flow Configuration


Perform a [backup](#) of your FME Flow configuration.

Configure the New Database Server and Connection

Run the necessary database configuration scripts and configure the connection. Follow the steps in [Configure the FME Flow Database on a Separate Database Server](#). For additional connection scenarios and guidance, see [Configuring the FME Flow Database Connection](#).

Restart FME Flow

[Restart](#) all of the FME Flow System Services.

 **Note** Upon restart, FME Flow generates a new System Encryption key. We recommend downloading this key for safekeeping.

Restore Your FME Flow Configuration

Perform a [restore](#) of your FME Flow configuration.

Remove Dependency, Disable, and Stop the Previous Database Service

If the database service from which you migrated is the PostgreSQL database that was included in a default installation of FME Flow (such as an express install), you must remove the dependency of the FME Flow Core on that database, and then disable and stop it. For more information, see [Removing the FME Flow Core Dependency on the FME Flow Database](#).

Enable System Encryption

Enable [System Encryption](#) (recommended) by setting *Encryption Mode* to **Standard**. This will encrypt the new database and generate a new custom encryption key. Be sure to download the new key for safekeeping.

Removing the FME Flow Core Dependency on the FME Flow Database

You may need to disable and stop the service of the PostgreSQL database that is included in a default installation of FME Flow (known as the "FME Flow Database"). A common reason for performing this action is after [Changing the Database Provider for the FME Flow Database](#). However, shutting down the old FME Flow Database also attempts to shut down the FME Flow Core, unless this service dependency is removed.

1. Remove the Dependency of the FME Flow Core on the FME Flow Database
 - a. Open a Command Prompt as administrator (Start Menu > Command Prompt > right click and select "Run as administrator").
 - b. Type the following command into the Command Window and press Enter.

```
sc config "FME Server Core" depend= /
```
2. Disable and Stop the FME Flow Database
 - a. Open the Windows Services (Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services)
 - b. Open the FME Flow Database service.
 - c. In the Properties dialog, change *Startup Type* to **Disabled**.
 - d. Under *Service status*, click **Stop**.
 - e. Click **Apply**.

Moving the Web Applications Server to Another Machine

To improve performance and free up resources, you may wish to move the web applications server, which runs the FME Flow Web Services, to another machine.

Warning We recommend installing the web application server on a system that is synchronized to the same time zone as the FME Flow Core. Differing time zones may result in improper timing of Schedule Initiated triggers.

Note Firewalls must permit certain ports to be opened between the web application server and other nodes. For more information, see FME Flow Ports.

This move requires the following steps:

1. [Install a web applications server on the new host machine \(optional\)](#)
2. [Install the FME Flow Web Services on the new host](#)
3. [Update Services URLs](#)
4. [Configure CORS filters \(optional\)](#)

Install a web applications server on the new host machine (optional)

To run the FME Flow Web Services, you can use the Apache Tomcat web application server that is automatically provided when you install the services. In this case, skip this step and proceed to the next step.

Alternatively, you can install and use your own Apache Tomcat web application server for running the FME Flow Web Services. FME Flow supports Apache Tomcat version 10.1.x.

You must know the port number on which your web application server receives incoming requests and the path to the directory where your web application server stores web application `.war` files. (This directory is sometimes called `webapps`.)

Install the FME Flow Web Services on the new host

On the new web applications server host, follow the instructions under [Install the FME Flow Web Services](#), for either Windows or Linux.

Update Services URLs

On the machine hosting the FME Flow Core:

1. Open the fmeFlowConfig.txt configuration file.

Locate the FME_SERVER_WEB_URL directive and update the URL value to the new web applications server host. For example:

```
FME_SERVER_WEB_URL=http://MY_WEBAPP_HOST:80
```

2. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface.
 - a. Login and navigate to Services.
 - b. Click on each service to open the Editing Service page.
 - c. In the URL Pattern field, update the URL value to the new web applications server host, and click OK when done.

For example, to update the Data Download Service:

```
http://MY_WEBAPP_HOST/fmedatadownload
```

Configure CORS filters (optional)

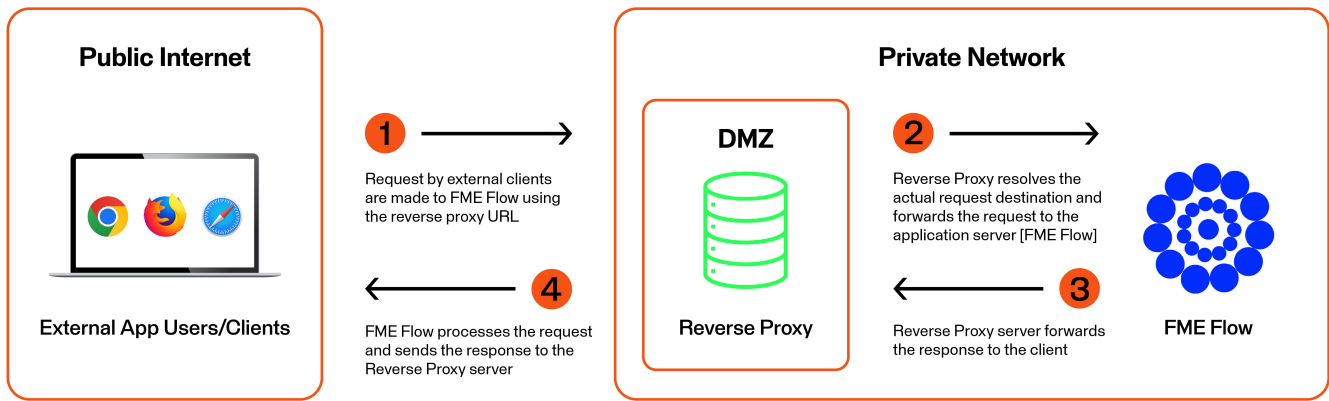
If you are a web application developer, you may want to configure Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) filters, so that your application can bypass manual authentication when accessing the FME Flow Web Services on another domain.

See Also

- [Changing the Web Application Server Host Name and Port](#)

Using a Reverse Proxy with FME Flow

A reverse proxy forwards requests from the internet or intranet to a server that fulfills the requests. Often a reverse proxy configured with SSL provides a secure entry point into a network through a DMZ.



The instructions for configuring your reverse proxy depend on the brand of web server or other product you select to fill this role.

Use these instructions to:

1. Set up your reverse proxy to route traffic to FME Flow.
2. Configure FME Flow to recognize the reverse proxy URL.
3. Verify the reverse proxy configuration.

Set Up the Reverse Proxy

Routing Traffic to the FME Flow Web Services

Recommended

- Route two-way traffic between the FME Flow Core, FME Flow Web Services, and the reverse proxy. Configure a redirect/rewrite so that all URLs matching the following patterns are forwarded to FME Flow:
 - `/fme*/`
 - `/api/`
 - For more information see [Routing Traffic to FME Flow](#).
- If necessary, [update the port](#) used by the FME Flow Web Application Server.

Optional

- Configure timeouts for client- and server-side inactivity. When configuring timeouts, consider that longer timeouts on the server are appropriate for time-consuming operations, particularly running workspaces that take a long time to complete.

Routing Traffic to the WebSocket Server

An FME Flow WebSocket Server runs on each FME Flow instance, but only one WebSocket Server should be used at a time. The WebSocket Server is used mainly for Notification Service Topic Monitoring.

Required

- Route traffic on port 7078 to one WebSocket Server, and switch to others if the one in use fails. If the reverse proxy does not support automatic failover to backup servers, then manual intervention is required to route to a healthy WebSocket Server.

Recommended

- Set longer client- and server-side timeouts to allow for longer WebSocket connections.

Configure FME Flow with the Reverse Proxy URL

To configure FME Flow to recognize the reverse proxy URL, perform the following tasks in the FME Flow Web User Interface:

Update Service URLs

- On the Services page, click **Change All Hosts**. In the Change All Hosts dialog, enter the public reverse proxy URL, and click **OK**.

Update Topic Monitoring URL

1. On the Network & Email page, expand Topic Monitoring.
2. Under Fault Tolerant Configuration, update the *Internal WebSocket URL* field with the public reverse proxy URL. Automations external actions (and Notification Service

Subscribers) use this URL to communicate with the FME Flow WebSocket Server. The reverse proxy URL redirects requests to the active WebSocket Server.

3. If necessary, update Advanced Routing settings:

- *External WebSocket Host*: The reverse proxy name. For example:

`fme-flow-reverseproxy`

This setting does not likely need to be changed, and should only be set if you use separate hosts to route HTTP and Websocket traffic to FME Flow.

- *External WebSocket Port*: If the WebSocket Server is accessed through a port other than 7078, specify the port number here. Otherwise, leave blank.

4. Click **Save**.

Update Reset Password URL (Optional)

If you plan to enable the Reset Password feature, update the *Public URL* field on the Reset Password page with the public reverse proxy URL, and click **Save**.

Verify the Reverse Proxy Configuration

To verify the reverse proxy configuration:

- Test [Run Workspace](#) against the three main [FME Flow Web Services](#):
 - **Job Submitter**: Specify this service to run workspace **austinApartments** in Repository **Samples**.
 - **Data Streaming**: Specify this service to run workspace **austinApartments** in Repository **Samples**.
 - **Data Download**: Specify this service to run workspace **AustinDownload** in Repository **Samples**. After the job completes, click the *DATA DOWNLOAD URL* to download the result, and ensure that the URL uses the reverse proxy hostname.
- [Publish a workspace](#) from FME Form to FME Flow using the URL containing the reverse proxy hostname.

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Security Basics

To get started with FME Flow security, there are three main tasks to perform:

- Configuring [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)
- [Configuring Authentication for the FME Flow Web Services](#)
- [Configuring for HTTPS](#)

Role-Based and User-Based Access Control

FME Flow security is based on two primary concepts:

- **Users:** The individual accounts that access FME Flow. When FME Flow is installed for the first time, [default user accounts](#) are created. Note that the default *Status* of these accounts, except the **admin** account, is **Disabled**.
- **Roles:** Comprised of one or more users.

FME Flow security controls access to resources either through *role-based* or *user-based* access.

Optionally, you can incorporate your organization's directory server (for example, Windows Active Directory) groups and users into your FME Flow security configuration.

Role-Based Access

Roles make it easy to assign the same set of permissions to multiple users based on job function. Permissions to perform certain operations are assigned to specific roles. In turn, these permissions apply to the users who belong to that role.

For example, a request by user `user1` could be to run a workspace in the Samples repository for the Data Download Service. FME Flow security grants access if any of the roles to which `user1` is assigned has permission to run workspaces in the Samples repository, and also has access to the Data Download Service.

