

*IBM SPSS Modeler Server 18.0 for  
UNIX Installation Instructions*

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## Installation instructions

The following instructions are for installing IBM® SPSS® Modeler Server version 18.

IBM SPSS Modeler Server can be installed and configured to run in distributed analysis mode together with one or more client installations. This provides superior performance on large datasets, since memory-intensive operations can be run on the server without downloading data to the client computer. At least one IBM SPSS Modeler Client installation must be present to run an analysis.

Whenever you install a new version, be sure to distribute IBM SPSS Modeler Server product's host name and port number to the end users.

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## System requirements

To view the system requirements for IBM SPSS Modeler Server, go to <http://www.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss/products/modeler/requirements.html>.

## Additional Requirements

**Client software.** The client software must be at the same release level as the IBM SPSS Modeler Server software.

You must ensure that kernel limits on the system are sufficient for the operation of IBM SPSS Modeler Server. The data, memory, and file ulimits are particularly important and should be set to unlimited within the IBM SPSS Modeler Server environment. To do this:

1. Add the following commands to *modelersrv.sh*:

```
ulimit -d unlimited
ulimit -m unlimited
ulimit -f unlimited
```

In addition, set the stack limit to the maximum allowed by your system (`ulimit -s XXXX`), for example:

```
ulimit -s 64000
```

2. Restart IBM SPSS Modeler Server.

You also need the *gzip* file compression utility and *GNU cpio* installed and on the PATH in order for the installer to be able to uncompress the installation files. In addition, on the machine running SPSS Modeler Server, you should set the locale to EN\_US.UTF-8.

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## Installing

You can install IBM SPSS Modeler Server as *root* or as a non-root user. If your site restricts the use of the *root* password, use an authentication method that supports running as non-root (see the IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide). Then install the product as the user who will run the daemon. You should perform all actions as non-root, or perform all actions as root. Note that you need the root password to start and stop the server.

**Note:** In a multithreaded AIX environment, it is possible for workloads that formerly completed successfully to fail with insufficient memory owing to a change to the startup scripts for SPSS Modeler Server, SPSS Modeler Solution Publisher and SPSS Modeler Solution Publisher Runtime Library. To avoid this problem, remove the following line from the startup script: `MALLOCOPTIONS=multiheap`.

**Important:** If you intend to use Social Network Analysis (SNA) functionality, SPSS Modeler Premium Server must be installed and launched as **root**. If you have previously installed SPSS Modeler Server as non-root, and are upgrading to SPSS Modeler Premium Server to use SNA, you must reinstall and launch SPSS Modeler Server as **root**. If you will only use Text Analytics and Entity Analytics functionality in SPSS Modeler Premium, then you can install and launch using non-root.

**Note:** The installation will fail if you attempt to install SPSS Modeler Server on Linux as a user who doesn't have execute permissions for files in /tmp. To avoid this, you must either have execute permissions to files within /tmp for the InstallAnywhere SPSS Modeler installs to succeed or, if this is not present on your environment, you can set and export *IATEMPDIR* to a location where you do have permissions in order to run the install.

**Important:** The file system on which you install IBM SPSS Modeler Server must be mounted with the *suid* option. The product will not work correctly if the file system is mounted with the *nosuid* option.

1. **From your downloaded installation media, extract the installation files.** The downloaded media file is a compressed archive. Extract the files in the archive.
2. **From your downloaded installation media, run the installation file.** The downloaded media contains a *.bin* file; run this file.
3. **Check hard drive space.** In addition to the permanent hard drive space specified in <http://www.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss/products/modeler/requirements.html>, you need temporary disk space for the installer files. The installer files are extracted to your system's temporary folder. If there is not enough space in the temporary folder, the installer files are extracted to your home folder. If neither location has enough space, the installer cannot continue. In this case, you can temporarily set the *IATEMPDIR* environment variable to a location with adequate space. This location should have at least 2.5 gigabyte (GB) of free space.
4. **Check the destination directory.** By default, IBM SPSS Modeler Server is installed to */usr/IBM/SPSS/ModelerServer/<version>*. If desired, you can change this path in the graphical installation wizard or the command line installation. If you are going to run the silent installer, you can set the value for *USER\_INSTALL\_DIR* in *installer.properties*. Regardless, you need read and write permissions to the installation directory, so log on with an account that has sufficient permissions.  
*Note:* If you are upgrading by adding a new version of the product, install the new version in a separate directory.
5. **Change execute permissions of installer.** Be sure that the installer is executable by the user who will run the installer.
6. **Run the installer.** You can run the installer in a graphical user interface, from the command line, or silently. Instructions for each method appear below.

