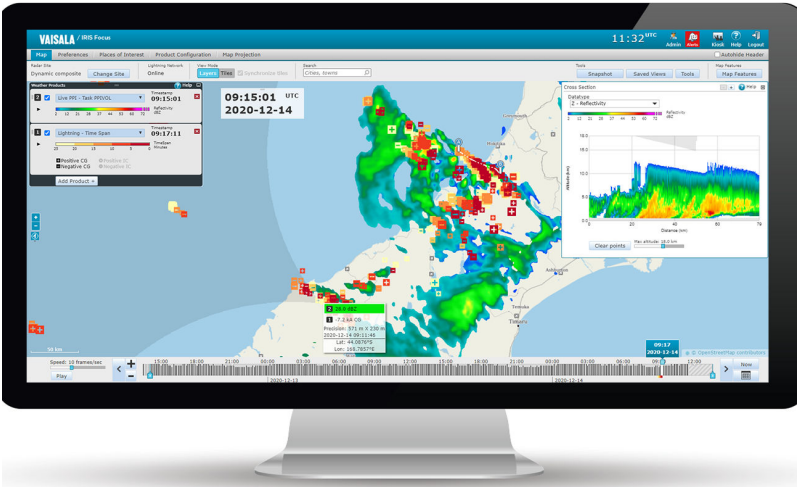


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1. About this document

1.1 Version information

This document provides information for installing, operating, and maintaining IRIS Focus software.

Table 1 Document versions (English)

Document code	Date	Description
M211850EN-J	November 2020	For IRIS Focus 6.0.
M211850EN-H	July 2020	For release 5.3.
M211850EN-G	April 2019	For release 5.1.

1.2 Related documents

Table 2 Related documents

Document code	Name
M211850EN	<i>IRIS Focus Administrator Guide</i>
M211849EN	<i>IRIS Focus User Guide</i>
M212545EN	<i>IRIS Focus Lightning Administrator Guide</i>
M212544EN	<i>IRIS Focus Lightning User Guide</i>
M211904EN	<i>IRIS Focus Release Notes</i>
M211315EN	<i>IRIS and RDA Software Installation Guide</i>

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1.4 Documentation conventions



WARNING! Warning alerts you to a serious hazard. If you do not read and follow instructions carefully at this point, there is a risk of injury or even death.



CAUTION! Caution warns you of a potential hazard. If you do not read and follow instructions carefully at this point, the product could be damaged or important data could be lost.



Note highlights important information on using the product.



Tip gives information for using the product more efficiently.

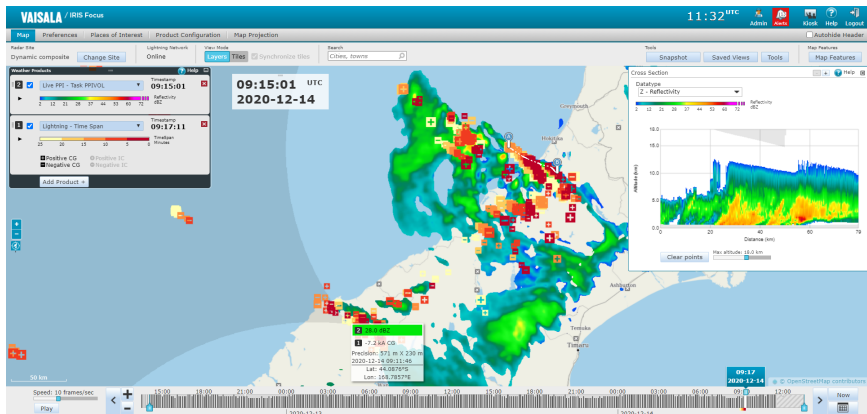


Lists tools needed to perform the task.



Indicates that you need to take some notes during the task.

2. IRIS Focus overview



- 1) *Weather radar data: courtesy of Meteorological Service of New Zealand Ltd. Lightning data: courtesy of Transpower New Zealand Ltd.*

Figure 1 IRIS Focus main view

IRIS Focus provides user-friendly, browser-based tools for viewing and analyzing weather data received from weather radars or lightning sensors.

Weather data is overlaid on a geographical map. In the case of weather radar data, the map is centered on a selected radar site or composite site. Radar data is gathered from a single weather radar or a network of radar sites.

With the zoomable and draggable animation timeline, you can easily visualize recent, past, or nowcasted data.

Nowcasting performs advection calculations on motion data from radar products to predict weather movement and severity up to 2 hours in the future.

Significant weather events such as hail, wind shear, or heavy rain are automatically detected when they enter an area of interest.

Weather products

The displayed data typically consists of radar or lightning products. Radar products are raw signal data from a radar receiver processed to provide information about current weather conditions. Lightning products visualize data from a lightning sensor network.

Radar products measure information such as radar signal reflectivity or rain intensity for analysis by meteorologists. Lightning products visualize the type and amplitude of lightning events, for example.

<i>On-demand radar products</i>	<p>On-demand products are based on raw data from the IRIS back-end. IRIS Focus reads raw volume data and generates radar products in real time.</p> <p>On-demand products provide control over the presentation of weather data in the IRIS Focus user interface. For example, you can change the reflectivity threshold of a selected radar product on the fly.</p> <p>IRIS Focus users can create composites of on-demand products by selecting multiple radar sites from the radar site selector.</p>
<i>IRIS Analysis radar products</i>	<p>IRIS Analysis radar products are configured and produced in IRIS Analysis and displayed by IRIS Focus on request.</p>
<i>Lightning products</i>	<p>Lightning products are based on sensor data sent to a central processor, from which the data can be requested across specific time frames to be displayed in IRIS Focus.</p>

More information

- [On-demand radar products \(page 22\)](#)
- [IRIS Analysis radar products \(page 23\)](#)

2.1 IRIS product family for weather radar data

IRIS provides an intuitive user experience for professional users, such as meteorologists and analysts. It is closely integrated with Vaisala weather radar systems, where IRIS Focus forms the visualization front-end and other IRIS components handle radar control, radar product generation, and data distribution.

IRIS Focus runs on a web server that users can connect to in an enterprise intranet or from an external location or the Internet. Network connections between IRIS Focus and the data processing back-end go through a socket server, a custom protocol over TCP/IP that delivers radar data from the IRIS back-end services to IRIS Focus. IRIS Focus polls the server for data and displays it on screen using the browser.

The following figure shows a setup where IRIS Focus is used as part of a complete Vaisala weather radar network consisting of 2 radar sites.

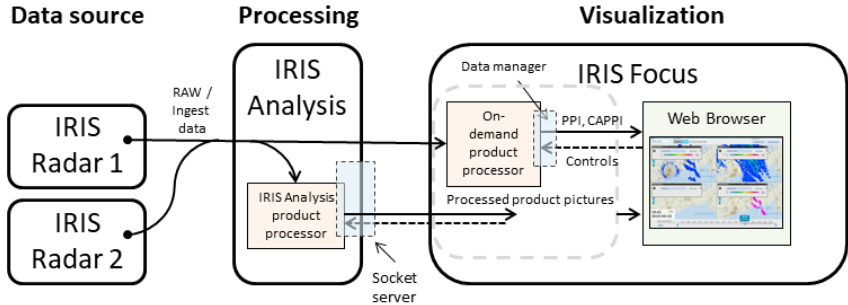


Figure 2 IRIS Focus data flow

In this case, IRIS Analysis and IRIS Radar can be considered back-end services for the IRIS Focus front-end interface. IRIS Focus communicates with IRIS Analysis through a socket server connection.

The components have the following functions:

- *IRIS Radar* - Operates the radar site and stores data gathered from the radar signals in RAW format.
- *IRIS Analysis* - Receives RAW data from IRIS Radar through secure connection and processes it into displayable radar products.
- *IRIS Focus* - Polls pre-configured radar products from IRIS Analysis and displays them on the web interface and generates on-demand radar products from RAW data.

2.2 Lightning product generation

The data for lightning products in IRIS Focus originates from a Vaisala Lightning Detection System which uses multiple, remote sensors to detect signals emitted by lightning discharges, while filtering out the signals from non-lightning sources. Each sensor sends its data to the central processor (the **Total Lightning Processor**, TLP) where lightning locations are determined.

To ensure that the data set applies to the same lightning event, the TLP compares the time at which the event was recorded by each sensor, and then calculates the precise location of the lightning event. The TLP also records several other descriptive characteristics of each lightning event.

The data from the TLP is delivered to IRIS Focus. The data is ingested to the system in real time, after which it can be requested across specific time frames by lightning products.