FME Flow provides a set of default roles:

Click to view default roles

Role	Description	User
fmeadmin	Provides full access to FME Flow, including the Web User Interface.	admin
fmeauthor	Provides workspace authors access to FME Flow to publish, author, and test new workspaces.	author
fmeguest	Provides the minimal access to FME Flow required to run workspaces.	guest
fmesuperuser	Authorized to access all resources of FME Flow, including existing and newly-created resources.	admin
fmeuser	Provides users access to the Web User Interface and Web Services.	user


On the Roles page of the Web User Interface, an administrator can:

- Create and remove roles.
- Configure users in roles.
- Configure permissions of roles.

On the Active Directory page of the Web User Interface, an administrator can integrate the organization's Windows Active Directory, LDAP, or other directory server groups and users into its FME Flow security configuration.


User-Based Access

Another way for FME Flow to determine if a user can access a resource is whether the user owns it, or has been given permissions on it.

 **Note** In versions of FME Flow prior to 2023.0, the guest user account could provide unauthenticated access to the FME Flow Web Services. For security reasons, this feature is removed.

User Ownership

Anything a user creates in FME Flow, such as a repository, is owned by that user. When you own something, you have full permissions on it. This permission supersedes the permissions you have on other items in FME Flow based on the role to which you belong. Additionally, as an owner, you can share permissions on the items you own with other users or roles.

 **Note** To change ownership of an item, edit it from the Items page. Access to the Items page requires Manage permission in User Management.

User Permission

Users can be granted permissions on resources, and these permissions may supersede the permissions available to them through their role. (In fact, it is not even necessary for a user to belong to a role.)

On the Users page of the Web User Interface, an administrator can:

- Create and remove users.
- Configure users in roles.

- Configure permissions of users.

On the Active Directory page of the Web User Interface, an administrator can integrate the organization's Windows Active Directory, LDAP, or other directory server users and groups into its FME Flow security configuration.

Shared Access

Through sharing, users can grant different levels of access to items in FME Flow to other users or roles. A user can share an item if their account is enabled for sharing, and either of the following is true:


- The user owns the item.
- The user has Manage permission in User Management (usually granted to an administrator).


See Also

- [Configuring Authentication for the FME Flow Web Services](#)
- Authentication and Authorization

Default User Accounts and Passwords

The FME Flow installer creates the following user accounts by default:

 **Note** The default *Status* of these accounts, except the **admin** account, is **Disabled**.


Username/Password	Description	Default Status	Role
admin/admin	<p>Access to all FME Flow resources.</p> <div data-bbox="553 453 927 1020" style="border: 1px solid #005596; background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 10px;"> <p> Note You are prompted to update the <code>admin</code> password upon initial use, based on the default Password Policy configuration.</p> </div>	Enabled	fmeadmin, fmesuperuser
author/author	An account intended for FME Workbench authors.	Disabled	fmeauthor
guest/guest	An account that provides the minimal access to FME Flow required to run workspaces.	Disabled	fmeguest
user/user	An account intended for the FME Flow Web User Interface.	Disabled	fmeuser

See Also

- Changing the Login Password
- [Role-Based and User-Based Access Control](#)

Configuring Authentication for the FME Flow Web Services

All workspaces that are run from FME Flow use at least one of the FME Flow Web Services, and these services must authenticate with the [user account](#) or security token that requests them. The user account or token must have Run permission on the repository in which the workspace resides, and Access permission to the service.

 **Note** In versions of FME Flow prior to 2023.0, the guest user account could provide unauthenticated access to the FME Flow Web Services. For security reasons, this feature is removed.

Authenticating with Tokens

A token can provide the credentials required for authentication. We recommend using tokens in conjunction with user accounts that have only the required permissions for their service requests to succeed, and no additional permissions.

Using Directory Server Accounts

If you have imported Active Directory accounts into FME Flow as users, you can provide those accounts with access to repositories and services. Configure directory server user permissions on the Users page. Alternatively, if your directory server accounts belong to roles, you can configure role access on the Roles page.


See Also

- Authentication and Authorization

Configuring for HTTPS

HTTPS ensures that communication between the client and server is encrypted, so that if it is intercepted, a third party cannot easily view or use the information.

If your Windows installation of FME Flow uses the Apache Tomcat web application server included with the FME Flow installer, you can configure it for HTTPS if not already done so during installation. On Linux, HTTPS is configured on the NGINX reverse proxy rather than the web application server.

 **Note** The task described here should be undertaken by intermediate to advanced users only. Before proceeding, consider your options for alternative solutions until you are certain you wish to proceed. For additional resources, consult the [FME Community](#) or [Knowledge Base](#).

- **Skill Level:** Intermediate to advanced, depending on certificate type and platform.
- **Estimated Time Required:** 5-10 minutes (automated), 45-60 minutes (manual).
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Test jobs and services to ensure FME Flow is fully functional. For more information, see [Verify the Installation](#)
 - Familiarity with the Certificate Authority (CA) instructions from your certificate provider, particularly for generating the Certificate Signing Request (CSR).
 - (Recommended) Familiarity with your Apache Tomcat web application server's SSL configuration and certificates.
 - (Recommended) Access to the person who generates your certificates.


 **Note** If using Microsoft IIS Application Request Routing (ARR), see:

- [Using a Reverse Proxy with FME Flow](#)
- [HTTPS Configuration with a Reverse Proxy or Load Balancer](#)

Windows

On Windows, there are two supported methods for securing FME Flow with HTTPS. For alternative methods, such as using a self-signed certificate, see [Configuring FME Flow for HTTPS](#).

If you are using a PFX or P12 certificate, a script is provided to handle the configuration. If you are using another form of CA-issued certificate, the configuration must be performed manually.

 **Note** The following instructions provide steps for setting up SSL for the version of Apache Tomcat that is included with an [Express](#) or [Fault-Tolerant](#) installation of FME Flow, and as an option with certain [Distributed](#) installations. For information about configuring other versions of Apache Tomcat for HTTPS, see the documentation for your version on <https://tomcat.apache.org/>.

Using a PFX or P12 Certificate (Automated)

To configure the FME Flow web application server for HTTPS with a PFX or P12 certificate, run the `configureSSL.ps1` scripting utility, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities`. When finished, [restart](#) the FME Flow services.

When running `configureSSL.ps1`, keep in mind the following:

- You are prompted for the path to your certificate file and the certificate password.
- You must have write access to the FME Flow installation directory.
- The script overwrites all FME Flow Configuration Files with the same values provided during installation. You will lose any changes you made manually to any configuration files since FME Flow was installed. To reference those changes so you can re-apply them, if necessary, back up any configuration files to which you made manual changes prior to running `configureSSL.ps1`.
- If your installation of FME Flow has the web application server on a separate machine from the core, as with a [3-tier distributed architecture](#), run `configureSSL.ps1` on the web application server host machine. Then, you must manually modify the service URLs to

Use HTTPS, as follows:

1. In the FME Flow Web User Interface, open the Services page.
2. Click **Change All Hosts** and, in the *URL Pattern* field, change **HTTP** to **HTTPS**. If required, modify the port number—typically SSL is configured on either port 8443 or 443. When finished, click **Save**.


- After running `configureSSL.ps1`, you must [restart](#) the FME Flow services.
- For more information about running `configureSSL.ps1`, run `configureSSL.ps1 -Help`.

Using a CA-issued Certificate (Manual)

This method requires you to generate a certificate signing request from FME Flow, which your IT team can use to create a CA certificate with the `.cer` or `.crt` extensions. If the certificate uses the `.pfx` extension, follow [Using a PFX or P12 Certificate \(Automated\)](#) (above) instead.

1. Create a Keystore Generation Script

Open a text editor and copy the example script below, replacing the argument values with your own.

 **Note** The `storepass` and `keypass` arguments must be the same and at least 6 characters.

```
keytool -genkey -noprompt -keyalg RSA -keystore tomcat.keystore -  
alias <alias> -dname "<dname>" -storepass <storepass> -keypass  
<keypass> -ext san="<san>" -deststoretype pkcs12
```

Keytool Arguments

Argument	Description
genkey	The keytool program command to generate a new keystore.

Argument	Description
noprompt	Using this argument in the command removes any interaction with the user.
keyalg	The algorithm to generate a private/public key pair.
keystore	The keystore file name.
deststoretype	Keystore type, pkcs12 or jks .
dname	The CN name, Organization Unit, Organization, Location (city), State, and two-letter country code. The distinguished name is a set of values used to create the certificate and should be entered as you would like them to be presented to FME Flow users and visitors.
storepass, keypass	The password of the key and keystore. The value must be a minimum of six characters and must be the same for both arguments.
ext san	The subject alternative name is a structured way to indicate all of the domain names and IP addresses that are secured by the certificate.
alias	The name of the key inside the keystore being created.

Example:

```
keytool -genkey -noprompt -keyalg RSA -keystore tomcat.keystore -
alias tomcat -dname "CN=fmeflow.example.org, OU=support,
O=SafeSoftware, L=Surrey, S=BC, C=CA" -storepass password1 -
```

```
keypass password1 -ext san="dns:fmefflow.example.org,dns:fmefflow" -
deststoretype pkcs12
```

2. Run the Keystore Generation Script

- a. Open a command prompt as administrator and navigate to the FME Flow installation Java bin directory:

```
cd <FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\bin\
```

Where *<FMEFlowDir>* is the location of the FME Flow installation folder.

- b. Execute the command created in step 1.

3. Generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

In the command prompt, remain in *<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\bin* and run:

```
keytool -certreq -keyalg RSA -alias <alias> -file <filename> -
keystore tomcat.keystore -ext san="<san>"
```

Specify the certificate signing request path to the *<filename>*, and update *<alias>* and *<san>* to match that set in step 1.

Example:

```
keytool -certreq -keyalg RSA -alias tomcat -file certreq.csr -
keystore tomcat.keystore -ext
san="dns:fmefflow.example.org,dns:fmefflow"
```

4. Obtain a Certificate

Submit the CSR (for example, *certreq.csr*) generated in step 3 to your CA to obtain a certificate, according to your CA's instructions.

5. Import the Certificate into the Keystore

If you have multiple certificates, install them in the following order, and be sure to update the alias and certificate path for each.

- a. Import the root certificate (if you have one):


```
keytool -import -alias root -keystore tomcat.keystore -
trustcacerts -file <path/certificate_filename>
```

- b. Import the intermediate certificate (If you have one):

```
keytool -import -alias intermediate -keystore tomcat.keystore  
-trustcacerts -file <path/certificate_filename>
```

- c. Import the certificate:


```
keytool -import -alias <alias> -keystore tomcat.keystore -  
trustcacerts -file <path/certificate_filename>
```

 **Note** Use the same *<alias>* specified in step 1.

6. Import the Keystore into FME Flow's trusted certificates

In a command prompt, from *<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\bin*, run the following command, specifying the *srckeystore* argument with your keystore file name, *srcstorepass* argument with the password from step 1, and *<FMEFlowDir>* as the location of the FME Flow installation folder..

```
keytool -importkeystore -noprompt -srckeystore <tomcat.keystore> -  
destkeystore "<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\lib\security\cacerts" -  
deststorepass changeit -srcstorepass <password>
```

 **Note** Ignore the warning that the destination type must default to jks.

7. Back up the Tomcat XML Configuration Files

Navigate to *<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf* and make backups of *server.xml*, *web.xml*, and *context.xml*. We recommend this step so that you can easily revert the configuration at any point if necessary.

