# Custom path to the license file

Use this guide to change the default license directory to a custom one.

1. Install the latest package using the Installation guides.

> ⚠ Skip the license activation step.

2. After successful installation, stop AppServer.

3. Navigate to the AppServer folder and open the **AppServerX.xml** file for editing.

4. Add the **PathToServiceFilesDirectory** tag to the root tag of AppServerX.xml and specify a path to the license directory.

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<!-- The path to the license file. The default path for Windows is C:/License, for Linux-based environments is
/opt/License. -->

<PathToServiceFilesDirectory>/opt/License</PathToServiceFilesDirectory>
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5. Save changes and start AppServer for the changes to take effect.

6. Activate licensing using one of the Licensing guides.

Upon successful license activation, you should find a new folder **/wsc/license/** with the **license.xml** file in it.