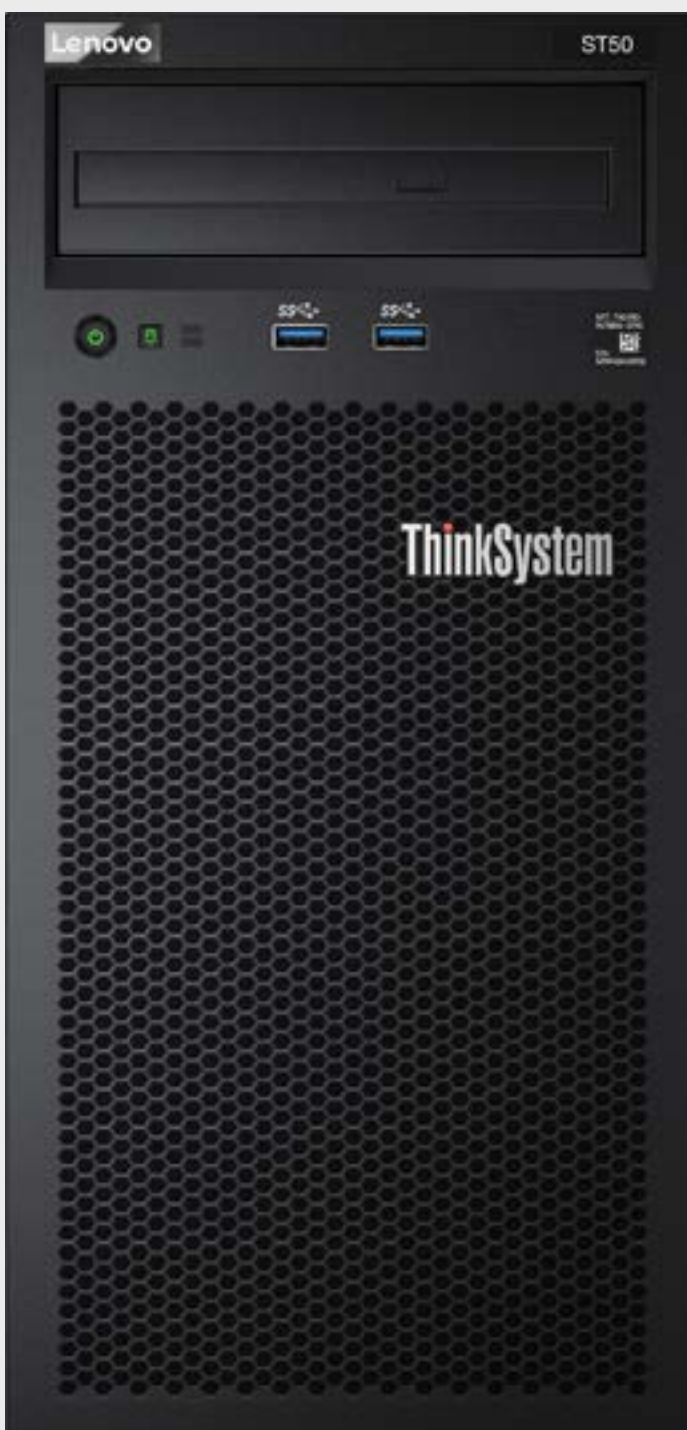


Client Access Licenses (CALs) FAQs

We get it.



Software licensing can be perplexing and that is true for Windows Client Access Licenses (CALs).

Which ones do you need? Are they for devices or users? Use this FAQ to help you put together the most cost effective strategy when it comes to CALs. Learn what CALs are, how they work, and which ones your organization needs.

We sell Lenovo branded Windows Server CALs in packs of 1, 5, 10 & 50 so you can buy what you need when you need it. Lenovo CALs are portable. They can be used on all server brands. To make your purchasing journey easy and efficient, our CALs have their own part numbers.

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Can I buy more CALs at any time from Lenovo when needed?

Yes. Lenovo branded Windows Server 2019 CALs can be bought by users who already have or are buying a Windows Server license. Additional CALs may be purchase after the initial server sale.

Are Lenovo branded Windows Server CALs channel agnostic?

Any CAL license type (Lenovo, VL, or Retail) can be used to access any brand server with Windows Server operating system.

Are CALs included with Windows Server 2019?

No. CALs are sold separately giving you the flexibility to purchase what you need when you need it.

What is the difference between a server license and a CAL? Why do I need both?

The server license gives you the right to install and use the server software. CALs grant a user or device the ability to access it. This structure offers license affordability to organizations of all sizes.

When do I need to acquire CALs?

You need a CAL as soon as users or devices access or use your server.

Is each CAL tied to a specific user or device?

Yes. CALs must be assigned to specific users or devices. If a user leaves the company or a device is retired, you can re-assign the CAL.

Are Lenovo branded Windows Server 2019 CALs tied to a specific server?

Windows Server 2019 CALs are purchased separately and are not tied to a specific server. CALs are independent of the server operating system license and are still valid after the server operating system license has been retired.

I have extra CALs from an older Windows Server version that are not being used.

Can I apply these to a server running a newer Windows Server version?

No. CALs must be the same version as or a newer version than the software they're accessing. Windows Server 2019 CALs provide access to Windows Server 2016 or any previous versions. CALs are also not edition specific. A Windows Server CAL can be used to access any edition of Windows Server (Datacenter or Standard).

What CALs are needed for Remote Desktop Services?

Both a Windows Server CAL (user or device) and a RDS CAL (user or device) are required for remote desktop access. RDS CALs contain a product key for activation.



Need Windows Server part numbers or help understanding core requirements?

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