## Graphical installation wizard

The graphical installation wizard displays a graphical interface that will ask you about installation parameters. You will need an X Window System.

1. At the UNIX prompt, change to the directory where the installer file was copied or extracted:
2. Run the installer by executing the following command:  
`./<installer_name>`
3. After the installation wizard is launched, follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

## Command line installation

The command line installation uses command prompts to specify installation parameters.

1. At the UNIX prompt, change to the directory where the installer file was copied or extracted:
2. Run the installer by executing the following command:  
`./<installer_name> -i console`  
Where *<installer\_name>* is the installer *.bin* file.

3. Follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

## Silent installation

Silent mode enables the installation without any user interaction. Installation parameters are specified as a properties file.

To complete a silent installation on Linux or UNIX systems:

1. In the same location where you copied the installer files, create an `installer.properties` file.
2. In a text editor, set the `installer.properties` values. The following text shows an example of an `installer.properties` file:

```
=====
# Thu Jan 29 11:35:37 GMT 2015
# Replay feature output
# -----
# This file was built by the Replay feature of InstallAnywhere.
# It contains variables that were set by Panels, Consoles or Custom Code.

#Indicate whether the license agreement been accepted
#-----
LICENSE_ACCEPTED=TRUE

#Server Mode
#-----
SERVERMODE_SELECT_OPTION="\1\"

#Choose Install Folder
#-----
USER_INSTALL_DIR=/usr/IBM/SPSS/ModelerServer/17.0

#Install
=====
```

3. The value for `SERVERMODE_SELECT_OPTION` depends on the type of installation you have. You can choose from the following values:
  - 0 - Non-Production Mode. If you purchased a separate non-production installation, enter this option. This installation cannot be employed for production use.
  - 1 - Production Mode. A production installation is a standard installation of SPSS Modeler Server. It is appropriate for production use.
4. Ensure that the value for `USER_INSTALL_DIR` matches your installation directory location. The directory path cannot contain spaces.
5. Save the file.
6. Run the installer by using the following command:  
`./<installer_name> -i silent -f installer.properties`

Where `<installer_name>` is the installer `.bin` file.

## IP Address

If the server machine has multiple IP addresses, IBM SPSS Modeler Server just picks one to use. This might not be the one you want to use. However, you can configure IBM SPSS Modeler Server to use the correct one. Also, if you want IBM SPSS Modeler Server to service multiple IP addresses, you must install IBM SPSS Modeler Server on the server machine in multiple directories. You must then configure each IBM SPSS Modeler Server installation to service one of the IP addresses. Use the administration console to configure IBM SPSS Modeler Server to use the correct IP address.

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## After You Install IBM SPSS Modeler Server

This section describes some required and optional steps that you can perform after installation. It does not describe all possible configuration options. You can find information about all the configuration options in the *IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide*.

**Note:** Installation logs are placed into the uninstall folder by default. For example:  
<Installation\_folder\_path>/Uninstall\_IBM\_SPSS\_MODELER\_SERVER/Logs.

## Installing IBM SPSS Modeler Batch

IBM SPSS Modeler Batch provides the complete analytical capabilities of the standard IBM SPSS Modeler Client but without access to the regular user interface. Batch mode allows you to perform long-running or repetitive tasks without your intervention and without the presence of the user interface on the screen. It must be run in distributed mode along with IBM SPSS Modeler Server (local mode is not supported).

