

# FlexPool: Flexible Licensing for Pooled Capacity

Simplify Capacity Management Across Modern Hybrid Environments

## Overview

Modern applications are expected to remain available, responsive, and secure regardless of where they are deployed. As organizations expand across private data centers, public cloud, edge locations, and virtualized environments, infrastructure requirements continue to change. Traditional licensing models often struggle to keep pace, requiring capacity to be purchased, managed, and maintained for individual instances even when available resources exist elsewhere.

A10 FlexPool introduces a more flexible approach to hardware and software licensing by allowing organizations to share licensed capacity across supported A10 deployments. Instead of managing isolated licenses for individual appliances or virtual instances, IT teams can allocate capacity where it delivers the greatest business value. This improves resource utilization, simplifies operations, and enables organizations to respond more quickly to changing application requirements while maximizing the return on their infrastructure investments.



## Overcoming Traditional Licensing Limitations

Application delivery infrastructure no longer exists in a single environment. Organizations are supporting applications across on-premises data centers, private cloud, public cloud, virtual appliances, and edge deployments, while demand for application services continues to change. As infrastructure grows and evolves, maintaining the right level of capacity becomes increasingly difficult.

## Challenge

Traditional licensing ties capacity to individual instances, making it difficult to adapt to changing application demands while increasing licensing costs and leaving valuable resources underutilized.

## Solution

A10 FlexPool provides a shared licensing model that enables organizations to allocate and reallocate capacity across supported deployments while simplifying license management.

## Benefits

- Improve infrastructure utilization with shared licensing across environments
- Scale application services faster without purchasing new licenses for every deployment
- Simplify license management with centralized visibility and capacity allocation
- Protect long-term investments as infrastructure requirements evolve

Traditional licensing models assign capacity to individual instances, making it difficult to respond as business requirements change. Capacity may remain unused in one environment while additional licenses are purchased for another, increasing costs and reducing overall resource utilization. This approach can also create additional administrative overhead as IT teams manually manage licenses across distributed deployments.

Organizations need a licensing model that adapts alongside their infrastructure. The ability to allocate capacity where it is needed most helps maximize existing investments, improve operational efficiency, and simplify ongoing license management without sacrificing flexibility as application demands evolve.



## The A10 Networks FlexPool Solution

As application delivery infrastructure becomes increasingly distributed, organizations need a licensing model that can support changing deployment strategies without adding unnecessary complexity. A10 FlexPool introduces a shared licensing framework that enables licensed capacity to be managed from a centralized pool across supported A10 deployments.

Rather than managing separate licenses for individual appliances or software instances, organizations can centrally administer licensed capacity and align resources with changing infrastructure requirements. This streamlined

approach simplifies licensing administration while supporting greater consistency across physical, virtual, and cloud environments.

FlexPool is further enhanced by A10 Control, which provides centralized visibility and management across supported deployments. Together, they help IT teams monitor license usage, allocate capacity, and manage application delivery infrastructure from a single interface, simplifying day-to-day operations as environments continue to evolve.



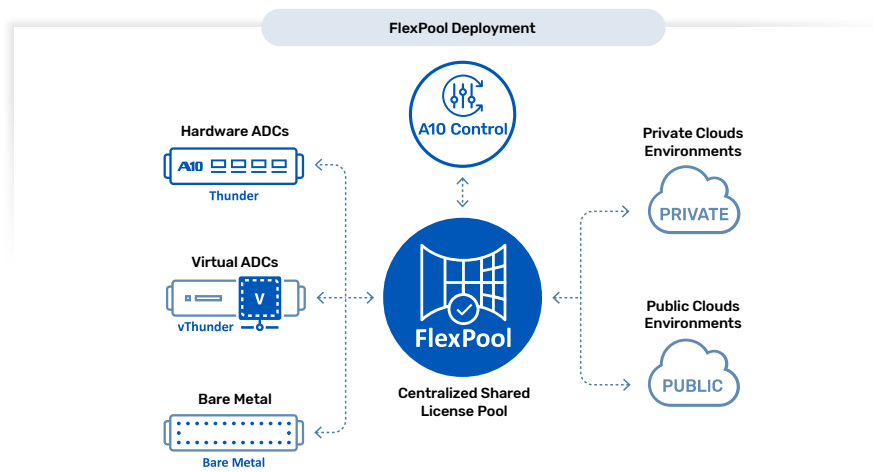
## Features and Benefits

### True Portability Across Hybrid Environments

Allocate licensed capacity across supported hardware appliances, virtual, bare metal, and public cloud deployments from a shared licensing pool. As infrastructure evolves, FlexPool enables organizations to move capacity where it is needed, helping to simplify migrations, support new deployments, and maximize existing infrastructure investments.

### Greater Control Over Infrastructure Planning

Separate licensing decisions from hardware refresh cycles and deployment timelines. By supporting both hardware and software deployments with a shared licensing model, FlexPool gives organizations the flexibility to modernize infrastructure, expand into new environments, and adopt new technologies on their own schedule.



**Figure 1:** FlexPool enables secure application services to be allocated across multiple environments.

## Flexible Capacity Allocation

Allocate licensed capacity based on changing application demands instead of locking resources to individual devices. This allows IT teams to quickly adapt to evolving business requirements while simplifying capacity planning across distributed environments.

## Maximize Resource Utilization

Dynamically allocate and redistribute licensed capacity to help eliminate stranded resources and improve utilization across supported deployments. FlexPool enables organizations to make better use of existing licensed capacity while reducing unnecessary licensing purchases as infrastructure requirements change.

## Solution Components

| FlexPool at a Glance                 |                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Shared Licensing Pool</b>         | Centrally manage licensed capacity from a shared pool across supported A10 deployments                                            |
| <b>Cross Platform Portability</b>    | Allocate licensed capacity across supported hardware appliances, virtual, bare metal, and public cloud environments               |
| <b>Dynamic Capacity Allocation</b>   | Redistribute licensed capacity as application and infrastructure requirements evolve to improve resource utilization              |
| <b>Centralized Management</b>        | Use A10 Control to monitor license usage, allocate capacity, and simplify license management through a single management platform |
| <b>Flexible Subscription Options</b> | Choose from multiple subscription terms and capacity tiers to align licensing with business and infrastructure requirements       |

## FlexPool: Built for the Way Modern Infrastructure Operates

Application delivery infrastructure is no longer confined to a single environment, and licensing should be just as adaptable. Organizations require a solution that supports changing deployment strategies while simplifying day-to-day operations.

A10 FlexPool gives organizations the flexibility to align licensed capacity with changing business priorities, while A10 Control simplifies management through centralized visibility and administration. Together, they help IT teams make better use of existing investments, reduce operational complexity, and confidently support modern hybrid environments.

## Ready to Modernize Your Licensing Strategy?

Discover how A10 FlexPool can help simplify licensing and improve capacity management across modern hybrid environments. Contact your A10 Networks representative to learn how FlexPool and A10 Control can support your application delivery strategy.

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