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Offline Licensing

PSPDFKit Server is a commercial product, and each installation requires a valid license to work.

The following steps describe the process of configuring the server for offline licensing.

- 1 In the [PSPDFKit Portal](#), click on the desired installation of the product to view its license details. Ensure that you assign Web Domain to your license. You will see your custom `LICENSE_KEY` value if offline licensing is enabled for the installation in question.
- 2 Copy the value of `LICENSE_KEY` into the `LICENSE_KEY` environment variable of your deployment of PSPDFKit Server. When using the `docker-compose.yml` file, simply put the value under the `LICENSE_KEY` key, as shown here:

```
1 version: '2'
2
3 services:
4   pspdfkit:
5     environment:
6       # License key for offline licensing.
7       LICENSE_KEY: |
8         <your custom license key value goes here>
9
10  [...]
```



Note that either `ACTIVATION_KEY` or `LICENSE_KEY` can be used, but not both.

- 3 Start the server and check that the following message has been printed in the console:

```
Using the offline license from LICENSE_KEY.
```



This means the license has been configured successfully.

- 4 You can see the status of your license in the [dashboard](#). Close to the expiration date, a warning will be displayed in the dashboard, along with instructions on how to renew the license.
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