For more information, see the *IBM SPSS Modeler Batch User's Guide*, which is available as a PDF as part of your downloaded elmage.

## Configuring IBM SPSS Modeler to Work with IBM SPSS Statistics

To enable IBM SPSS Modeler to use the Statistics Transform, Statistics Model, and Statistics Output nodes, you must have a copy of IBM SPSS Statistics installed and licensed on the computer where the stream is run.

If running IBM SPSS Modeler in local (standalone) mode, the licensed copy of IBM SPSS Statistics must be on the local computer.

When you have finished installing this copy of SPSS Modeler Client, you will also need to configure it to work with IBM SPSS Statistics. From the main client menu, choose:

### Tools > Options > Helper Applications

and on the IBM SPSS Statistics tab, specify the location of the local IBM SPSS Statistics installation you want to use. For more information, see the *Source, Process and Output Nodes* guide or the online help for Helper Applications.

In addition, if running in distributed mode against a remote IBM SPSS Modeler Server, you also need to run a utility at the IBM SPSS Modeler Server host to create the *statistics.ini* file, which indicates to IBM SPSS Statistics the installation path for IBM SPSS Modeler Server. To do this, from the command prompt, change to the IBM SPSS Modeler Server *bin* directory and, for Windows, run:

```
statisticsutility -location=<IBM SPSS Statistics_installation_path>/
```

Alternatively, for UNIX, run:

```
./statisticsutility -location=<IBM SPSS Statistics_installation_path>/bin
```

If you do not have a licensed copy of IBM SPSS Statistics on your local machine, you can still run the Statistics File node against a IBM SPSS Statistics server, but attempts to run other IBM SPSS Statistics nodes will display an error message.

## Enabling IBM SPSS Statistics Programmability

If you have IBM SPSS Statistics installed and you want to be able to call its Python or R plugins through the IBM SPSS Statistics nodes in IBM SPSS Modeler Server, you must take the following steps on the UNIX server to enable the plugins.

1. Log in as the superuser.

2. Export environment variables as follows:

- **Linux.** export LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH=[plugin\_install\_directory]/lib:\$LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH
- **AIX.** export LIBPATH=[plugin\_install\_directory]/lib:\$LIBPATH

## Creating Links for SSL on AIX Systems

On AIX systems, if you want to use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) for secure data transfer, you need to create links for SSL before starting IBM SPSS Modeler Server. To do so, enter the following commands.

```
rm -f libssl.so
ln -f -s libssl.so.0.9.8 libssl.so
rm -f libcrypto.so
ln -f -s libcrypto.so.0.9.8 libcrypto.so
```

## Starting the Process

IBM SPSS Modeler Server runs as a daemon process and has root privileges by default. IBM SPSS Modeler Server can be configured to run without root privileges. Refer to the *IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide* for more information. You need to choose an authentication method that does not require that the daemon runs as root.

Start the application by running a startup script, *modelersrv.sh*, which is included in the installation directory. The startup script configures the environment for and executes the software.

1. Log in as *root*. Alternatively, you can log in as *non-root* if the non-root user is also the user who installed IBM SPSS Modeler Server.
2. Change to the IBM SPSS Modeler Server installation directory. The startup script must be run from this location.
3. Run the startup script. For example, at the UNIX prompt type:

```
./modelersrv.sh start
```

**Note:**

## Checking the Server Status

1. At the UNIX prompt, type:  

```
/modelersrv.sh list
```
2. Look at the output, which is similar to what the UNIX *ps* command produces. If the server is running, you will see it as the first process in the list.

IBM SPSS Modeler Server is now ready to accept connections from end users when they have been authorized. See the topic “Connecting End Users” for more information.

## Connecting End Users

End users connect to IBM SPSS Modeler Server by logging in from the client software. See the *IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide* for a description of how the software works and what you need to do to administer it. You must give end users the information that they need to connect, including the IP address or host name of the server machine.

## IBM SPSS Data Access Pack Technology

To read or write to a database, you must have an ODBC data source installed and configured for the relevant database, with read or write permissions as needed. The IBM SPSS Data Access Pack includes a set of ODBC drivers that can be used for this purpose, and these drivers are available from the download site. If you have questions about creating or setting permissions for ODBC data sources, contact your database administrator.