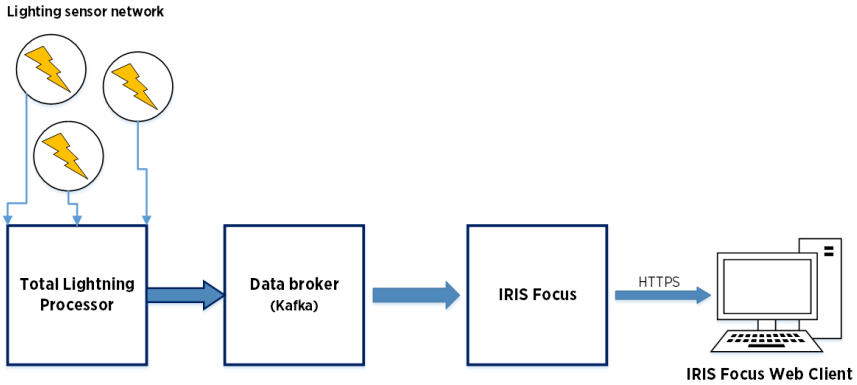


Figure 3 IRIS Focus lightning architecture

2.3 Licensing

IRIS Focus requires a software license to run. To activate the license, you need a product key.

Vaisala delivers the product key when you purchase the software. If you have purchased the software and you have not received the product key, please contact Vaisala.

For server deliveries, Vaisala activates the product key in the factory, and a Vaisala representative sends you the key for future reference.

The license is mapped to the hardware of your IRIS Focus server or the ID of your virtual environment. If your hardware configuration changes and you need to re-install IRIS Focus, you must request a replacement license from your Vaisala representative, unless you have a USB license key.

If you have a USB license key, IRIS Focus runs when the USB drive is inserted in the server. If you install IRIS Focus on another server, you can move the USB license key to that server.

To view information about the license version, login to IRIS Focus as **admin**, and select **Admin > System > Licensing Management**.

License options

IRIS Focus has a basic license called *IRIS Focus Light*. This license enables users to view certain weather data on the map, but gives limited interaction with the tools. The full license is called *IRIS Focus*. This license provides access to the interactive features of IRIS Focus. The *IRIS Focus* license includes all the features of *IRIS Focus Light*.

There are separate licenses for weather radar data visualization and for lightning data visualization, but users can have access to both licenses. Access to licenses is defined in the user profile.

IRIS Focus Light

IRIS Focus Light licenses have an unlimited number of seats. If there are no *IRIS Focus* license seats available, the user will be logged in with an *IRIS Focus Light* license. If the license is missing, users cannot log in. Administrators can log in even when the license is missing, but they have no access to the map view.

There are two variants of the *IRIS Focus Light* license:

- ***IRIS Focus Light_LGT***

This license is for viewing lighting data. It enables users to view lightning data visualization in real time and the TimeSpan product, use map search and other map options, and edit user preferences.

- ***IRIS Focus Light_WR***

This license is for viewing weather radar data. It enables users to view IRIS Analysis products, use map search and other map options, and edit user preferences.

The *IRIS Focus Light_WR* licenses apply for a defined number of radar sites. If a new radar is added to the radar network, a new license needs to be acquired for this site.

IRIS Focus

IRIS Focus licenses are based on a floating seat pool.

There are two variants of the *IRIS Focus* license:

- ***IRIS Focus Lightning***

This license enables users to view visualizations of lightning network sensor data, and to use related interactive tools.

- ***IRIS Focus Weather Radar***

This license enables user to view visualizations of weather radar data, and to use related interactive tools.

Advanced feature licenses

In addition to the *IRIS Focus light* and *IRIS Focus* licenses, the following advanced feature licenses are available. The seat pool does not apply to these licenses; if the advanced feature license is present in the system, users can access these features when they have an IRIS Focus seat.

- ***IRIS WMS layer***

With the *IRIS WMS layer* license, external WMS layers can be added to the system. Users can then access the layers through the weather product panel.

- ***IRIS Lightning Network Health***

With the *IRIS Lightning Network Health* license you can get the network performance information from the **Total Lightning Processor** and display it as a product in the product pane. Using this feature requires the *IRIS Focus Lightning* license.

- ***IRIS Radar Nowcast***

With the *IRIS Radar Nowcast* license you get access to the nowcast algorithm for creating forecasts based on weather radar data up to 2 hours into the future. Using this feature requires the *IRIS Focus Weather Radar* license.

Seat-based license pool

IRIS Focus licenses are available in different configurations. To increase your seat count, you must replace the current license with a new one by contacting your Vaisala representative.

The seat count defines how many users can access IRIS Focus at the same time. When logged in, each user occupies a seat. When a user logs out, the seat is released, and the next user can take it. If a user logs in when all the licenses are reserved, the user is given the *IRIS Focus Light* license until an *IRIS Focus* license is released.

Seat counts within a workstation are browser-based. For one license reservation, users may view IRIS Focus in as many instances or tabs of one browser, such as Firefox®, as they like. If a user opens IRIS Focus in a different browser, such as Google Chrome™, they reserve one license for each browser.

More information

- [User roles \(page 107\)](#)

3. Requirements

3.1 IRIS Focus hardware requirements

Table 3 Hardware Requirements

Minimum	Recommended ¹⁾
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern 4-core CPU (Intel Xeon E5 series or similar)• 24 GB RAM• 1 TB HDD• 1400 x 1050 minimum screen resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern 8-core CPU (Intel Xeon E5 series or similar)• 32 GB RAM• 2x 1 SAS TB HDD in RAID 1 configuration• 1920 x 1200 screen resolution

- 1) *The pre-installed IRIS Focus system delivery option uses the Dell PowerEdge R440 rack server unit, which meets the recommended hardware setup. See the Dell product data sheet for full specifications.*
- 2) *For a small installation with only a few users, 16 GB of RAM is sufficient.*

The hardware capacity directly affects the performance of IRIS Focus. Multiple users can be logged in to IRIS Focus, and each user can have multiple weather and terrain layers rendered on screen at the same time. Each weather and terrain layer requires some resources from the system.

For optimal performance, Vaisala recommends running IRIS Focus on a dedicated hardware server and not in a virtualized environment.

3.2 Software requirements

IRIS Focus supports current Microsoft Edge®, Mozilla Firefox®, and Google Chrome™ browsers.

Before installing IRIS Focus, your environment must meet the following software requirements.

IRIS Network

IRIS network, such as an IRIS Analysis instance must be configured correctly to make data from at least one radar site available for IRIS Focus.

CentOS 7.x

CentOS 7.1 or later DVD/ISO image mounted on your server (offline installation) or a functional internet connection (online installation).

The installation script verifies the version of several core system packages during the installation and updates them from the mounted media or Internet.



This version of IRIS Focus has been tested with CentOS 7.4 and 7.6. We expect IRIS Focus to also work with other versions of CentOS 7.x.

IRIS Analysis

The IRIS Analysis server provides radar products through a proprietary socket server connection. The socket server connection is enabled if at least one radar is connected to your IRIS Analysis server, at least one product is configured and generated in IRIS Analysis, and the IRIS Analysis server has IRIS software version 8.13.6 or newer installed. No further configuration is needed.

The map projection in the IRIS Focus web application depends on having a single radar or a group of radar sites to act as a center point to for map rendering.

In most IRIS Focus configurations, the radar product generator is an IRIS Analysis server that has been set up earlier on the radar site. For more information, please contact Vaisala.

For information on configuring IRIS Analysis, see *IRIS and RDA Software Installation Guide*.



Before beginning the IRIS Focus installation, make sure you know the hostname of your socket server.

Data Manager

Radar volume data is fetched from Data Manager interface and processed to on-demand radar products in the IRIS Focus application.

Data Manager does not need to be active during installation.

