

# Your licence

## Setting up the license

Shinken Enterprise operates with a license in the form of an operating key (Nominal license). The key will be provided to you by Shinken Solution or by a Shinken Enterprise reseller allowing you to fully use the product.

The license is a file with the following name: **user.key**. This license is nominative and limited in time.

To install it, nothing could be easier, just:

- Place this file on the central server (the one hosting the Arbiter and Synchronizer daemons) and on those hosting the Visualization UI, in the following path: **/etc/shinken/user.key**
- Then restart Shinken Enterprise via the command:

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service shinken restart
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## Number of authorized hosts

The license limits the number of hosts that can be monitored by the Shinken Enterprise installation.

You can have:

- As much checks as you want on a host
- As much clusters definitions as you want

If the host limit is exceeded, your Shinken Enterprise platform will continue to operate but will the number of hosts specified in your license will be monitored.

- Exceeding hosts will be present in the Visualization UI, but will be in a disabled status:
  - They will not have checks from host templates
  - They will only have one template named "*disabled*"
  - Their address will be changed to "*disabled [ EXCEEDED license codes ]*"
  - Their check command will be changed to a command that always returns OK
  - Their host groups will be removed
  - The data defined on hosts will not be taken into account
  - Their business impact will be set to 0
- The list of hosts to be monitored is determined by the Arbiter. The monitored hosts list will be determined by the Arbiter and the order in which it reads the configuration, so the list of monitored elements can vary significantly when hosts are added.