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# akera.io licensing

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# Licensed Components

The only component that require licensing is the [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server (akera-server) everything else around it being either available as free components or released as open-source projects hosted on [GitHub](https://github.com).

## Licensing Models

While we try to keep the licensing as simple as possible we do acknowledge the fact that there are many different use cases out there, hence we try to cover those as much as possible. Though, if you have rather special requirements we're happy to discuss them and come up with a tailored solution.

### *Worker Agent*

In the most common licensing model we only count the number of worker agents started by the application server broker regardless of actual number of users served (named or concurrent).

While the minimum number of agent licenses that can be purchased is five (5), there is no limit for the maximum agent licenses. The application server will enforce the maximum number of worker agents that can be started to the number of installed licenses.

Any number of application server instances can be started on the same server using the same license.

### *Server*

This model is simply like a 'no-limit' worker agent license that can be used on a single server - regardless of the number of installed CPU cores.

There is no limit set on maximum number of worker agents an application server can start.

Any number of application server instances can be started on the same server using the same license.

## *Site*

This entitles one to install the application server on any number of servers provided they are for the same business customer - doesn't have to be the same physical site but must be the same business entity.

Same as for the Server license, there is no limit set on maximum number of worker agents an application server can start.

Any number of application server instances can be started on the same server using the same license.

## *Independent Software Vendor*

An Independent Software Vendor can bundle the [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server within an 'unified solution' and deploy that to the end users licensed to use the 'unified solution' without any additional deployment/runtime costs. While there is no limitation on the number of end users, deployments nor servers, for the Small Business edition the limitation on the maximum number of agents that can be started for a server instance still applies.

The end users are entitled to use the [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server only as part of the 'unified solution'.

The Independent Software Vendor must provide first-level technical support to the end users, any bug report or feature request from the end users must go through the ISV.

# Perpetual vs. Subscription

Regardless of the licensing model you choose, beside the classical perpetual licensing we also offer the yearly subscription option for your convenience.

## *Perpetual*

You can use the software for life, standard maintenance is available for 20% of total cost of acquisition per year; a complementary 90 days of free maintenance included with every purchase.

If you have strong feelings about the fact that you want to own the software you should buy a Perpetual license. The first investment is higher than a Subscription license but you

can use the software as long as you wish. The drawback is that if you want to keep the software up-to-date and continue to receive support a maintenance plan is required.

## *Subscription*

You rent the software on a yearly basis with automatic renewal unless you cancel the subscription. Maintenance is included for the same period.

When you are on an annual budget the Subscription license would be a better choice because the first investment is smaller than that of a Perpetual license and you know exactly what you can expect each year. You also do not need to worry for variable costs like support and new versions because they are all included with the Subscription license. For an annual fee you will be set for life.

## *Editions*

There are a number of editions available for specific use cases, basically being a deployment based licensing we aim to only charge for commercial use and exempt you from paying licenses in certain conditions.

## *Development*

You can use the software for **free** during application development, if you are a software house (ISV) that does development or maintenance for applications running on [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server we offer yearly 'Site' subscription licenses at zero cost.

You can install the software on any number of servers inside the organisation, the number of worker agents are however limited to **five (5)**. Standard maintenance is available for 20% of the cost of the corresponding agents license acquisition.

Note that this does not entitle you to run any business application, either internally or distributed commercially, for other purposes than development or maintenance of existing applications.

## *Community*

You can use the software for **free** in production environment proved you are a **non-profit** organisation, we offer yearly 'Server' subscription licenses at zero cost.

You can install the software on a single server inside the organisation, the number of worker agents are however limited to **ten (10)**. Standard maintenance is available for 20% of the cost of the corresponding agents license acquisition.

## *Standard*

You can select any licensing model that suits you best with either perpetual or subscription option.

Maintenance is not mandatory though it entitles you to free email support and access to updates allowing you to stay up to date and enjoy new functionality - complementary 90 days maintenance is offered with any perpetual license acquisition.

## *Small Business*

You can enjoy the same functionality of the standard edition for less than half the price of the standard edition if you are a small business - we consider the European Union definition as one that has fewer than fifty employees.

**The maximum number of working agents is limited to ten (10)**, that is the maximum number of licenses that can be bought under Worker Agent model and is also enforced for both Server and Site licenses are limited to the same maximum number of agents that can be started.

# Progress Requirements

The [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server is using the Progress runtime client to connect to the Progress database(s) and execute business logic code. Because each [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server agent is ultimately a process that runs an instance of the Progress runtime client that access one or more Progress databases more or less the same licensing requirements as for any other Progress client applies.

If the [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server runs on the same server as the database server and no network connection is needed the only licenses required are for the database server itself - Progress RDBMS, Workgroup or Enterprise. If the application server runs on another computer and the connection to the database server is done over the network then each [akera.io](https://akera.io) application server agent must also be licensed for Progress Client Networking - the license model to be used is “Registered Device”.

# Price List

| Edition        | License      | Perpetual |             | Subscription |             |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                |              | One Time  | Maintenance | Yearly       | Maintenance |
| Standard       | Worker Agent | 150 €     | 20 %        | 70 €         | included    |
|                | Server       | 5,000 €   | 20 %        | 2,250 €      | included    |
|                | Site         | 15,000 €  | 20 %        | 6,500 €      | included    |
|                | ISV          | 45,000 €  | 20 %        | 19,500 €     | included    |
| Development    | Site         | N/A       | N/A         | 0 €          | 500 €       |
| Community      | Server       | N/A       | N/A         | 0 €          | 250 €       |
| Small Business | Worker Agent | 75 €      | 20 %        | 35 €         | included    |
|                | Server       | 2,000 €   | 20 %        | 900 €        | included    |
|                | Site         | 5,000 €   | 20 %        | 2,250 €      | included    |
|                | ISV          | 15,000 €  | 20 %        | 6,750 €      | included    |