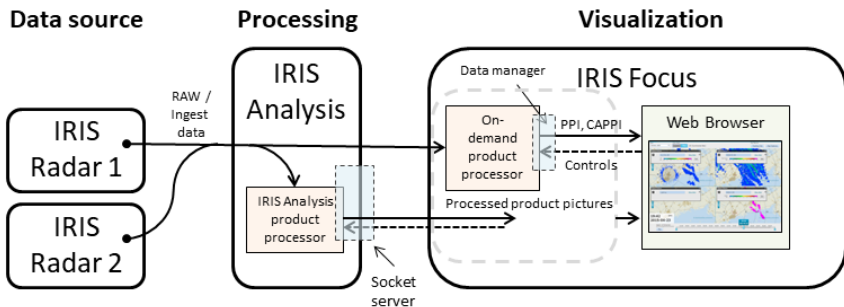


Figure 4 Generating on-demand IRIS products

More information

- [Setting up Data Manager \(page 51\)](#)

3.3 Network requirements

Table 4 IRIS Network requirements

Item	Specification	
Communication from IRIS Analysis and the TLP to IRIS Focus		
Network data transfer	>100 Mbit/s (1000 Mbit/s recommended)	
Communication from IRIS Focus to IRIS Analysis and the TLP		
Single user (1 seat)	Network data transfer	> 650 kbit/s
	Latency	~150 ms
Multiple simultaneous users	5 seats	> 3.5 Mbit/s
	10 seats	> 7 Mbit/s
	20 seats	> 14 Mbit/s

3.4 Data Manager disk space requirements

The amount of radar data generated depends on a number of variables, including, for example:

- Size of the RAW files as determined by factors such as radar scan strategy, range, number of recorded data, and the amount of precipitation
- Number of radars in the network
- Amount of disk space reserved for the partition where data manager stores the data

Use the following formula to calculate the approximate disk space required for Data Manager to store data collected over a certain time period:

$$\text{totalDiskSpace GB} = 400 + (\text{scanSize GB} * \text{numberOfRadars} * (1440 / \text{scanIntervalMinutes}) * \text{daysOfData})$$

Table 5 Approximate required disk space examples for an IRIS RAW file of 0.01 GB

Scan Interval (minutes)	Number of Radars	Days of Data				
		30 Days	60 Days	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
5	1	100 GB	500 GB	1 TB	5 TB	10 TB
10	1	50 GB	250 GB	500 GB	2.5 TB	5 TB
5	2	100 GB	1 TB	2 TB	10 TB	20 TB
10	2	100 GB	500 GB	1 TB	5 TB	10 TB
5	5	500 GB	2.5 TB	5 TB	25 TB	50 TB

Scan Interval (minutes)	Number of Radars	Days of Data				
		30 Days	60 Days	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
10	5	200 GB	1.3 TB	2.6 TB	13 TB	26 TB
5	10	1 TB	5 TB	10 TB	50 TB	100 TB
10	10	500 GB	2.5 TB	5 TB	25 TB	50 TB

More information

- [Data manager \(page 117\)](#)

4. IRIS Focus architecture

Architecture for radar products

IRIS Focus reads data in the formats produced by weather radar signal processors.

Usually this data is relayed to IRIS Focus through the signal processing and analysis component, IRIS Analysis, either as pregenerated radar products or as radar scan source data files which are processed and displayed as radar products by IRIS Focus.

IRIS Focus only accepts a single data source as its socket server. IRIS Analysis can be connected to an unlimited number of radar sites and relay their radar products to IRIS Focus.

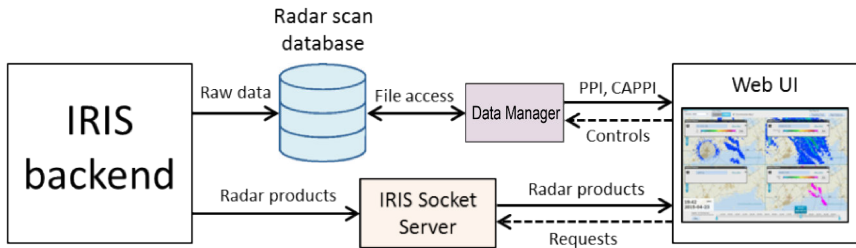


Figure 5 IRIS Focus architecture for radar products

Architecture for lightning products

The data for lightning products in IRIS Focus originates from a Vaisala Lightning Detection System which uses multiple, remote sensors to detect signals emitted by lightning discharges, while filtering out the signals from non-lightning sources. Each sensor sends its data to the central processor (the **Total Lightning Processor, TLP**) where lightning locations are determined.

To ensure that the data set applies to the same lightning event, the TLP compares the time at which the event was recorded by each sensor, and then calculates the precise location of the lightning event. The TLP also records several other descriptive characteristics of each lightning event. The data from the TLP is delivered to IRIS Focus. The data is ingested to the system in real time, after which it can be requested across specific time frames by lightning products.

Visualization of products on the map

Each weather product is displayed on top of a map view, which is rendered by a GeoServer instance that is installed during the IRIS Focus installation. The map terrain and detail layers are always on the background, and the weather products are drawn on top of them. The user can change the order of weather product layers in real-time.

IRIS Focus can also display data received through WMS protocol, for example, satellite data. This data is also displayed as product layers over the map layer.

Most weather products have editable color scales. Color scales are stored as JSON objects on the IRIS Focus server and can be reused.

4.1 Map layers

The background map and the weather data visualizations are drawn as individual layers and then combined to form an overview of current weather conditions.

You can also view WMS layers from external sources, such as satellite image layers, as layers on the map.

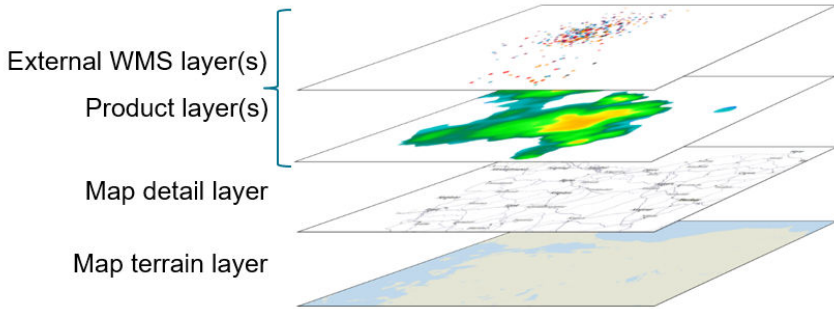


Figure 6 IRIS Focus product layers

Base layers

The background (also known as base) consists of a number of non-interactive layers. At the bottom is a terrain map that can be enhanced with additional layers containing roads, province boundaries, and other similar terrain features.

Weather product layers

The interactive radar and lightning product layers (1 to 4) are drawn on top of the background layers.

External WMS layers

You can add WMS layers from external sources to the map. They are shown as product layers.

4.2 GeoServer and maps

The map engine in IRIS Focus uses GeoServer architecture. When reading data from a single radar site, GeoServer renders the map using Azimuthal Equidistant projection, which means that all directions and distances are correct when measured from the point of origin, which is the radar site in this case. When reading data from a composite of multiple radar sites, Web Mercator projection is used.

The terrain data in IRIS Focus consists of a detailed vector map of Earth, separated into multiple layers. The base map content is licensed from the collaborative [OpenStreetMap](#) project, which provides all vector shapefiles for the base terrain.



Figure 7 Base map from GeoServer

To save system resources, the shapefiles are combined into different map detail levels that are rendered as a single layer where possible. For example, selecting the **Full detail** map level does not draw separate layers for terrain, roads, map labels, and other map features. Instead, all the content has been precompiled into a single layer in the IRIS Focus map package and then drawn on screen.

When a user opens the map view in IRIS Focus, GeoServer processes the vector data in the current view area into 256×256 PNG tiles that are displayed in the browser window. New tiles are calculated and generated every time the user pans or zooms on the map, so moving on the map may feel a bit sluggish in the beginning. To improve performance, GeoServer runs a caching component called GeoWebCache that stores the tiles for faster retrieval in the future.

GeoServer has a management web interface that runs at `http://localhost:34180/geoserver`. The default management account name is `admin` and the password can be found in the file `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/gis-override.ini`. The password is generated automatically during IRIS Focus installation.

The base map data is stored in a PostgreSQL database, which also stores all web application data.

More information

- [Adding external map layers \(page 114\)](#)

4.3 On-demand radar products

When displaying on-demand radar products, IRIS Focus fetches raw radar measurement data from the back-end and processes it in real-time. This provides hands-on control over the radar product parameters.

The full raw radar volume data is stored and can also be used later for on-demand product generation.

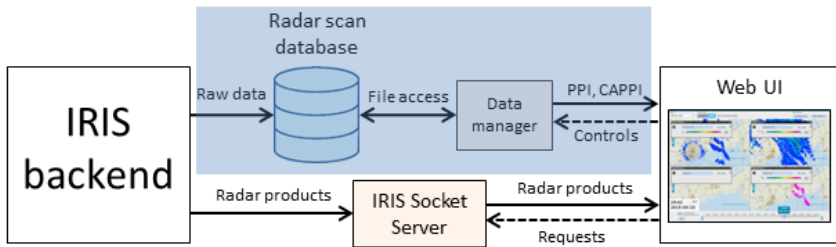


Figure 8 On-demand product components

Data for on-demand products comes from the **RAW** format files produced by the IRIS backend.

IRIS Focus reads the **RAW** data through the data manager.

When you select an on-demand radar product in IRIS Focus, the web application accesses the database and fetches the required data, not only for the current situation but for the whole recorded segment. The data is then processed and displayed in IRIS Focus.