8. Configure *server.xml*

- a. Run a text editor as an administrator and open *server.xml*, located in *<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf*.

- b. Locate the `<Connector>` element that contains `protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"` and replace the entire element with:

```
<Connector protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
port="443"
minSpareThreads="5"
enableLookups="true"
disableUploadTimeout="true"
acceptCount="100"
maxThreads="200"
maxHttpHeaderSize="16384"
scheme="https"
secure="true"
SSLEnabled="true"
maxParameterCount="1000"
clientAuth="false" sslEnabledProtocols="TLSv1.1,TLSv1.2"
sslImplementationName="org.apache.tomcat.util.net.jsse.JSSEImplementation"
ciphers="TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384,TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256,TLS_AES_128_GCM_
SHA256,DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384,DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256,ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-
SHA384,ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256,DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256,DHE-RSA-AES128-
SHA256,ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384,ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256,ECDHE-RSA-AES256-
SHA,ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA,DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA,DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA"
URIEncoding="UTF8" />

<Connector port="80" protocol="HTTP/1.1" redirectPort="443"/>
```

 **Note**

- To disable TLS 1.1, remove `TLSv1.1`, from the `sslEnabledProtocols` setting.
- The list of `ciphers` is not exhaustive. If your certificate was generated with a different algorithm, the applicable cipher must be added. Any algorithms not in use can be safely removed from this list. For a full list of ciphers supported by Tomcat, see the [Apache Tomcat 9.0.69 API Documentation](#).

- c. (Optional) To change the port for HTTPS communication, change 443 to the desired port, for both the `port` and `redirectPort` directives.
- d. Save and close the `server.xml` file.

9. Configure `web.xml`

- a. Open `web.xml`, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf`.
- b. Add the following code block to the end of the file, just before the closing `</web-app>` element:

```
<security-constraint>
  <web-resource-collection>
    <web-resource-name>HTTPSOnly</web-resource-name>
    <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
  </web-resource-collection>
  <user-data-constraint>
    <transport-guarantee>CONFIDENTIAL</transport-guarantee>
  </user-data-constraint>
</security-constraint>
```

- c. Save and close the `web.xml` file.

10. Configure `context.xml`

- a. Open `context.xml`, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf`.
- b. Add the following to the end of the file, just before the closing `</context>` element:

```
<Valve
  className="org.apache.catalina.authenticator.SSLAuthenticator"
  disableProxyCaching="false" />
```

- c. Save and close the `context.xml` file.

11. Update the FME Flow Web URL to Use HTTPS

- a. Run a text editor as an administrator and open files `fmeFlowConfig.txt` and `fmeFlowWebApplicationConfig.txt`.

- b. In both files, update the `FME_SERVER_WEB_URL` directive by changing `http` to `https` and change the port to the same one specified in step 8.
- c. Save and close the files.

12. Verify the HTTPS Configuration

- a. [Restart](#) FME Flow.
- b. Open a web browser and navigate to `https://localhost/`. If you configured Tomcat to use a port other than the standard port 443, also specify the port (`https://localhost:<port>`).
- c. You should see the FME Flow login page in a secured format.

13. Modify Service URLs to Use HTTPS

To submit jobs on FME Flow via HTTPS, you must enable SSL for the FME Flow Web Services.

- a. In the FME Flow Web User Interface, open the Services page.
- b. Click **Change All Hosts** and, in the *URL Pattern* field, change **HTTP** to **HTTPS**. (FME Flow may have already set this change.) If required, modify the port number—typically SSL is configured on either port 8443 or 443. When finished, click **Save**.
- c. Run a sample workspace with the data download and job submitter services to confirm your FME Flow is working with HTTPS.


Your FME Flow is now configured to work via HTTPS. However, if you are using the WebSocket Server or [Integrated Windows Authentication](#), some additional steps are required.

14. (Optional) Enable SSL on the WebSocket Server

The FME Flow WebSocket Server supports insecure (`ws://`) or secure connections (`wss://`). This configuration is only required if you want to use the WebSocket Server or Topic Monitoring (legacy).


- a. Run a text editor as an administrator and open the `fmeWebSocketConfig.txt` file in your FME Flow installation directory (`<FMEFlowDir>\Server`).
- b. Set `WEBSOCKET_ENABLE_SSL=true`.
- c. Uncomment the `WEBSOCKET_KEYSTORE_FILE_PATH` directive and set it to reference the keystore file set in `server.xml` in step 8. For example:

```
WEBSOCKET_KEYSTORE_FILE_  
PATH=<FMEFlowDir>/Utilities/tomcat/tomcat.keystore
```

 **Note** Use forward slashes, which may be different from the path in `server.xml`.

- d. Uncomment the `WEBSOCKET_KEYSTORE_FILE_PASSWORD` directive and set it to reference the keystore file password set in `server.xml` in step 8. For example:

```
WEBSOCKET_KEYSTORE_FILE_PASSWORD=password1
```


 **Note** Do not enclose the password in quotes.

- e. Specify the same settings for the `WEBSOCKET_ENABLE_SSL`, `WEBSOCKET_KEYSTORE_FILE_PATH`, and `WEBSOCKET_KEYSTORE_FILE_PASSWORD` directives in the following files:
 - `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\config\subscribers\websocket.properties`
 - `<FMEFlowDir>\Server\config\publishers\websocket.properties`
- f. In the following files, update the protocol in the `value` property of the `PROPERTY` directive from `"ws:"` to `"wss:"`
 - `<FMESharedResourceDir>\localization\publishers\websocket\publisherProperties.xml`

-


<FMESharedResourceDir

>\localization\subscribers\websocket\subscriberProperties.xml

 **Note** <FMESharedResourceDir> refers to the location of the FME Flow System Share, specified during [installation](#).

- g. Run the following .bat files, located in <FMEFlowDir>\Clients\utilities:
 - addPublishers.bat
 - addSubscribers.bat
- h. [Restart](#) FME Flow.
- i. To test that the configuration is complete, run jobs and view Topic Monitoring.

15. (Optional) Update the SSO Authentication URL to use HTTPS

 **Note** This step is applicable only if you want to use [Integrated Windows Authentication](#) (single sign-on) to access the FME Flow Web Interface.

- a. Run a text editor as an administrator and open the fmeserver propertiesFile.properties, located in <FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\fmeserver\WEB-INF\conf\.
- b. Locate the `SINGLE_SIGN_ON_AUTH_URL` parameter, and update the host name and port portion of the URL to match the host name through which the FME Flow Web User Interface is accessed.

For example:

```
SINGLE_SIGN_ON_AUTH_  
URL=https://<MyFMEFlowHost>:443/fmetoken/sso/generate
```

Linux

SSL for FME Flow on Linux is configured on an NGINX reverse proxy rather than the web application server.

To configure for HTTPS, run the `configureSSL.sh` scripting utility, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities`. When finished, [restart](#) the FME Flow services.

When running `configureSSL.sh`, keep in mind the following:

- You are prompted for the paths to your certificate and private key files.
- You must have write access to the FME Flow installation directory.
- The script overwrites all FME Flow Configuration Files with the same values provided during installation. You will lose any changes you made manually to any configuration files since FME Flow was installed. To reference those changes so you can re-apply them, if necessary, back up any configuration files to which you made manual changes prior to running `configureSSL.sh`.
- If your installation of FME Flow has the web application server on a separate machine from the core, as with a [3-tier distributed architecture](#), run `configureSSL.sh` on the web application server host machine. Then, you must manually modify the service URLs to Use HTTPS, as follows:
 1. In the FME Flow Web User Interface, open the Services page.
 2. Click **Change All Hosts** and, in the *URL Pattern* field, change **HTTP** to **HTTPS**. If required, modify the port number—typically SSL is configured on either port 8443 or 443. When finished, click **Save**.
- After running `configureSSL.sh`, you must [restart](#) the FME Flow services.
- For more information about running `configureSSL.sh`, run `configureSSL.sh -Help`.


See Also

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: HTTPS and SSL](#)
- [PKIX Path Issues when Configuring HTTPS/SSL for FME Flow](#)

- [FME Support](#)


Configuring Integrated Windows Authentication

- **Skill Level:** Advanced
- **Estimated Time Required:** 30-45 minutes
- **Prerequisites:**
 - All required authentication credentials are available.
 - Access to system, network, and FME Flow administrators.

 **Note** The task described here should be undertaken by advanced users only. Before proceeding, consider your options for alternative solutions until you are certain you wish to proceed. For additional resources, consult the [FME Community](#) or [FME Support](#).

With Integrated Windows Authentication (IWA), also known as "single sign-on," you can enable the users you import from your Windows Active Directory connections to integrate their Windows login credentials with FME Flow. When single sign-on is enabled:

- There is no need to log in to the FME Flow Web User Interface. Instead, select **Use Windows Credentials** on the Sign In page.
- Similarly, there is no need to log in to FME Flow when using FME Workbench to publish a workspace or download an item. Instead, check *Use Alternate Login Method* and specify **Windows Credentials** in the Publish or Download wizard.

 **Note** When publishing a workspace to the Notification Service, you must still provide your FME Flow credentials in the HTTP Authentication fields of the Edit Service Properties dialog of the wizard.

 **Note** Single sign-on is currently supported on Microsoft Edge, Firefox and Chrome.

To enable single sign-on:

1. [Update the Windows domain configuration](#) to allow FME Flow to authenticate using single sign-on.
2. [Update the web browser configuration](#) to use single sign-on.
3. If you have not already done so, enable single sign-on as part of SASL authentication of a Windows Active Directory connection.
4. (External-facing URL for Apache Tomcat only) [Update the Tomcat Properties File](#) with the external-facing URL.

Updating the Windows Domain Configuration

To configure FME Flow to use single sign-on authentication, the Windows domain must recognize FME Flow as a domain service. The following steps are required:


- A. Represent FME Flow as a domain service by assigning it a service principal name (SPN).
- B. Register the SPN (or SPNs) to the service account.
- C. Ensure that the service account requires Kerberos pre-authentication.
- D. Ensure your domain controllers do not allow RC4 encryption.

A) Assign a Service Principal Name

An SPN has the form: `<service>/<host>`, where:

`<service>` is the service type. In the context of FME Flow, this is `http`.

`<host>` is the name of the machine hosting FME Flow's web application server. To provide flexibility, we suggest assigning both the unqualified and fully-qualified versions of the host name.

 **Note** If FME Flow is configured for access through a DNS alias (CNAME), SPNs must also be registered using this alias.

To obtain the unqualified and fully-qualified versions of the host name:

1. From the FME Flow host machine, click the Start menu, right-click 'Computer' or 'My Computer' and select 'Properties'.
2. For the unqualified host name, refer to 'Computer name'.
3. For the fully-qualified host name, refer to 'Full computer name'.