## Supported ODBC Drivers

For the latest information on which databases and ODBC drivers are supported and tested for use with IBM SPSS Modeler 18, see the product compatibility matrices on the corporate Support site (<http://www.ibm.com/support>).

## Where to Install Drivers

**Note:** ODBC drivers must be installed and configured on each computer where processing may occur.

- If you are running IBM SPSS Modeler in local (standalone) mode, the drivers must be installed on the local computer.
- If you are running IBM SPSS Modeler in distributed mode against a remote IBM SPSS Modeler Server, the ODBC drivers need to be installed on the computer where IBM SPSS Modeler Server is installed. For IBM SPSS Modeler Server on UNIX systems, see also "Configuring ODBC drivers on UNIX systems" later in this section.
- If you need to access the same data sources from both IBM SPSS Modeler and IBM SPSS Modeler Server, the ODBC drivers must be installed on both computers.
- If you are running IBM SPSS Modeler over Terminal Services, the ODBC drivers need to be installed on the Terminal Services server on which you have IBM SPSS Modeler installed.

## Configuring ODBC drivers on UNIX systems

By default, the DataDirect Driver Manager is not configured for IBM SPSS Modeler Server on UNIX systems. To configure UNIX to load the DataDirect Driver Manager, enter the following commands:

```
cd <modeler_server_install_directory>/bin
rm -f libspssodbc.so
ln -s libspssodbc_datadirect.so libspssodbc.so
```

Doing so removes the default link and creates a link to the DataDirect Driver Manager.

**Note:** The UTF16 driver wrapper is required to use SAP HANA or IBM DB2 CLI drivers for some databases. DashDB requires the IBM DB2 CLI driver. To create a link for the UTF16 driver wrapper, enter the following commands instead:

```
rm -f libspssodbc.so
ln -s libspssodbc_datadirect_utf16.so libspssodbc.so
```

To configure SPSS Modeler Server:

1. Configure the SPSS Modeler Server start up script `modelersrv.sh` to source the IBM SPSS Data Access Pack `odbc.sh` environment file by adding the following line to `modelersrv.sh`:  

```
. /<pathtoSDAPinstall>/odbc.sh
```

Where `<pathtoSDAPinstall>` is the full path to your IBM SPSS Data Access Pack installation.

2. Restart SPSS Modeler Server.

In addition, for SAP HANA and IBM DB2 only, add the following parameter definition to the DSN in your `odbc.ini` file to avoid buffer overflows during connection:

```
DriverUnicodeType=1
```

**Note:** The `libspssodbc_datadirect_utf16.so` wrapper is also compatible with the other SPSS Modeler Server supported ODBC drivers.

## Configuring IBM SPSS Modeler Server for Data Access

If you want to use the IBM SPSS Data Access Pack with IBM SPSS Modeler Server, you will need to configure the startup scripts. This is a critical step because data access will not work otherwise. For instructions, refer to the *IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide*.

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## Uninstalling

Uninstall IBM SPSS Modeler Server by removing the program files and, if you have configured the system for automatic startup, disabling automatic startup.

### To Remove the Program Files

1. Stop the server process. Instructions for stopping the server process are in the *IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide*.
2. Remove the installation directory.

### Silent removal of an installation

Silent mode enables software to be uninstalled without any user interaction. To silently remove an installation in IBM SPSS Modeler Server:

1. Run the uninstaller by executing the following command:

```
./<installer_path>/Uninstall_IBM_SPSS_MODELER_SERVER/Uninstall_IBM_SPSS_MODELER_SERVER -i  
silent
```

Where *<installer\_path>* is the path name to the IBM SPSS Modeler Server installation directory.

### To Disable Automatic Startup

The IBM SPSS Modeler Server includes a script that you can use to configure your system to start the server daemon automatically when the computer is rebooted (the instructions appear in the *IBM SPSS Modeler Server and Performance Guide* ).







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