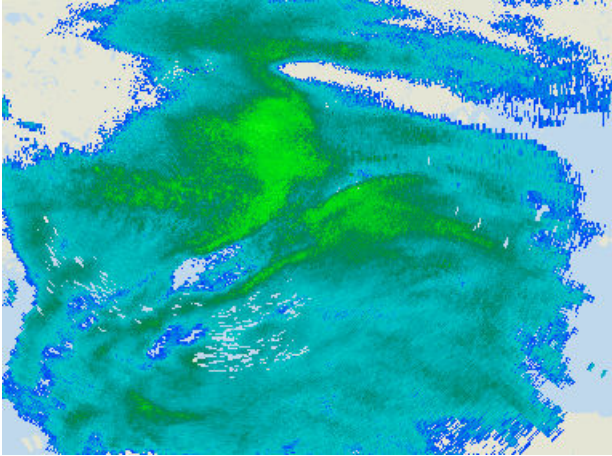


Figure 9 Visualized radar product

More information

- [Data manager \(page 117\)](#)

4.4 IRIS Analysis radar products

IRIS Analysis radar products are generated by signal processing components in IRIS Analysis. IRIS Focus reads the list of products, and allows you to select which one to display on the IRIS Focus map view.

The radar products and their settings are pre-configured, and only displayed in IRIS Focus. They cannot be edited in the IRIS Focus map view.

There is no upper limit to the number of pre-configured radar products that IRIS Focus can have.

The raw volume data is stored on a IRIS Analysis machine. The data can be archived to tape or stored on a large disk array.

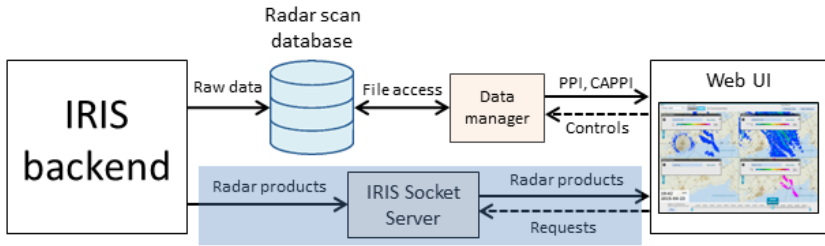


Figure 10 IRIS Analysis product data flow to IRIS Focus

The radar products are rasterized into 2D bitmap images, based on the back-end signal processing settings. The images are sent to the IRIS Focus web user interface through the IRIS Socket Server interface. The Socket Server uses TCP port 30735 to communicate with IRIS Focus.

When you select a pre-configured product in IRIS Focus, IRIS Focus polls the Socket Server and loads the image.

The resolution of pre-configured radar products is limited by the capacity of the processing module that produces them. For example, IRIS Analysis has the following limitations:

- Max number of **bins** in any **ray** at any time: 4200
- Max number of **rays** in a sweep: 1024
- Max number of **moments** recorded in a **sweep**: 16
- Max number of **sweeps** per **scan**: 40

For information on setting up IRIS Analysis products, see *IRIS Product and Display Guide*.

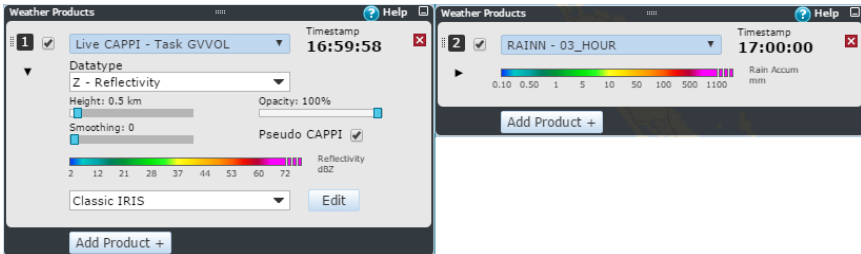


Figure 11 On-demand and IRIS Analysis product settings

4.5 Lightning product generation

The data for lightning products in IRIS Focus originates from a Vaisala Lightning Detection System which uses multiple, remote sensors to detect signals emitted by lightning discharges, while filtering out the signals from non-lightning sources. Each sensor sends its data to the central processor (the **Total Lightning Processor**, TLP) where lightning locations are determined.

To ensure that the data set applies to the same lightning event, the TLP compares the time at which the event was recorded by each sensor, and then calculates the precise location of the lightning event. The TLP also records several other descriptive characteristics of each lightning event.

The data from the TLP is delivered to IRIS Focus. The data is ingested to the system in real time, after which it can be requested across specific time frames by lightning products.

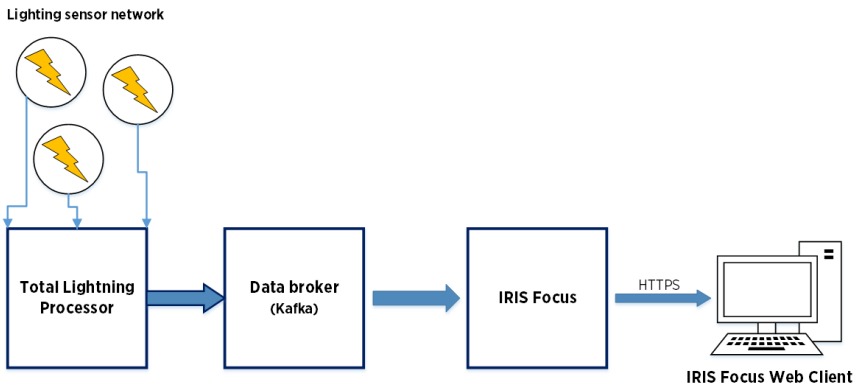


Figure 12 IRIS Focus lightning architecture

4.6 GLD360 lightning layer

Vaisala offers an optional subscription service for the Vaisala Global Lightning Dataset GLD360. GLD360 is a dedicated data stream that measures lightning strikes from the surface of the Earth, and its data is generated outside IRIS Focus.

GLD360 can be integrated with IRIS Focus and included as an additional WMS lightning layer in the web UI, where the user can view it just like radar product layers.

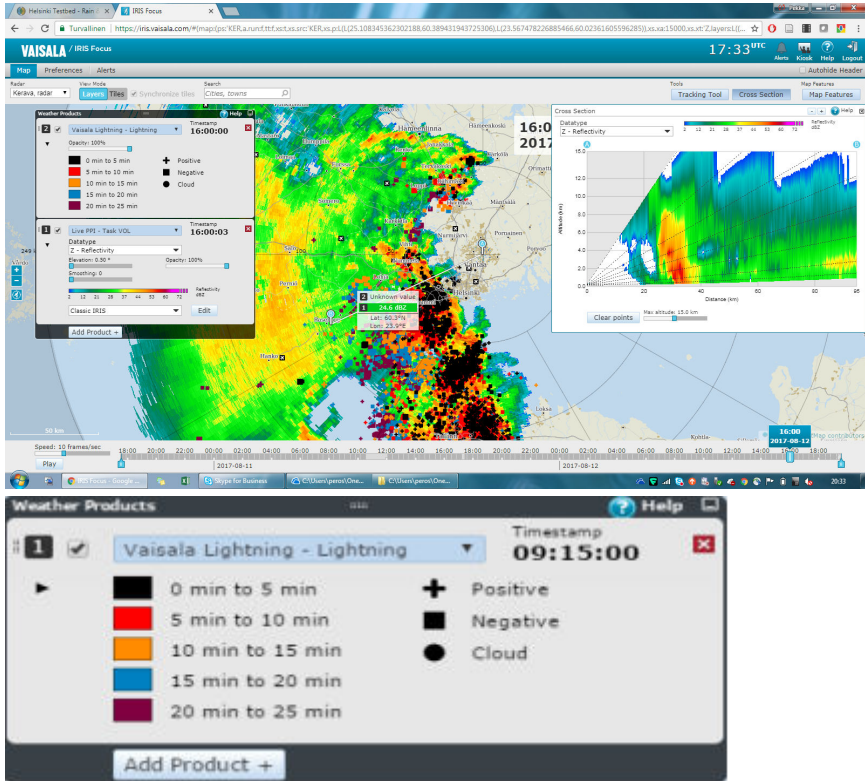


Figure 13 GLD360 lightning layer and controls

To take the GDL360 lightning layer into use, the IRIS Focus server must be online and your organization must have an active subscription to GLD360 data. For information on subscribing to GLD360 data, contact Vaisala Lightning Data Services.

More information

- Enabling GLD360 lightning layer (page 104)

4.7 Web application

IRIS Focus supports current Microsoft Edge®, Mozilla Firefox®, and Google Chrome™ browsers.

IRIS Focus only accepts HTTPS connections. All requests to the standard HTTP port are redirected to the HTTPS port 443.

All application settings are stored in a PostgreSQL database on the IRIS Focus server.
Map and terrain data are stored in the same database.