For example, if the unqualified host name is 'MyETLServer' and the fully-qualified host name is 'MyETLServer.domain.net', the SPNs are:

- http/MyETLServer
- http/MyETLServer.domain.net

B) Register an SPN to a Service Account

1. From the Domain Controller, open a command prompt (cmd.exe) via the Start menu.
2. Type `setspn -S <spn> <account>` to register the SPN to the service account.
3. Ensure that the command succeeded with the message 'Updated object'. If the message 'Unable to locate account ...' appears, the account name is incorrectly specified.
4. Repeat until all SPNs are added.

For example, using the SPNs in the previous example, and supposing the service account is 'fmeflowadmin', the following commands would be entered:

```
setspn -S http/MyETLServer fmeflowadmin
setspn -S http/MyETLServer.domain.net fmeflowadmin
```

C) Ensure the Service Account Requires Kerberos Pre-authentication:

1. From the Domain Controller, open 'Active Directory Users and Computers' via the Start menu.
2. In the console tree, navigate to the service account.
3. Right-click the service account, and select Properties.
4. Select the Account tab.

5. Under Account Options, scroll to the bottom and ensure that 'Do not require Kerberos preauthentication' is unchecked.
6. Click Ok.

D) Ensure Your Domain Controllers do not Allow RC4 Encryption

If the domain controller local policy or group policy allows RC4 encryption, and this policy cannot be changed, you can allow FME Flow to use less secure encryption:

1. On the FME Flow machine navigate to `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\conf\security`
2. Create a new file called `krb5.conf`
3. Edit the new file with the following text and save:

```
[libdefaults]
allow_weak_crypto = true
```

4. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Updating the Web Browser Configuration

Depending on the browser used to access the FME Flow Web User Interface, additional configuration steps may be required for Integrated Windows Authentication (single sign-on).

Microsoft Edge

In most common Windows domain configurations, no additional configuration is necessary. However, if a user is unable to use single sign-on with FME Flow, check the following:

1. Open 'Internet Options' from the Start menu.
2. On the 'Security' tab, select 'Local intranet'.
3. If FME Flow is not a part of the local intranet, add it to the list of local intranet sites. To do so, click Sites -> Advanced, then add the site address (for example, <http://fmeflow.domain.net>).
4. On the 'Security' tab, select 'Local intranet' and click 'Custom level...'

5. Ensure that under User Authentication -> Login, 'Automatic logon only in Intranet zone' is selected.
6. On the 'Advanced' tab, ensure that Security -> Enable Integrated Windows Authentication is checked.
7. Restart the browser.

Chrome

Single sign-on is supported in Chrome versions 8 and later.

In most common Windows domain configurations, no additional configuration is necessary. However, if a user is unable to use single sign-on with FME Flow, perform the same steps outlined under Microsoft Edge.

Firefox

Single sign-on is supported on all versions of Firefox.

To enable single sign-on in Firefox:

1. In the address bar, type `about:config`. Accept the warning if one appears.
2. In the search bar, type `network.negotiate`.
3. Select the preference 'network.negotiate-auth.trusted-uris', and double-click it to modify its value.
4. Enter FME Flow's site address (for example, `http://fmeflow.domain.net`), and click **OK**. Do not specify a port or path. Multiple site addresses can be listed, separated by a comma (,).
5. If using a private browsing tab, search for `network.auth.private-browsing-ssso`.
6. Double-click on `network.auth.private-browsing-ssso` to change the *Value* to **true**.
7. Restart the browser.

Apple Safari and Opera

Single sign-on is currently not supported on these browsers.

Update the Tomcat Properties File

Complete this step if both of the following are true:

- Your FME Flow uses an Apache Tomcat servlet to run the FME Flow Web Services. Apache Tomcat is provided with an Express installation of FME Flow, and some [distributed installations](#). Or, your distributed installation may be using your own Apache Tomcat servlet.
- Your FME Flow Web User Interface is accessible through an external-facing URL, or you have otherwise changed the URL through which the Web User Interface is accessed, such as by [Configuring for HTTPS](#).

To update the Tomcat properties file

1. Open the Apache Tomcat properties file:

```
<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\fmserver\WEB-INF\conf\propertiesFile.properties
```

2. Locate the `SINGLE_SIGN_ON_AUTH_URL` parameter, and update the host name and port portion of the URL to match the host name through which the FME Flow Web User Interface is accessed. For example:

```
SINGLE_SIGN_ON_AUTH_URL=http://MyFMEFlowHost:80/fmetoken/sso/generate
```

3. Save and close the file.
4. [Restart](#) the FME Flow services.

Troubleshooting Authentication Services

To begin troubleshooting Authentication Services, look in the `fmeServer_*` log files for messages related to an authentication service, such as ([Directory Server](#)), or ([Single Sign-On](#)).

Failure to Connect to Directory Server (SSL)

Symptom

When connecting to Active Directory with *Encryption Method* = **SSL**, the following message appears in the Directory Servers page:

```
An error occurred while communicating with directory server (81) or (91)
```

Alternatively, the following message appears in the log file:

```
(Directory Server) Exception: "An error occurred while attempting to send the LDAP message to "...": javax.net.ssl.SSLHandshakeException: sun.security.validator.ValidatorException: PKIX path building failed: sun.security.provider.certpath.SunCertPathBuilderException: unable to find valid certification path to requested target caused by sun.security.validator.ValidatorException: PKIX path building failed: sun.security.provider.certpath.SunCertPathBuilderException: unable to find valid certification path to requested target caused by sun.security.provider.certpath.SunCertPathBuilderException: unable to find valid certification path to requested target"
```

```
(Directory Server) Successfully connected using directory configuration "<xxx>" and encountered 1 errors.
```

Cause

SSL certificate verification was enabled, but failed because the Certificate Authority (CA) was not trusted.

Resolution

If available, [import the Certificate Authority \(CA\) certificate](#).

Failure to Connect to Azure AD Through IIS Proxy

Symptom

When logging in to FME Flow with credentials from an Azure AD server that you have configured to route through a Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) [reverse proxy](#),


authentication fails.

Cause

The login HTTP request to the Azure AD server sends a redirect URI of the FME Flow Core hostname rather than the URI of the reverse proxy.

Resolution

1. Append the URL of your reverse proxy to the `fmeserver.sso.custom.baseurl=` line in the SSO application.properties file. If your FME Flow uses an Apache Tomcat web application server provided with the installation, this file is located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\fmesso\WEB-INF\classes\`.
2. [Restart](#) FME Flow.
3. Ensure the *Redirect URI* setting on your Azure Active Directory portal is set to the URL of your reverse proxy (rather than your FME Flow hostname), appended with `/fmesso/azuread/redirect`.

 **Tip** In your IIS reverse proxy settings, clear *Reverse rewrite host in response headers*. In IIS Manager, this setting is located in the Application Request Routing Cache tool, under **Actions > Server Proxy Settings**.

Unable to Use SASL Authentication

Log file message:

```
(Directory Server) Not using SASL for authentication, because configuration is incomplete.
```

Cause

Authentication Method = **SASL** is specified for a Active Directory connection, but the *Realm* was not explicitly specified in the form of a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN).

Resolution

Use the *Realm* setting on the Edit Server Connection page to specify an FQDN.

Unsupported SASL Mechanism

Log file message:

(Directory Server) SASL mechanism "... " is not supported by Directory Server.

Cause

Authentication Method = **SASL** is specified for a Active Directory connection, but the specified SASL mechanism was not supported by the directory server.

Resolution

The *SASL* field of a directory server connection must be set to an SASL mechanism that is supported by the directory server.

To see the SASL mechanisms supported by a directory server:

From AD Explorer:

1. Connect to the Active Directory.
2. Right-click the Active Directory root, and select 'Properties...'.
3. Select the 'RootDSE Attributes' tab.
4. The supported SASL mechanisms for this Active Directory server are listed under the 'supportedSASLMechanisms' attribute.

MSDN:

1. Determine the version of Microsoft Windows® Server.
2. The supported SASL mechanisms are listed under in this MSDN article:
https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/openspecs/windows_protocols/ms-adts/a98c1f56-8246-4212-8c4e-d92da1a9563b.

Single Sign-On Authentication Failure (Incorrect Mechanism)

Log file message:

(Single Sign-On) Client attempted NTLM authentication; single sign-on authentication supports only Kerberos V5 authentication. Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.

(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because of an invalid client token. Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.

Cause 1

The service principal name (SPN) is missing.

Resolution 1

See [Updating the Windows Domain Configuration](#) for information on how to create and register a service principal name (SPN).

Cause 2

The client is not using a supported web browser, or is using an incorrectly configured web browser.

Resolution 2

See [Updating the Web Browser Configuration](#) for information on supported browsers and on how to update web browser configurations.

Single Sign-On Authentication Failure (Negotiation Error)

Log file messages (Symptom 1):

(Single Sign-On) Negotiation reported an error: "Failure unspecified at GSS-API level (Mechanism level: Checksum failed)".

(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because of an negotiation error. Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.

Log files messages (Symptom 2):

(Single Sign-On) Negotiation reported a defective token from client: "...".

(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because of an negotiation error. Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.

Log files messages (Symptom 3):

(Single Sign-On) Negotiation reported an error: "...".

(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because of an negotiation error.

Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.

Cause 1

The service principal name (SPN) wasn't registered to the service account used by FME Server.

Resolution 1

Ensure that the service account used for SPN registration matches the one specified in the *Service Account Name* field of the Active Directory connection. For more information, see [Updating the Windows Domain Configuration](#).

Cause 2

[Single sign-on authentication](#) was attempted and failed, and the user does not exist in the configured Windows domain.

Resolution 2

Ensure that the user account used to log into the client machine is a part of the Windows domain that FME Flow is configured to use.

For example, if FME Flow is configured to use Active Directory for 'Domain1', clients logged in using a 'Domain2' user account will not be able to authenticate with FME Flow.

Single Sign-On Authentication Failure (Negotiation Error Encryption)

Log file message:

INFORM requesthandler 408053:(Single Sign-On) Negotiation reported an error: "Failure unspecified at GSS-API level (Mechanism level:

Encryption type RC4 with HMAC is not supported/enabled)". WARN

requesthandler 408058 : (Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because of an negotiation error. Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.

Cause

The domain controller allows RC4 encryption while FME Flow does not.

Resolution

Allow FME Flow to use less secure encryption:

1. On the FME Flow machine navigate to `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\conf\security`
2. Create a new file called `krb5.conf`
3. Edit the new file with the following text and save:

```
[libdefaults]
allow_weak_crypto = true
```

4. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Single Sign-On Authentication Failure (Service Account)

Log file message:

```
(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication using pre-authenticated
credentials (for a service account).
```

```
(Single Sign-On) Failed to create server credentials. Ensure that pre-
authenticated credentials (for a service account) are correctly
specified in single sign-on configuration.
```

Cause 1

The service account used by FME Flow was not correctly specified. The account name or password may be incorrect, or both.

Resolution 1

Ensure that the service account details are correctly specified in the *Service Account Name* and *Service Account Password* fields of an Active Directory connection.

Cause 2

Authentication Method **SASL** is not specified, or the *SASL Mechanism* is not **GSSAPI**.

Resolution 2

SASL must be specified as the *Authentication Method* and **GSSAPI** must be specified as the *SASL Mechanism* in the Active Directory connection.

See Also

- SASL Authentication

Single Sign-On Authentication Failure (Cross-Domain User)

Log file messages:

```
(Single Sign-On) Negotiation complete; authentication granted for user "...".
```

```
(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because user "..." could not be found in Active Directory.
```

Cause 1

[Single sign-on authentication](#) was attempted and succeeded, but the user does not exist in the configured Windows domain.

Resolution 1

Ensure that the user account used to log into the client machine is a part of the Windows domain that FME Flow is configured to use.

For example, if FME Flow is configured to use Active Directory for 'Domain1', clients logged in using a 'Domain2' user account will not be able to authenticate with FME Flow.

Cause 2

[Single sign-on authentication](#) was attempted and succeeded, but FME Flow did not have the right privileges to find the user. This may be caused by the service account setting 'Do not require Kerberos preauthentication'.

Resolution 2

Kerberos pre-authentication must be enabled for the service account. See [Updating the Windows Domain Configuration](#) for information on how to configure the service account.

Single Sign-On Authentication Failure (Same Machine Access)

Log file messages:

```
(Single Sign-On) Negotiation reported a defective token from client:  
"Defective token detected (Mechanism level: GSSHeader did not find the  
right tag)".
```

```
(Single Sign-On) Failed authentication because of an negotiation error.  
Refer to single sign-on documentation for resolution.
```

Cause

[Single sign-on authentication](#) was attempted on the same machine as FME Flow.

Resolution

Use a different machine to access FME Flow.

SASL Authentication Failure 1

Symptom

A Active Directory connection specifies **SASL** as *Authentication Method* and **GSSAPI** as *SASL Mechanism*, and the following error appears in the log file:

```
(Directory Server) Exception: "LDAPException(resultCode=82 (local  
error), errorMessage='An error occurred while attempting to initialize  
the JAAS login context for GSSAPI authentication:  
javax.security.auth.login.LoginException: Pre-authentication information  
was invalid (24) caused by KrbException: Pre-authentication information  
was invalid (24) caused by KrbException: Identifier doesn't match  
expected value (906)')"
```

Or

```
(Directory Server) Exception: "LDAPException(resultCode=82 (local error), errorMessage='An error occurred while attempting to initialize the JAAS login context for GSSAPI authentication: javax.security.auth.login.LoginException: Client not found in Kerberos database (6) caused by KrbException: Client not found in Kerberos database (6) caused by KrbException: Identifier doesn't match expected value (906)')"
```

Cause

The user's login password was incorrectly specified.

Resolution

Specify the correct password.

SASL Authentication Failure 2

Symptom

When using SASL authentication (Kerberos V5), the following error appears in the log file:

```
(Directory Server) Authenticating user "... " using SASL mechanism "GSSAPI" with KDC address "... " and realm "... " ...  
(Directory Server) Successfully established a new connection to "... ".
```

Above message may appear multiple times.

```
(Directory Server) Failed to authenticate user.
```

Cause

FME Flow did not have the right privileges to find the user. This may be caused by the service account setting 'Do not require Kerberos preauthentication'.

Resolution

Kerberos pre-authentication must be enabled for the service account. See [Updating the Windows Domain Configuration](#) for information on how to configure the service account.

SASL Authentication Failure 3

Symptom

When using SASL authentication (Kerberos V5), the following error appears in the log file:

```
(Directory Server) Exception: "LDAPException(resultCode=82 (local error), errorMessage='An error occurred while attempting to initialize the JAAS login context for GSSAPI authentication: javax.security.auth.login.LoginException: Clock skew too great (37) caused by KrbException: Clock skew too great (37) caused by KrbException: Identifier doesn't match expected value (906)')"
```

Cause

The authentication failure is caused by a significant discrepancy in the system time between the FME Flow host machine and the directory server.

Resolution

Update the system time on one or both systems.

SASL Authentication Failure 4

Symptom

A Active Directory connection specifies **SASL** as *Authentication Method* and **GSSAPI** as *SASL Mechanism*, and the following error appears in the log file:

```
ERROR main 408010 : (Directory Server) Exception: "LDAPException (resultCode=82 (local error), errorMessage='An error occurred while attempting to initialize the JAAS login context for GSSAPI authentication: javax.security.auth.login.LoginException: Message stream modified (41) caused by KrbException: Message stream modified (41)')"  
ERROR main 408003 : (Directory Server) Failed to connect to an available server, or no servers were available.  
FATAL main 405405 : Security Manager init FAILED
```

Cause

The *Realm* setting does not specify the Authentication Realm as a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN).

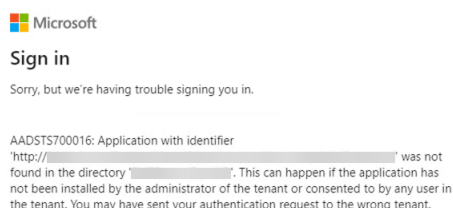
Resolution

Use the *Realm* setting on the Edit Server Connection page to specify an FQDN.

SAML Authentication Failure

Symptom

When logging in to FME Flow with credentials from a SAML identity provider, authentication fails with a message similar to the following:



This issue may occur on [Distributed](#) installations of FME Flow that use an Apache Tomcat web application server, and connect to a SAML identity provider through a [reverse proxy](#).

Cause

The SAML login HTTP request did not send the URL of the reverse proxy to the SAML identity provider.

Resolution

1. Append the URL of your reverse proxy to the `fmeserver.saml.custom.baseurl=` line in the SSO application.properties file. If your FME Flow uses an Apache Tomcat web application server provided with the installation, this file is located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\webapps\fmesaml\WEB-INF\classes\`.

For example:

```
fmeserver.saml.custom.baseurl=https://myserver
```

2. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Importing a CA-Signed Certificate for LDAPS Connections

To authenticate LDAP over SSL (LDAPS) connections using a CA-signed certificate, import the certificate and instruct FME Flow to add it to the list of trusted certificates.

1. Make a backup of the cacerts file that contains the current list of trusted Certificate Authorities. This file is located in:

```
<FMEFlowDir>/Utilities/jre/lib/security/cacerts
```

2. From your domain administrator, obtain your DC host's certificate and any intermediary and root CA files in the certificate chain as individual .cer files. You can also use a wildcard certificate instead of the specific DC host's certificate.
3. Import the DC server-level certificate to the cacerts keystore file:

- Linux:

Open the command terminal and issue the following commands:

```
cd <FMEFlowDir>/Utilities/jre/bin
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias <cert-alias> -file <cer-
file> -keystore "<FMEFlowDir>/Utilities/jre/lib/security/cacerts"
```

- Windows:

Launch cmd.exe and issue the following commands:

```
cd <FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\bin
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias <cert-alias> -file <cer-
file> -keystore
"<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\jre\lib\security\cacerts"
```


When prompted for the keystore password, the default is `changeit`.

When prompted to trust the certificate, answer *yes*.


Where:

- *<cert-alias>* is the custom alias for the certificate, used to identify easily the certificate in the list of certificates. It can be any unique name.
 - *<cer-file>* is the full path to the .cer files.
 - *<FMEFlowDir>* is the FME Flow installation directory.
4. Repeat step 3 for the root and any intermediary certificate, where applicable.
 5. Restart FME Flow.

Running the FME Flow System Services Under Different Accounts (Windows)

 **Warning** These instructions are recommended for Windows installations only. To avoid unexpected results on Linux installations, we recommend that all FME Flow system services run under the same user account.

By default, the FME Flow Core, FME Flow Engines, and FME Flow Application Server Windows services run under the local system account, which does not have network permissions. You may need to run these services under different accounts that can read and write data to the FME Flow System Share and FME Flow installation directory, particularly in a distributed installation where these services are installed on separate machines. For more information about required permissions for the FME Flow System Services, see [Directory and Account Permissions](#).

 **Note** When making this change, we recommend updating all three services to use the same Service Account or user account.

To Run the FME Flow System Services Under Different Accounts

1. **(FME Flow Engines service only)** If your FME Engines are installed separately from the FME Flow Core ([Adding FME Engines on a Separate Machine](#)), you may need to update the user account that runs the FME Engines to provide read/write access to the FME Flow System Share and FME Flow installation directory. Ensure that account has the necessary permissions on the FME Flow Core and FME Flow Database machines. For more information, see [Running the FME Flow Engines Under a Different Account](#).


2. Open the Windows Services:

Select Start > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services.

Or

Run `services.msc`.

3. In the Services list, right-click FME Flow Application Server, FME Flow Core, or FME Flow Engines, and select Properties.

 **Note** The FME Flow Core service is dependent on the FME Flow Database service, which must remain under the Local System account.

4. In the Properties dialog, click the Log On tab.
5. Select This account, and specify a user account and password that provides permissions to the FME Flow System Share and FME Flow installation directory. If you are updating the FME Flow Engines account, make sure the account corresponds to the user you specified in Step 1.
6. If Cross-Origin Resource Sharing settings have been updated, and you are updating the FME Flow Engines account, grant Write permissions on file cors.properties to the user you specified in Step 1. This file is located in the \localization\clients folder of the FME Flow System Share. For more information, see [Directory and Account](#)

Permissions. (You must have direct access to this file; it is not available from the Resources page of the Web User Interface.)

7. Click OK.
8. [Restart the FME Flow System Services](#) you updated.

Encrypting the FME Flow Database Password

The password for the FME Flow Database is stored in the `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt` configuration file.

By default, the password is encrypted. The password may be unencrypted if it was manually updated after installation. To encrypt the FME Flow Database password, follow these steps:

1. From all machines on which the FME Flow Core is installed, open a command prompt and start a PowerShell session. For example, on Windows, the command is:

```
powershell.exe
```

2. Change the directory to `<FMEFlowDir>\Clients\utilities\`
3. Run `encryptConfigSetting.ps1` (Windows) or `encryptConfigSetting.sh` (Linux), and supply the following parameters:
 - `DB_PASSWORD`
 - The `DB_PASSWORD` value, enclosed in single quotes (`'`). Find this in `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`, and ensure it corresponds to your database server type. If your FME Flow is an Express installation, your database server (`DB_TYPE`) is `postgresql`. If your FME Flow is a Custom installation, your database server (`DB_TYPE`) is either `postgresql`, `sqlserver`, or `oracle`.