More information

- [Installing a CA certificate \(page 123\)](#)
- [Certificates \(page 132\)](#)
- [Encryption \(page 132\)](#)

5. Installation for weather radar

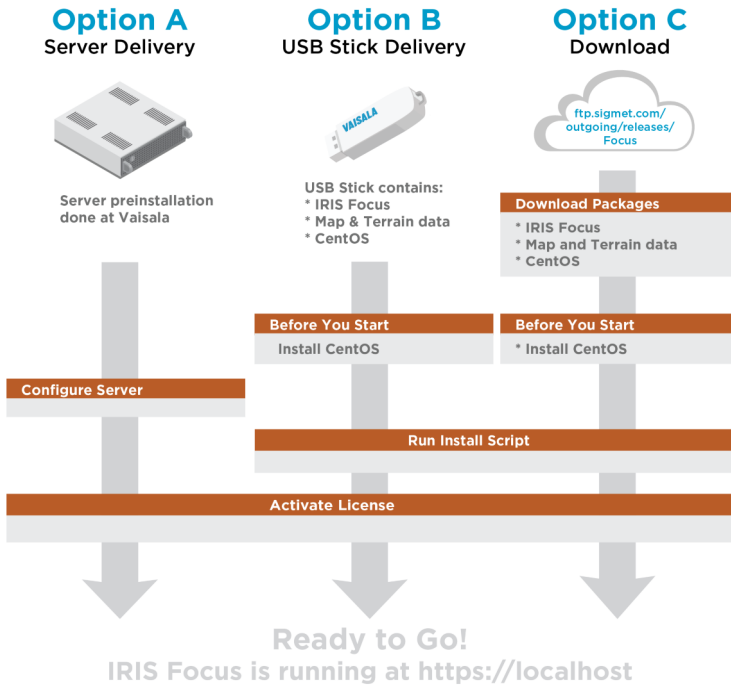


Figure 14 IRIS Focus Delivery Options

- Option A** Pre-installed system delivery from Vaisala. The "turnkey" option. Place an order and wait for delivery by Vaisala.
- Option B** Preconfigured USB stick containing the CentOS operating system and all required files for installing IRIS Focus.
- Option C** Downloadable installation packages. Download the required packages to install IRIS Focus on your server.

5.1 Downloading installation packages

- ▶ 1. Connect to [Vaisala Sigmet server \(ftp://ftp.sigmet.com\)](ftp://ftp.sigmet.com) using an FTP client. The host server allows read access for anonymous FTP connections.
- 2. Navigate to `/outgoing/releases/Focus/<latest version>`

- Download the following files:



The files are very large. Use a download tool such as [CrossFTP](#) that allows resuming downloads to fetch the packages.

- IRIS Focus web application package: *Vaisala_IRIS_installer-<latest version>.tar*
 - Maps directory: *vaisala-iris-maps-v2.zip*
 - Terrain data directory: *vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip*
- If you require the CentOS installation image, download it from: ftp://ftp.sigmet.com/outgoing/releases/CentOS/7.6/CentOS-7-x86_64-Everything-1810.iso



You can skip the CentOS installation image if you already have an appropriately configured CentOS installed.

5.1.1 Verifying MD5 hashes

Each file has an associated *md5sum* file located in the same download directory.

After downloading the file(s), verify their integrity by checking each file's MD5 hash against the one provided at the installation site.

- Do one of the following:
 - In CentOS – Use the pre-installed **md5sum** command line tool:
md5sum [filename]
 - In Microsoft Windows – Use the pre-installed **CertUtil** utility:
certutil -hashfile [filename] MD5
- Check that the hashes match completely with the reference hashes at the download source.
- If you see any discrepancies in the hashes, download the mismatching file again.

5.2 Prerequisites for installation

Before installing IRIS Focus, make sure your environment meets the necessary hardware and software requirements.

More information

- [IRIS Focus hardware requirements \(page 15\)](#)
- [Software requirements \(page 15\)](#)

5.3 Installing CentOS

A prerequisite for installing IRIS Focus is that CentOS is installed on your intended IRIS Focus system.



This version of IRIS Focus has been tested with CentOS 7.4 and 7.6. We expect IRIS Focus to also work with other versions of CentOS 7.x.

If you do not have a CentOS system running, select an installation image from [Vaisala Sigmet server \(ftp://ftp.sigmet.com/outgoing/releases//CentOS/7.6/Centos/\)](ftp://ftp.sigmet.com/outgoing/releases//CentOS/7.6/Centos/), and see instructions at [Tecmint Linux Guides \(https://www.tecmint.com/centos-7-installation/\)](https://www.tecmint.com/centos-7-installation/) on how to perform a CentOS installation.

Table 6 Vaisala-recommended disk partitioning

Partition	Size
/home	50 GB
/boot	500 MB
/var	100 GB
/	100 GB
swap	size of RAM + 2 GB
/srv	50% of the remaining disk space
/usr/iris_data	50% of the remaining disk space

If there is only a little disk space, you can decrease the size of the */home*, */var*, and */* partitions by 10-20 GB.

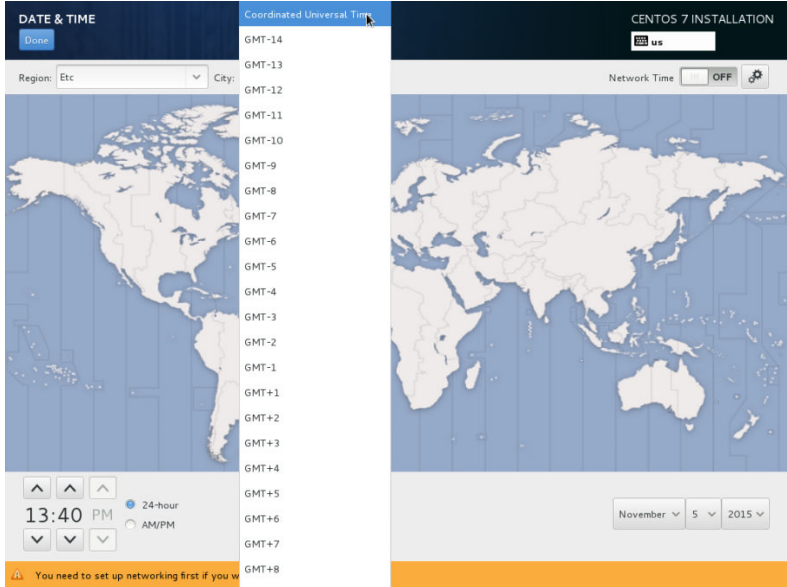


When you are only installing IRIS Focus on the server (and not IRIS Analysis), do not create a */usr/iris_data* partition. Instead, allocate all remaining disk space to the */srv* partition.

Install CentOS according to the standard instructions, with the following changes.

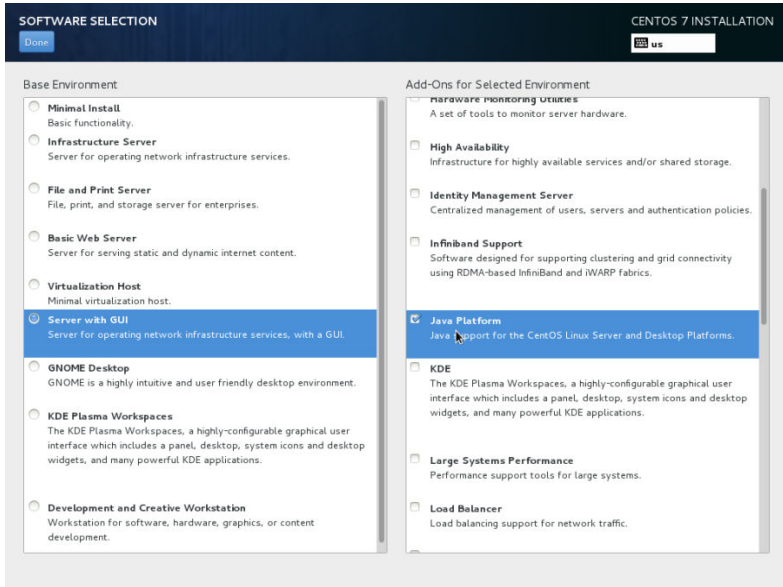
1. Select your installation language.