For example:

```
.\encryptConfigSetting.ps1 DB_PASSWORD 'fmeFlow'
```

4. Copy the encrypted password that is generated from the command prompt output and paste it over the unencrypted `DB_PASSWORD` value in `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`.
5. Save `fmeDatabaseConfig.txt`, and [restart](#) FME Flow.

⚠ **Warning** Any change to System Encryption, including generating a new custom encryption key, or reverting to default encryption, also affects the FME Flow Database password. To ensure this password is based on the current key, you must perform these steps again following any changes performed in System Encryption.

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Licensing and Administration Tasks

Licensing

Select **System Configuration** > **Licensing** tab.

Note

License files are installed, by default, to:

» Windows: `C:\ProgramData\Safe Software\FME Flow\licenses`

» Linux: `/opt/fmeflow/licenses`

Dynamic Engine (CPU Usage) licensing is not available for engines on FME Flow Hosted.

Automatic Mode (Recommended)


If your FME Flow host machine has an internet connection, you can request and install a license online without any need for downloading and re-uploading a license file.

Note


- Licensing FME Flow over the internet requires no inbound connection. For more information, see [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#).
- If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), automatic mode only is supported. Manual mode licensing (below) is not supported.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration** > **Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.

3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.


 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Automatic**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. A message indicates that your license is installed, and your available engines appear momentarily on the Engines page.

 **Note** If the *Serial Number* you provided includes Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), they are not configured to start by default. You can start and configure your Dynamic Engines on the Engines page.


Manual Mode

If you prefer not to use an internet connection for licensing, or if your FME Flow host machine does not have an internet connection, use this process to install a license.

 **Note** If you purchased credits for Dynamic Engines (CPU Usage), manual mode licensing is not supported. Use automatic mode for licensing (above). For more information, contact your Safe Software Inc. sales representative.

1. Open the FME Flow Web User Interface as a user assigned to the `fmesuperuser` role. If none of your FME Flow engines are licensed, you will see a prompt to activate FME Flow. Click on the prompt. Otherwise, select **System Configuration > Licensing** tab.
2. Click **Request New License**.

3. Complete the fields on the Request a New License page.

 **Note** If you are licensing multiple FME Flow installations as part of a [fault-tolerant architecture](#), specify the same *Serial Number* for each installation.

4. *Licensing Mode*: Select **Manual**.

5. Click **OK**. A license request .json file downloads.

6. Email the .json file to codes@safe.com.

7. You will receive an email from Safe Software Inc. with a license file, which has a [.fmelic](#) extension. Download the file.

8. Return to the Licensing page. Under Standard Engines, click **Upload License File** and select the [.fmelic](#) file to upload. Or, drag and drop the [.fmelic](#) file onto the page under Standard Engines. A message indicates that it is installed, and your available engines appear on the Engines page.

Problems?

- [FME Flow Troubleshooting: FME Flow Engines](#)
- Contact codes@safe.com.

See Also

- [FME Flow Automatic Licensing URLs](#)
- FME Engines

Configuring the FME Engine

Configuring Implicit NAD27 to NAD83 Datum Shifts

If you plan to run workspaces that transform data between the datums NAD27 and NAD83 without explicitly choosing a transformation in a CsmapReprojector transformer, you must decide whether to use datum shift files for Canada or the US.

To apply the setting to all FME processes run on the machine

Run one of the following scripts:


Windows

- Canada: `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/utilities/setNAD2783datumCanada.bat`
- US: `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/utilities/setNAD2783datumUSA.bat`

Linux

- Canada: `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/utilities/setNAD2783datumCanada.sh`
- US: `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/utilities/setNAD2783datumUSA.sh`

To apply the setting only to FME processes run by the current user

 **Note** A current user can also be a Service Account.

Run one of the following from a command prompt:

 **Note** You must run the following commands as an Administrator.

- Canada: `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme APPLY_SETTINGS "CoordSys/NAD2783 Datum Shift" "canada only"`
- US: `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/fme/fme APPLY_SETTINGS "CoordSys/NAD2783 Datum Shift" "usa only"`

To apply different settings for specific FME Engines

In your FME Flow architecture, you may want a set of FME Engines on one machine to run jobs that use the Canada datum shift files, and another set of FME Engines on another machine to run jobs that use the US datum shift files.

First, identify and configure separate operating system user accounts to run the distributed FME Engines. For more information, see [Running the FME Flow Engines Under a Different Account](#).

Next, for each user account configured to run a set of FME Engines, run the applicable command (above).

Finally, use Job Queues to ensure your workspaces are run by the intended engine.

Configuring PROJ Network Settings

To run workspaces from FME Flow that use transformers to perform PROJ library reprojections (such as PROJReprojector and PROJAttributeReprojector), you may need to configure applicable PROJ networking settings.

To configure PROJ networking settings, run the following commands as an Administrator from a command prompt:

To enable PROJ networking

PROJ networking is enabled by default. To disable:

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme fme APPLY_SETTINGS  
Reproject/PROJ/Networking/Enabled "false"
```

To re-enable:

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme fme APPLY_SETTINGS  
Reproject/PROJ/Networking/Enabled "true"
```

To set a CDN endpoint

By default, the PROJ content delivery network (CDN) accesses grid files from <https://cdn.proj.org>. To change this endpoint:

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme fme APPLY_SETTINGS "Reproject/PROJ/Networking/CDN  
Endpoint" "<Endpoint>"
```


To set the maximum grid cache size

By default, the maximum size of the cache to allocate on the local system for grid files is unlimited, which corresponds to a value of -1. To limit the disk cache size, specify a value, in megabytes, with this command:

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme fme APPLY_SETTINGS "Reproject/PROJ/Networking/Grid  
Cache Maximum Size" "<GridCacheMaxSize>"
```

Configuring Grid Transformation Definitions

To reproject between coordinate systems that have different datums in workspaces run from FME Flow, use a grid transformation override file that references custom grid files.

 **Note** Use this procedure for workspaces that perform reprojections with the Reprojector and CsmmapReprojector transformers. For information about using grid override files with the EsriReprojector, see [EsriReprojector](#) in the FME Transformers help.

You must make the desired changes in FME Workbench, then manually copy the applicable grid override file to FME Flow.

1. In FME Workbench, click **Utilities** > **FME Options** > **Coordinate Systems**, and edit the applicable grid transformation.
2. On the Resources page of the FME Flow Web User Interface, open the **Engine** folder. If the sub-folder **GridData** does not exist, create it.
3. Upload the grid file(s) to **GridData**.
4. Locate the applicable grid override file from the FME Form machine:

Windows:

```
<user>\My Documents\FME\CoordinateSystemGridOverrides\<grid_  
override_file>.txt
```

Linux:

```
> ~/.fme/CoordinateSystemGridOverrides
```

5. Make a copy of the grid override file.
6. Open the copy in a text editor. You will see a relative path to the `.\GridData\<GRID_SHIFT_FILE>` file. Change the relative path to a fully-qualified path:


Windows:

```
C:/ProgramData/Safe
```

```
Software/FMEFlow/resources/engine/GridData/<GRID_SHIFT_FILE>.gsb
```

Linux:

```
/data/fmeflow/resources/engine/GridData/<GRID_SHIFT_FILE>.gsb
```

 **Note** If any part of the path contains spaces, enclose the entire path in quotation marks (""). If paths containing spaces are not enclosed in quotation marks, the FME Flow Engines service may fail to restart.

7. Save and close the file.
8. On the Resources page, upload the grid override text file to the **CoordinateSystemGridOverrides** folder, under **Engine**.
9. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Using Python with FME Flow

If you run workspaces from FME Flow that reference Python, the FME Engines must know which Python interpreter to use. Workspaces built with FME Form 2016 or later tell FME which version of Python is required to run Python code through the [Python Compatibility](#) workspace parameter.

The Python interpreter that the FME Engines actually use is the one that most closely matches the Python Compatibility workspace parameter, which, by default, is FME's latest supported version of Python 3. To change the default Python interpreter used by the FME Engines, see [Changing the Python Interpreter \(Windows only\)](#) (below).

Using Additional Python Modules

If you need to reference a Python module from FME Flow that is not part of the Python standard library, follow these steps to: 1) Obtain the module (if you have not already); and 2) Upload the module.

Obtaining the Python Module

If you do not already have the Python module you want to reference, install the package with the following command:

- **Windows:** `fme.exe python -m pip install <package_name> --target <package_destination_folder>`
- **Linux:** `./fme python -m pip install <package_name> --system --target <package_destination_folder>`

`<package_name>` is the name of the Python package to install.

`<package_destination_folder>` is the folder in which to install the Python package . If not specified, the default folder is:

- **Windows:** `C:\Users\<user>\Documents\FME\Plugins\Python`
- **Linux:** `~/fme/Plugins/Python`

For example, to install a package named PyExecJS to the default folder:


- **Windows:** `fme.exe python -m pip install PyExecJS`
- **Linux:** `./fme python -m pip install PyExecJS --system`


Uploading the Python Module

1. Locate the files or folders of the Python module you installed, such as .pyc or .py files, as well as any sub-directories that may contain init.pyc or main.pyc files of your package.
2. Use the Upload tool on the Resources page of the Web User Interface, and upload these file(s) and/or folder(s) to the folder under Engine\Plugins\python that


corresponds to the Python release compatible with the module (for example, python36).

Changing the Python Interpreter (Windows only)

 **Important** Consider changing the Python interpreter *only* if the Python interpreter shipped with FME Flow is incompatible with third-party Python libraries required to run the Python scripts referenced in your workspaces. If you require an Esri ArcGIS Python interpreter to use ArcPy, set the [Python Compatibility](#) workspace parameter to the applicable **Esri ArcGIS Python 3.x** value in FME Workbench prior to uploading to FME Flow. If set properly in this case, changing the Python interpreter explicitly in FME Flow is not necessary.

 **Note** Beginning with FME Flow version 2019.0 on Linux, changing the Python interpreter is not supported.

Sometimes you will want to use a Python interpreter other than the ones shipped with FME Flow. In that case, you can change the interpreter through the following procedure:


 **Note** The Python interpreter specified by this procedure does not guarantee the FME Engines will use the interpreter for all workspaces. Instead, the FME Engines use the specified interpreter for all workspaces that have a *Python Compatibility* value that is compatible with the specified interpreter. If the *Python Compatibility* of a workspace is not compatible with the specified interpreter, the FME engines use one of their own Python interpreters that is compatible.

Open a command prompt, specifying **Run as administrator**, and run the following commands:

FME Flow 2018.0 and earlier

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme.exe APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Python/Use Custom Python" true
```

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme.exe APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Python/Python Interpreter" c:/<path_to_dll>.dll
```


 **Note** For information on how to locate Python dll's (<path_to_dll>), see [Choosing a different Python Interpreter](#) in the FME Community.