2. In **DATE & TIME**, set the system clock to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) by choosing the following values:
- Region: **Etc**
 - City: **Coordinated Universal Time**



3. In **SOFTWARE SELECTION**, set the server type by selecting the following software installation options:

- Base Environment type: **Server with GUI**
- Add-ons: **Java Platform**

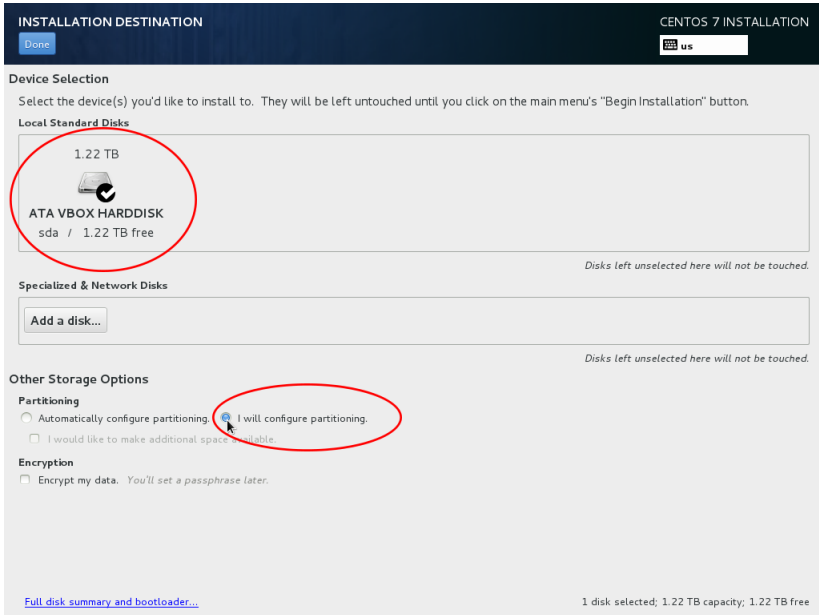


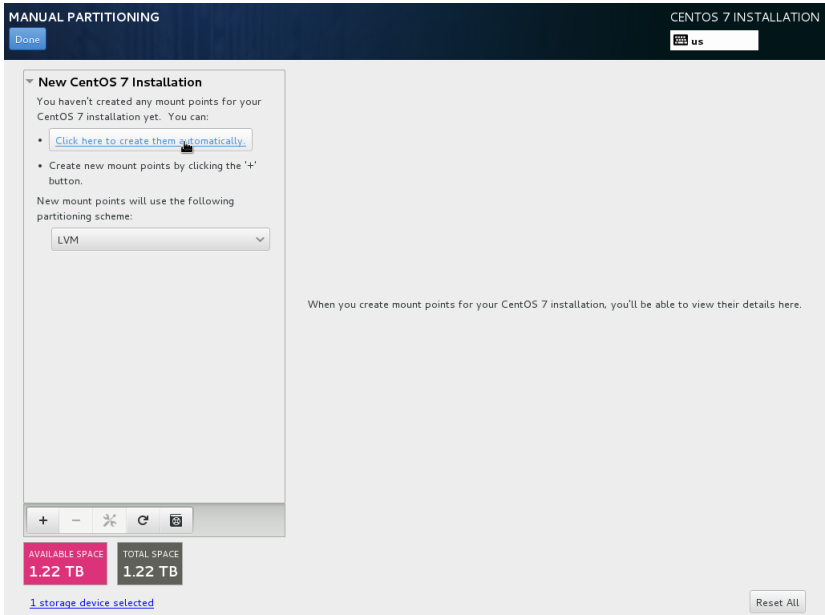
4. In the CentOS installation screen, select **NETWORK & HOSTNAME**.

The screenshot displays the 'NETWORK & HOSTNAME' configuration window in the CentOS 7 installer. The window is titled 'CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION' and has a 'Done' button in the top left. The main title is 'NETWORK & HOSTNAME'. The interface shows the configuration for the 'enp0s3' network interface. The 'Connection name' is 'enp0s3'. The 'Method' is set to 'Manual'. Under 'IPv4 Settings', there are fields for 'Address', 'Netmask', and 'Gateway', along with 'Add' and 'Delete' buttons. There are also fields for 'DNS servers', 'Search domains', and 'DHCP client ID'. A checkbox for 'Require IPv4 addressing for this connection to complete' is present. At the bottom, there is a 'Host name' field with 'localhost.localdomain' and an 'Apply' button. A 'Current host name' label shows 'localhost.localdomain'.

- a. Turn the network **ON**.
- b. Select **Configure**.
- c. In the **General** tab, select **Automatically connect to the network when it is available**.
- d. In the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Method > Manual**.
- e. In the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Add** to add your network IP address, Netmask, Gateway, and DNS servers.
- f. Select **Save**.
- g. In **Host name**, type a name for this server.
- h. Select **Apply**.

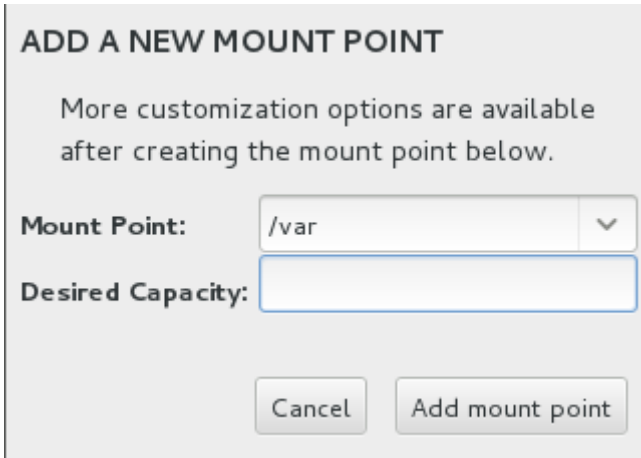
- 5. In **INSTALLATION DESTINATION**, start manual partitioning:
 - a. Select the hard disk.
 - b. Select **I will configure partitioning**.
 - c. Select **Done**.



6. Select **Click here to create them automatically.**7. Create the **/home** partition.

- Select the plus (+) icon.
The **ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT** dialog appears.
- Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the home partition (*/home*) by typing **50 GiB**.
- Select **Update Settings**.

8. Create the `/var` partition:
 - a. Select the plus (+) icon.
The **ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT** dialog appears.



ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT

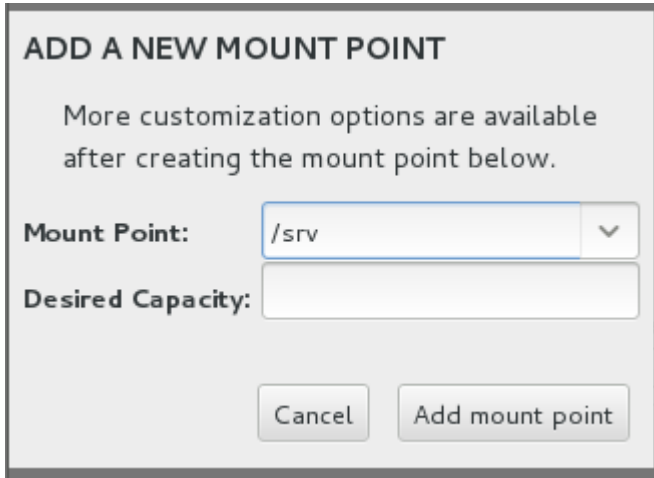
More customization options are available after creating the mount point below.

Mount Point: ▼

Desired Capacity:

- b. In **Mount Point**, type `/var`
 - c. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the `/var` partition by typing **100 GiB**.
 - d. Select **Add mount point**.
9. Select **/boot**.
 - a. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the `/boot` partition by typing **500 MiB**.
 - b. Select **Update Settings**.
10. Select **/**.
 - a. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the root partition (`/`) by typing **100 GiB**.
 - b. Select **Update Settings**.
11. Select **swap**.
 - a. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the swap to the size that corresponds to RAM + 2 GB.
 - b. Select **Update Settings**.

12. Create the `/srv` partition:
 - a. Select the plus (+) icon.
The **ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT** dialog appears.



ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT

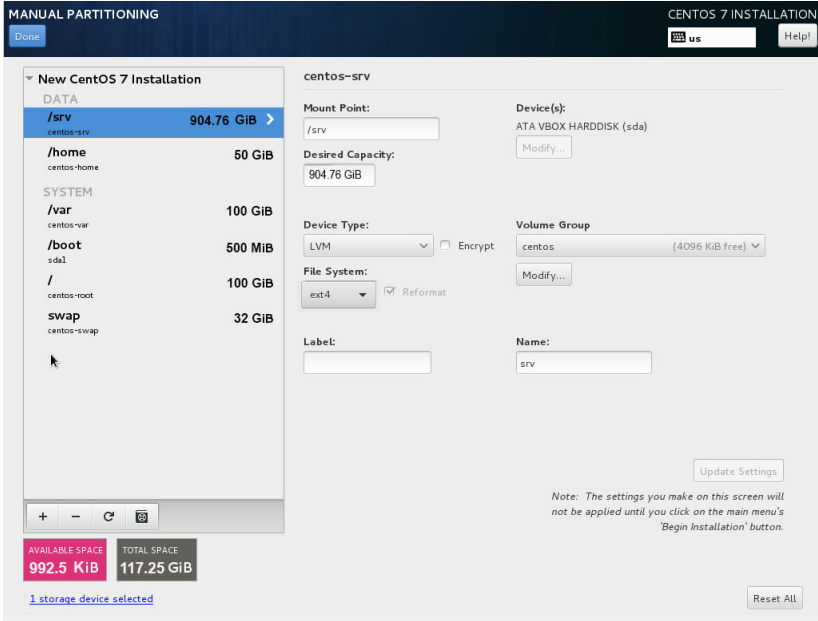
More customization options are available
after creating the mount point below.

Mount Point: ▼

Desired Capacity:

- b. In **Mount Point**, type `/srv`
 - c. Under **Desired Capacity**, use the remainder of the server space for the `/srv` partition by typing `9999999`.
The user interface fills in the available server space.
 - d. Select **Add mount point**.
13. Select **Done**.

14. Check that the partitions are defined as follows:



15. Select **Done > Accept Changes**.
16. Select **Begin Installation**.

5.3.1 Setting the Root Password

If your system was pre-installed in Vaisala, the default password is xxxxxxxx.

When you have started the CentOS installation, configure the **root** and one non-**root** user account.

- ▶ 1. Select **ROOT PASSWORD**.
The **Root Password** window opens.
2. Enter your root password.
Check the password strength meter. While Vaisala recommends a strong password, the software does not stop you from entering a weak one.
3. In the confirm text box, re-enter your root password.
4. In the upper left hand corner, select **Done** to return to the main configuration page.
If your password is weak, you are prompted to select **Done** a second time.

5.3.2 Creating CentOS user accounts and finalizing the installation

- ▶ 1. Select **USER CREATION**.
2. Create an account with the following properties:
 - User name: **radarop**
 - Password: [**chosen password**]

The screenshot shows the 'CREATE USER' step in the CentOS 7 installation process. The interface includes a 'Done' button in the top left and 'CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION' with a language dropdown in the top right. The 'Full name' field is filled with 'Radar Operator'. The 'Username' field contains 'radarop', with a tip below it: 'Tip: Keep your username shorter than 32 characters and do not use spaces.' There are two checkboxes: 'Make this user administrator' (unchecked) and 'Require a password to use this account' (checked). The 'Password' field is masked with asterisks, and a strength indicator below it shows a green bar and the word 'Strong'. The 'Confirm password' field is also masked with asterisks. An 'Advanced...' button is located at the bottom of the form.

Figure 15 Creating user accounts

3. In the upper left hand corner, select **Done** to return to the main configuration page. If your password is weak, you are prompted to select **Done** a second time. The installation continues for a few minutes.
4. When prompted, select **Reboot**.
5. Select **LICENSE INFORMATION**. Accept the license agreement.
6. Select **Done**.
7. Select **FINISH CONFIGURATION**.

The CentOS installation is now complete. You are ready to install IRIS Focus.

5.4 Installing IRIS Focus from a USB stick

In these instructions, x . x is the number of the version/patch.

The IRIS Focus installation USB contains the following file structure for the main version installation:

```
Focus_install
----vaisala-iris-maps-v2
----vaisala-iris-terrain-v2
----Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar
----documentation
```

In the case of a patch release, the USB stick may also include an additional .tar file for the patch.

To install IRIS Focus from the USB stick, you must copy the files to the CentOS server and prepare the files for installation.

1. Reboot the system.
2. Log in as **root**.
3. Insert the USB stick.
If it is already plugged-in, remove and re-insert the stick.
4. In the pop-up dialog, select **Open With Files**.
5. Right-click a blank area and select **Open in Terminal**.
6. In the terminal, type **pwd** and press **ENTER**.
The result is usually `/run/media/root/IRIS`.
7. Copy the `Focus_install` directory to the CentOS server:

```
mkdir /srv/Focus_install
cp -r /run/media/root/IRIS/Focus_install/* /srv/Focus_install
```

8. Change to the `/Focus_install` directory and unpack the .tar file:

```
cd /srv/Focus_install
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar
```

9. Change to the `/srv/Focus_install/vaisala-iris-terrain-v2` directory:

```
cd /srv/Focus_install/vaisala-iris-terrain-v2
```

- a. Join the fileparts:

```
cat vaisala-iris-terrain-v2-part* > vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip
```

- b. Unzip the resulting terrain zip file:

```
unzip vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip
```

- c. Remove the extra files:

```
rm -rf vaisala-iris-terrain-v2-part*
rm -rf vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip
```

10. Change to the `/Focus_install` directory.

11. Run the IRIS Focus installation script:

```
/Focus_install/Vaisala-IRIS-Focus-v6.0.0--23/rsw-installer --offline --gis-
db-dump vaisala-iris-maps-v2 --terrain-dir vaisala-iris-terrain-v2 --radar
-s <hostname or IP of IRIS Analysis socket server> -cow <root application
URL>
```

5.5 Installing IRIS Focus patch

If the delivery includes a separate patch file, first install the main version, and then the patch file.

The patch file is located in a separate folder on the USB stick.

In these instructions, `x.x` is the number of the version/patch.

- ▶ 1. Log in as `root`.
- 2. Copy the patch file `Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar` and `README.txt` from the USB stick to a temporary directory.
- 3. Extract the tar file:

```
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar
```

- 4. Follow the instructions in the `README.txt` to run the upgrade script.

5.6 Installing IRIS Focus components

The script automatically installs all necessary services, user accounts, and modules required to run IRIS Focus. The services start automatically.

Table 7 IRIS Focus services

Service	Description
<code>monit</code>	Monitoring tool for Unix systems and processes.
<code>HAProxy</code>	Encodes outgoing traffic with HTTPS encryption.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-webapp</code>	IRIS Focus web application.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-geoserver</code>	Map engine for caching and generating base map layers.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast-server</code>	Nowcasting server.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-data-manager-service</code>	Data Manager application.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-data-manager-input-service</code>	Listener for incoming IRIS RAW files.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-warn-reader</code>	Listener for incoming WARN products from IRIS Analysis.

Table 8 IRIS Focus users

User	Description
<code>nowcast</code>	Restricted user account for running the nowcast service.
<code>radardm</code>	Restricted user account for running the Data Manager application.
<code>radardminput</code>	Restricted user account for running the Data Manager input service.
<code>radargeo</code>	Restricted user account for running the GeoServer map engine.
<code>radarweb</code>	Restricted user account for running the IRIS Focus web application.
<code>warnreader</code>	Restricted user account for running the warn reader service.

- ▶ 1. Make sure you have a CentOS 7 server system set up, and that you have received the IRIS Focus installation files either as a USB delivery or as a download.
- 2. Make sure you have the IRIS Focus application installer, map data package, and terrain data package available.
These are required because all IRIS Focus components are installed at the same time.

3. Mount the CentOS 7 USB stick or DVD.
Although CentOS 7 is already set up, the IRIS Focus installer relies on some packages that are provided by the CentOS repository.
4. Login as **root**.
5. Unpack the contents of the IRIS Focus installation file on the server, for example to the `/root/IRIS` directory.
These files occupy approximately 40 Gb of space unpacked.
6. Navigate to the directory where you downloaded the files.
7. Launch the `./rsw-installer` script.
The install script requires the following parameters:

```
./rsw-installer --offline --gis-db-dump [maps directory] --terrain-dir [terrain directory] -s [socket server hostname]
```

- `--gis-db-dump` - location for the map data
- `--terrain-dir` - location for the terrain data
- `-s` - hostname of the socket server that provides radar product data from IRIS Analysis



If the computer is connected to the internet, you can run the installer with the `--online` flag.
This fetches any additionally required CentOS 7 packages from the internet.



The install process can take a significant amount of time, especially as the application database is first populated with map data.
Do not abort the installation if you do not see progress in a single step for up to 1 hour.

More information

- [Security settings \(page 132\)](#)
- [Uninstalling IRIS Focus \(page 141\)](#)

5.7 Running OS hardening scripts

When the IRIS Focus installation is complete, run the OS hardening scripts.

Table 9 Hardened areas

Hardened area
Install AIDE (Advanced Intrusion Detection Environment)
Restrict core dumps

Hardened area
Set permissions for <code>grub</code> configuration
Set default Message of the Day
Configure Chrony NTP
Configure TCP Wrappers
Strengthen log file permissions
Strengthen <code>Cron</code> configuration
Lockout for failed login attempts
Password sufficiency
Strengthen file permissions
Enable SSH issue banner
Disable IPv6
Remove support for unneeded file system types: <code>cramfs, freevxfs, jffs2, hfs, hfspplus, squashfs, udf, vfat, dccp,sctp, rds, tipc, cups, avahi-daemon</code>

1. Navigate to the directory where you downloaded the installation files.
2. Type the command:

```
./rsw-harden-os
```

The command executes the bash scripts in the `/release/security-scripts` directory.