FME Flow 2018.1 and later

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme.exe APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Python/Use Custom Python 64" true
```

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme.exe APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Python/Python Interpreter 64" c:/<path_to_dll>.dll
```

```
<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme.exe APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Python/Custom Python Home 64" c:/<path_to_python_home>
```

 **Note** <path_to_python_home> is the installation location of Python.

Using R with FME Flow

To execute R scripts from FME Flow, such as through the RCaller transformer in an FME Form workspace, you must perform the following on all machines that run FME Engines:

1. Install R
2. Install the sqldf package for R

Alternatively, you can direct the FME Engines to an R interpreter that is installed in a non-standard location.

Install R

Download R installers from <https://www.r-project.org/>.

Windows

Run the installer as administrator. Right-click on the installer in the Start menu and select **Run as administrator**.

Linux

To install R on Linux, we recommend using a package manager.

Install the `sqldf` package for R

Choose one of the following options:

- Standard install (perform on all machines that run FME Engines)
- Upload to Resources

Standard Install

1. Open the R command prompt as administrator, and run the following command:

```
install.packages('sqldf')
```

2. A window launches prompting you to select a download mirror. After selecting a mirror, the `sqldf` package is installed to the system-wide R library.

3. To verify that `sqldf` is installed correctly, run the following command:

```
.libPaths()
```

The returned path should include a folder `sqldf`.


Upload to Resources

Use the Upload tool on the Resources page of the FME Flow Web User Interface, and upload the package libraries under `Engine\Plugins\R`.

Using an R Interpreter Installed in a Non-Standard Location

You can direct the FME Engines to use an R interpreter that is installed in a non-default location. To set the path to the interpreter you want to use, run the following command from a command prompt, on all machines running FME Engines:

Windows

 **Note** To avoid errors, the Windows Command Prompt must likely be run as administrator, even if you are currently running your machine with administrator privileges. From the Start Menu, right-click on Command Prompt and select Run as administrator.

- `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme.exe APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Settings/Rscript Interpreter" <path_to_executable>`

Linux

- `<FMEFlowDir>Server/fme/fme APPLY_SETTINGS SYSTEM "Settings/Rscript Interpreter" /<path_to_executable>`

Working with the FME Flow System Services

About the FME Flow System Services

FME Flow is comprised of a series of components, and each component is installed as a standard Windows service.

FMEFlowAppServer

On install, if you use the default FME Flow Web Application Server, the service automatically starts at system boot time. If you are using your own web application server, it is important to note that the FME Flow Web Services are deployed and run by your web application server, not by FME Flow itself. Ensure that your web application server is started for users to access any FME Flow web services including the Web User Interfaces.

FME Flow Core

The FME Flow Core is the main FME Flow service and should always be running. By default, this service is started at system boot time.

FME Flow Database

On install, if you use the default FME Flow Database, it creates a service called FME Flow Database, which automatically starts at system boot time. If you used your own database, such as Oracle, ensure that the service starts prior to the FME Flow Core service starting.

FME Flow Engines

This service starts and runs the FME Engines.

Starting and Stopping FME Flow Manually

Windows

Although the FME Flow System Services start automatically, you can start and stop the services manually in the following ways:


- From the Services window (the procedure for accessing the services may vary by Windows version):

Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services

Or

Start > Run > services.msc

In the Services window, select one or more of the [services](#), and start or stop as required.

 **Note** On Windows 8, you must be running as Administrator to start or stop the FME Flow System Services.

Linux

Linux scripts for starting and stopping FME Flow are located in:

`<FMEFlowDir>/Server/`

Although you can configure FME Flow to start automatically, you can start it manually by running `startServer.sh` as the root user.

This script starts all the [FME Flow System Services](#) in the necessary order. Alternatively, to start each service individually, run the following scripts, located in the same directory:

- `startCore.sh`: FME Flow Core service
- `startEngines.sh`: FME Engines
- `startDatabaseServer.sh`: FME Flow Database
- `startApplicationServer.sh`: FME Flow Application Server
- `startWebSocketServer.sh`: FME Flow WebSocket Server

- [startCleanup.sh](#): FME Flow Cleanup service
- [startRootServices.sh](#) - Starts all the services that run as the root user. This script calls [startWebSocketServer.sh](#), [startCleanup.sh](#), and [startApplicationServer.sh](#).

To stop FME Flow, run [stopServer.sh](#) as the root user.

Alternatively, stop the services individually with these scripts:

- [stopCore.sh](#)
- [stopEngines.sh](#)
- [stopDatabaseServer.sh](#)
- [stopApplicationServer.sh](#)
- [stopWebSocketServer.sh](#)
- [stopCleanup.sh](#)
- [stopRootServices.sh](#)

What Happens to Jobs After a Manual Restart?

When FME Flow is restarted, the behavior of jobs that are in a Running or Queued state depends on how the jobs were submitted:

	Run Workspace	Flow Apps	Schedules	Automations	Streams
Full Restart	Running jobs are resubmitted to the queue. Queued jobs run before resubmitted jobs.			Running jobs fail and are not resubmitted.* Queued jobs run once the FME Flow services are running.	Running jobs are resubmitted to the queue. The job ID may change depending on availability of FME Engines.
FME Engines Restart					
Core Restart					
Database Restart					
Web	Jobs continue to run as the FME Engines process the job queue.				

	Run Workspace	Flow Apps	Schedules	Automations	Streams
Application Server Restart					

* If *Retry on Failure* was checked on the workspace action of an automation, the job is resubmitted based on the Retry settings once the FME Flow services are running.

A resubmitted job has the same ID as its initial run, and assumes the job_<ID>.log filename. Logs for previous submissions of the same job can be accessed in the same folder. For more information, see [FME Job Logs](#) and [About Log Files in FME Flow](#).

Determining FME Flow Processes

To determine the FME Flow processes that are running:

- Windows: Launch the Windows Task Manager. Ensure that the Task Manager is set to show processes from all users.
- Linux: Examine the output of:

```
ps -A | grep -i fme 'fme\|postgres\|redis'
```

The following FME Flow processes might be listed:

Windows	Linux	Description
FMECleanup.exe	FMECleanup	FME Flow System Cleanup service
FMEConfiguration.exe	FMEConfiguration	FME Flow Backup & Restore
FMEConnection.exe	FMEConnection	FME Flow Database Connections and Web Connections access
FMEEngine.exe	fme	One for each running FME Engine
FMEMountPoint.exe	FMEMountPoint	FME Flow Resources
FMENotifier.exe	FMENotifier	FME Flow Subscriber Manager - requires the FME Flow Core to be running
FMEProcessMonitorCore.exe	FMEProcessMonitorCore	FME Flow Process Monitor for Core processes

Windows	Linux	Description
FMEProcessMonitorEngines.exe	FMEProcessMonitorEngines	FME Flow Process Monitor for Engine processes
FMEPublisher.exe	FMEPublisher	FME Flow Publisher (includes Automations Triggers)
FMERelayer.exe	FMERelayer	FME Flow Publisher Manager
FMEScheduler.exe	FMEScheduler	FME Flow Schedules service - requires the FME Flow Core to be running
FMEFlow.exe	FMEFlow	FME Flow Core

Windows	Linux	Description
FMEFlow_ApplicationServer.exe	java	The Apache Tomcat Web Application Server (servlet) that is installed with an Express installation of FME Flow, or as an option with a Distributed installation of FME Flow.
FMESMTPRelay.exe	FMESMTPRelay	FME Flow SMTP email receiver. For more information, see Configuring FME Flow to Receive Email .
FMESubscriber.exe	FMESubscriber	FME Flow Subscriber (includes Automations External Actions) - requires the FME Flow Core to be running

Windows	Linux	Description
FMEWebSocket.exe	FMEWebSocket	FME Flow WebSocket Server .
postgres.exe	postgres	The PostgreSQL server for the FME Flow Database that may be included with an installation of FME Flow, depending on deployment architecture .
memurai.exe	redis-server	FME Flow Queue, for managing Job Queues.
FMEUtilityEngine.exe	fmeutility	For internal processes only.

Configuring FME Flow as a System Service (Linux)

You can configure FME Flow as a system service that starts when you start your system. You should do this only if you have set up system services before and understand the different run levels on your system.

⚠ **Warning** Configuring scripts to run at start-up on Linux is an advanced task. The steps for doing so vary, depending on your configuration. Use the steps listed in this section as a guide only.

FME Flow is composed of a series of components, and each component has its own scripts. Both systemd and SysV scripts are provided.

Configuring with systemd Scripts

Getting Started

The following FME Flow systemd startup scripts are provided upon installation:

- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/systemd/fmeflow-appserver.service`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/systemd/fmeflow-cleanup.service`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/systemd/fmeflow-core.service`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/systemd/fmeflow-database.service`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/systemd/fmeflow-engines.service`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/systemd/fmeflow-websocket.service`

Copy these scripts and place them in the following directory, depending on your privilege level:

- root privilege: `/etc/systemd/system/`
- user-level privilege (no system administration rights): `/usr/lib/systemd/system/`

To enable startup scripts to run at system boot time

Run the following command for each script:

```
systemctl enable *.service
```

For example:

```
systemctl enable fmeflow-core.service
```

To disable startup scripts from running at system boot time

Run the following command for each script:

```
systemctl disable *.service
```

For example:

```
systemctl disable fme-flow-core.service
```

To start services manually

Run the following command for each script:

```
systemctl start *.service
```

For example:

```
systemctl start fme-flow-core.service
```

To stop services manually

Run the following command for each script:

```
systemctl stop *.service
```

For example:

```
systemctl stop fme-flow-core.service
```

Configuring with SysV Scripts

Make a copy of the FME Flow startup scripts:

- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/SysV/FMEFlowAppServer`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/SysV/FMEFlowCleanup`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/SysV/FMEFlowCore`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/SysV/FMEFlowDatabase`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/SysV/FMEFlowEngines`
- `<FMEFlowDir>/Server/startup/SysV/FMEFlowWebSocket`

Place the scripts here:

- /etc/init.d/FMEFlowAppServer
- /etc/init.d/FMEFlowCleanup
- /etc/init.d/FMEFlowCore
- /etc/init.d/FMEFlowDatabase
- /etc/init.d/FMEFlowEngines
- /etc/init.d/FMEFlowWebSocket

From the /etc/init.d/ directory, update permissions on these files with the following `chmod` command:

```
sudo chmod +x FME*
```

Register the FME Flow services with the following command:

```
sudo update-rc.d FMEFlow* defaults
```

Purging Logs and History

As FME Flow processes jobs, the history of these jobs is stored as records in the repository database and as log files in the file system. Eventually, the volume of these records and logs can build up and cause issues, such as slow web interface response time and low disk space.

To purge log files and job history, use the tools on the System Cleanup page of the Web User Interface.

Changing the Web Application Server Host Name and Port


Following an FME Flow installation, you may need to update the web application server host name or port.

The following instructions assume the Apache Tomcat server that is bundled by default with an FME Flow installation is the one currently in use.

Update FME Flow Web URL (For Updating Host Name or Port)

On the machine hosting the FME Flow core:

1. Open the fmeFlowConfig.txt configuration file.
2. Locate the FME_SERVER_WEB_URL directive and update the URL value to the new web applications server host and/or port. For example:
`FME_SERVER_WEB_URL=http://MY_WEBAPP_HOST:80`
3. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

 **Note** If Topic Monitoring no longer functions after updating the host name, perform the following additional configuration:

1. Open the propertiesFile.properties file for the FME Flow service.
2. Add the line `WEB_SOCKET_SERVER_NAME=<hostname>`, where `<hostname>` is the new host name.
3. [Restart](#) FME Flow.

Update Service URLs (For Updating Host Name or Port)

1. Log in to the FME Flow Web User Interface.
2. Navigate to Services.
3. Click **Change All Hosts**.
4. On the Change All Hosts dialog, enter the new host name and click **OK**.
5. On the Services pane, confirm that the URL for each service is updated to the new hostname.

Update the Web Application Server XML File (For Updating Port)

To update the web application server xml file (server.xml), first determine if your FME Flow is [configured for HTTPS traffic](#). Then, follow the applicable instructions:

FME Flow not configured for HTTPS

1. Open the server.xml file, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf\`.
2. Locate the first instance of a line that begins: `<Connector port=`

3. Change the specified port as desired. For example, change `Connector port="80"` to `Connector port="8080"`.
4. Save the server.xml file.
5. [Restart](#) the Tomcat application server.

FME Flow configured for HTTPS

1. Open the server.xml file, located in `<FMEFlowDir>\Utilities\tomcat\conf\`.
2. Locate the first instance of a line that begins: `<Connector protocol=`
3. Change the specified port as desired. For example, change `port="443"` to `port="4443"`.
4. Locate the line that begins: `<Connector port=`
5. Change the `redirectPort` parameter to the same port specified in the previous step. For example, change `redirectPort="443"` to `redirectPort="4443"`.
6. Save the server.xml file.
7. [Restart](#) the Tomcat application server.

See Also

- [Moving the Web Applications Server to Another Machine](#)

Configuring International Character Encoding

By default, FME Flow tries to detect how your web service handles international character encodings. Beginning with FME Flow 2013, you can manually configure the FME Flow Web Services and Web User Interface for international character encoding. To do this, you must configure each service and web application separately.

To configure international character encoding for a particular FME Flow Web Service or for the Web User Interface:

1. Open the web application's deployment descriptor web.xml file. This file is installed at `<webAppDir>/WEB-INF/web.xml`.

2. Find the `<filter>` element with `<filter-name>i18nFilter` and `<filter-class>COM.safe.web.servlet.CharsetEncodingFilter`.
3. Add/modify the `<init-param>` directives to configure international character encodings for this web application according to the table below:

Parameter Name	Type	Description
charset	string	Sets the character set to use. UTF-8 is recommended.
detect-encodings	boolean	“true” to automatically detect encodings. “false” to disable.
auto-encoded	list	A list of comma-separated keywords that specify what should be encoded by the specified character set (see charset). Available keywords: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • querystring – Encode query strings in the URI. • path – Encode the path component of the URI. • body – Encode the request body for each request.

For further instructions, see the J2EE Servlet Specification v2.5.

Moving the FME Flow System Share to Another Machine

The FME Flow System Share is the location for storing Repositories and Resources. You may want to specify a new location for the System Share, and move all of its existing contents, to another networked machine.

To move the System Share, perform an [upgrade](#) operation (even if you are 'upgrading' to the same version of FME Flow). At the Install procedure (after Backup and Uninstall), select

a Distributed/Fault Tolerant installation. During the install, on the FME Flow System Share dialog, specify the path to the new location. After reinstalling, perform a Restore.

Providing Support for OGC Services

Beginning with FME Flow 2016, Safe Software recommends providing Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) services by configuring FME Form workspace templates that implement the OGC standard, and registering them to the FME Flow Data Streaming Service to provide output. This method provides fuller control over OGC features than OGC services that were native to FME Flow in previous releases.

To get started, workspace templates are available for both the OGC Web Feature Service (WFS) and OGC Web Mapping Service (WMS). You can then configure them to provide basic services with your data. For instructions and downloads, see the following:

- OGC WFS: [How to Create a WFS Service Using FME Flow](#)
- OGC WMS: [How to Create a WMS Service Using FME Flow](#)

Backup, Restore, and Migration Tasks

Migrating an FME Flow Configuration

To migrate the configuration of an FME Flow instance to another instance, perform a backup and restore operation using the tools on the Backup & Restore page of the FME Flow Web User Interface.

Performing Scheduled Backups of an FME Flow Configuration

FME Flow provides a workspace that you can configure to perform regular (scheduled) backups of your Server configuration to an FME Flow configuration (.fsconfig) file.

 **Note** For information about the contents of a backup, see Backup & Restore.

To Configure a Scheduled Backup

1. Log in to the FME Flow Web User Interface.
2. Select **Schedules**.
3. Click the Backup_Configuration schedule.
4. On the Editing page, check the *Enabled* box.
5. Edit other parameters as necessary. See Adding a Scheduled Task for more information.

The following user parameters are specific to the Backup_Configuration schedule. To change any parameters to their default settings, check **Use Default**. To change all parameters to their default settings, click **Reset Values**.

- *Append Date*: If **Yes**, the date and time of the backup is appended to the filename.
- *FME Flow Username*: The user performing the backup. The user must belong to the the fmesuperuser [role](#).
- *FME Flow Password*: Password of the user.
- *FME Flow Resource Name*: The FME Flow Resources location in which to store the backup. This can be a resource connection, such as a network location. It must be accessible by the engine running the workspace.
- *Resource Subfolder and File Name*: The subfolder (optional) and filename of the backup. For example, **\backups\FlowConfigPackage.fsconfig** will create the backup (.fsconfig) file in a subfolder named **backups** in the location specified by *FME Flow Resource Name*. Entering only the filename (for example, **FlowConfigPackage.fsconfig**) will create the backup file in the root of the location specified by *FME Flow Resource Name*.

6. Click **OK**.

Notifications Tasks

Configuring FME Flow to Receive Email

FME Flow can receive email via Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) or Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP). Using Automations, you can publish emails to Notification Service topics using either the Email - SMTP or the Email - IMAP trigger.


SMTP or IMAP?

When deciding between SMTP or IMAP, keep in mind the following:


- IMAP is a pull-based mechanism. The Email (IMAP) Trigger polls an existing IMAP server (such as `imap.gmail.com`) for messages. As long as IMAP access is enabled on the email account, no additional configuration is needed. However, because polling is conducted at intervals, FME Flow may not receive email messages as immediately as those sent over SMTP.
- SMTP is a push-based mechanism. FME Flow acts as its own lightweight SMTP server, and receives emails directly, rather than polling for them. As a result, emails may be sent to FME Flow topics (and their subscribed workspaces) more immediately than emails delivered over IMAP.
- SMTP functions only on an instance of FME Flow with a proper DNS record (that is, the server is accessible over the internet). If your instance of FME Flow runs locally or on an intranet, you must use IMAP.
- SMTP is not supported in a [fault tolerant](#) installation of FME Flow.

Changing the Default SMTP Port (Optional)

By default, SMTP operates over port 25 on Windows and port 7125 on Linux. If you want to change the default port (non-FME Flow Hosted installations only), follow these steps:

 **Note** Be sure to configure your network firewall settings to allow transmission of emails to FME Flow on the applicable port.


1. Determine the port on the FME Flow Core host that will be used to receive emails.

 **Note** Be sure to configure your network firewall settings to allow transmission of emails to FME Flow on this port.

2. Open the SMTP publisher configuration file:

```
<FMEFlowDir>\Server\config\publishers\email.properties
```

3. Locate parameter `SMTP_PORT`, and update the setting to the desired port. By default, this parameter is set to port 25 on Windows installations, and 7125 on Linux.

 **Note** To specify a port under 1024 on Linux, configure either of the following:

- Elevated privilege on the FME Flow System Services (run as root). For more information, see [Starting and Stopping FME Flow Manually](#).
- Port forwarding: Configure the FME Flow Core to route and forward from a source port to a destination port. For example, route traffic on port 25 to port 7125.

4. [Restart](#) the FME Flow Core service.

Configuring FME Flow to Send Email Notifications

FME Flow can send emails when a variety of system events occurs, such as the success or failure of jobs that are run from FME Flow, or when a repository is created.

For more information, see [Monitoring FME Flow with Notifications](#).

Workflow and Resources Tasks

Sending Jobs to Specific Engines with Job Queues

Job queues are a mechanism for sending specific jobs to specific FME Engines. Job queues are configured in the FME Flow Web User Interface. For more information, see [Job Queues](#).

Sharing FME Engine Resources

Workspaces that are run from FME Flow can use custom formats, custom transformers, and custom coordinate systems in the same way that FME Workbench does. There are three ways to upload these shared custom resources to FME Flow:

- Use the Resources page of the FME Flow Web User Interface: This method makes custom formats, custom transformers, and custom coordinate systems available to all workspaces on FME Flow.
- [Publish to FME Flow](#): Makes a custom format or custom transformer available to all workspaces in the same repository to which it is published.
- [Publish to FME Flow with a Workspace](#): This method allows you to add resources when publishing a workspace. You can upload the resources to a repository or to a resources folder. If you upload to a resources folder, the resources are available to all other workspaces on FME Flow. If you choose a repository, the resources are available to all other workspaces in the same repository to which the current workspace is published.

To publish custom resources to FME Flow

1. Open the custom format or custom transformer in FME Workbench:

File > Open > Select custom format/transformer

2. Publish the resource to FME Flow as you would publish a workspace.


The resource then becomes available to workspaces within the repository to which you published it.

To publish custom resources to FME Flow when publishing a workspace

1. Open the workspace you want to publish in FME Workbench.
2. Start the Publish to FME Flow wizard:

Deploy > Publish to FME Flow

3. On the Publish Workspace dialog, click Select Files.
4. On the Upload Files dialog, click Add Files.
5. Select the resource file you want to include.
6. On the Upload Files dialog, click Change Location.
7. On the Change Upload Location dialog, specify an Upload Directory:
 - Upload to Repository: All resources published with the workspace are accessible to any user with permission on the same repository. Other workspaces in the repository can access these resources, provided their respective source dataset parameters are manually set to point to the resources.
 - Upload to a shared resource folder: All resources published with the workspace will be available to all other workspaces run from FME Flow, from any repository. Resources must be uploaded to the applicable subdirectory under **Engine** in order for workspaces to use them. For example, a custom format must be uploaded to the **Engine > Formats** folder.

 **Note** If custom coordinate system files are uploaded to any of the applicable **Engine** subfolders, the FME Flow Engines service must be [restarted](#) before they can be used in a workspace. These include the **CoordinateSystemExceptions**, **CoordinateSystemGridOverrides**, **CoordinateSystems**, and **CsmapTransformationExceptions** subfolders.

8. Complete the Publish to FME Flow wizard as usual.