5.8 Activating license

IRIS Focus provides several ways to activate the IRIS Focus software license on the server: with a USB license key, online, or offline without the USB license key.

5.8.1 Activating License from a USB Drive

The IRIS Focus license key can be provided on a USB drive. If you are using this option, after installing IRIS Focus, activate the license by linking the USB drive to the license file provided by Vaisala.

For the license to remain active, the USB drive must remain in the server after completing this procedure.

1. Insert the USB in the server machine.

2. Install the license with the following command:

```
rsw-install-license <license.txt>
```

3. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:
 - a. Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- b. Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.
- c. Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

4. Log in to IRIS Focus using an administrator account.
5. Select **Admin > System > Licensing Management** to view information about the license (seats, end date, and start date).

The license has now been activated on the IRIS Focus server and will remain active as long as the USB drive is in the server. If you remove the USB from the server, IRIS Focus will not run properly. To run IRIS Focus on the server, insert the USB drive again.

If you must replace the server, perform the same procedure on the new server.

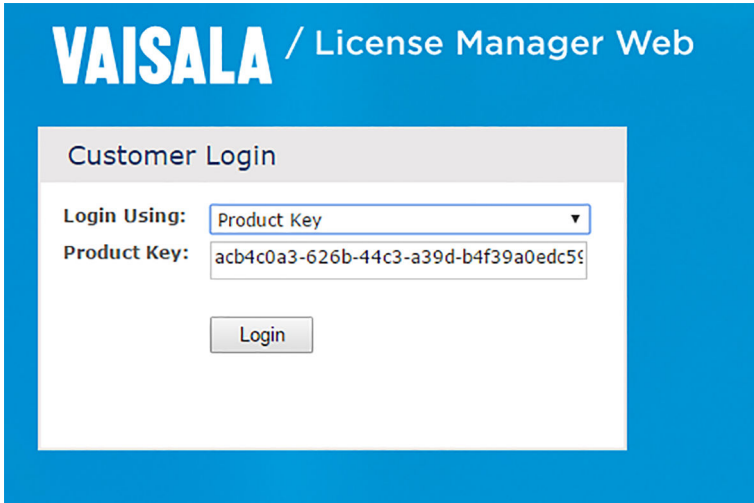
5.8.2 Activating license – online



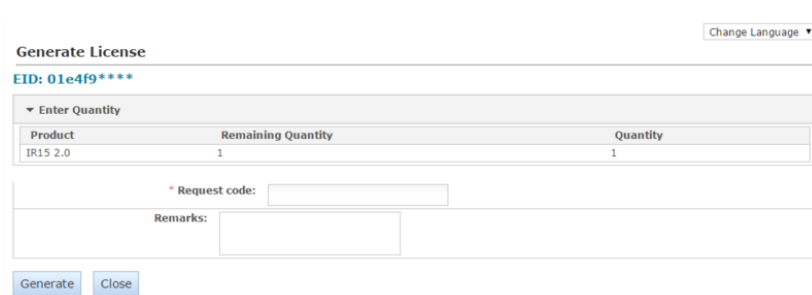
If you are using a USB license key, first insert the USB drive in the server for the license to work. See [Activating License from a USB Drive \(page 44\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Login as **root**.
2. Run the **rsw-show-machine-code** command on the IRIS Focus server to get the locking code specific to the server hardware.

3. Go to Vaisala License Manager Web at <https://licensing.vaisala.com> and select **Product Code** in the **Login Using** field.



4. Enter your product code and select **Login**.
5. Enter the locking code in the **Request Code** field.



6. Select **Generate**.

A popup window with the license string opens.

License Certificate				
Contact:		Customer: Vaisala Oyj - 327799		
List of Activations				
Product Key	Name	AID	Quantity	Remaining Quantity
31e6b594-9499-4c3a-859a-43cee66aba62	IR15 2.0	3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d	1	0
License String				
<pre>*E WLynnQhM4bu27hvFNEW.3y22hDpWYJWd8R0f6WTUhl0Bh6iAFHDqjmiBnkgz_rLwdmimOALF2fnAeoRgS9a0LA.pI0L Ok5TR79ouP3EAWWt7leoW45kqkN9oCQ7zH35Sd3ZrJpJwGseRnEz80Gvfo# "IRIS_Focus" version "", expires Midnight of Jan 1, 2011, exclusive##AID=3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d</pre>				
/				
Save to File		Append To File		Back to List

7. Select **Save to File** to save the license string to a file on disk.
The file is saved by default with the name `lservrc`.



Alternatively, use an SSH client to copy and paste the license string to a `.txt` file on the server.

8. Install the license with the **`rsw-install-license <location-of-the-license-file>`** command.
9. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:
- Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.
- Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

10. Log in to IRIS Focus using an administrator account.
11. Select **Admin > System > Licensing Management** to view information about the license (seats, end date, and start date).

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

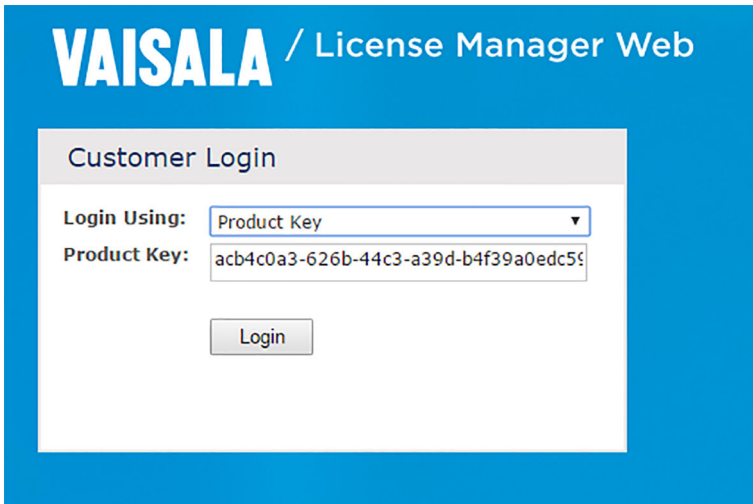
5.8.3 Activating license – offline

If the server running IRIS Focus is not connected to internet, you must activate the license by entering the IRIS Focus server locking code in **Vaisala License Manager Web** using an online computer. Then transfer the license file to the IRIS Focus server.



If you are using a USB license key, first insert the USB drive in the server for the license to work. See [Activating License from a USB Drive \(page 44\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Run `rsw-show-machine-code > [filename]` command on the IRIS Focus server to get the product code specific to the server hardware. This stores the product code string in a file.
- 2. Copy the file to a removable media, such as a USB stick, and transfer it to the online computer.
- 3. Go to Vaisala License Manager Web at <https://licensing.vaisala.com> and select **Product Code** in the **Login Using** field.



- 4. Enter your product code and select **Login**.

5. Enter the locking code in the **Request Code** field.

Change Language ▾

Generate License

EID: 01e4f9****

▼ Enter Quantity

Product	Remaining Quantity	Quantity
IR15 2.0	1	1

* Request code:

Remarks:

Generate Close

6. Select **Generate**.
A popup window with the license string opens.

License Certificate

Contact: Customer: Vaisala Oyj - 327799

List of Activations

Product Key	Name	AID	Quantity	Remaining Quantity
31e6b594-9499-4c3a-859a-43ceb6aba62	IR15 2.0	3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d	1	0

License String

```
*E
WL YmOhM4bu27hyFNEW 3y22XdpYYJWd9R0f6WUUhvL0Bp68AFHDqjmiBhkgzrLwdrmmCALF2fnAeoRgS9aDLA.p0L
OkSTR79ouPJEANWt7te0W45eSKN8oIQ722h35Sd3ZjjuWGs8RnEz80Gvfo# "IRIS_Focus" version "", expires Midnight
of Jan 1, 2011, exclusive##AID=3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d
```

Save to File Append To File Back to List

7. Select **Save to File** to save the license string to a file on disk.
The file is saved by default with the name *lserverc*.



Alternatively, use an SSH client to copy and paste the license string to a *.txt* file on the server.

8. Copy the license file to a removable media and transport the file to the IRIS Focus server.
9. Install the license with the **rsw-install-license <location-of-the-license-file>** command.

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

5.9 Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus

5.9.1 Setting or changing the socket server

If needed, set or change the socket server:

- ▶ 1. Type the command:

```
/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/bin/configure-iris-host  
<socket_server_host_name>  
rsw-basemap-site-setup --socket-server <socket_server_host_name>
```

2. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:

- a. Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- b. Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.
- c. Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

5.9.2 Activating the socket server in IRIS Radar

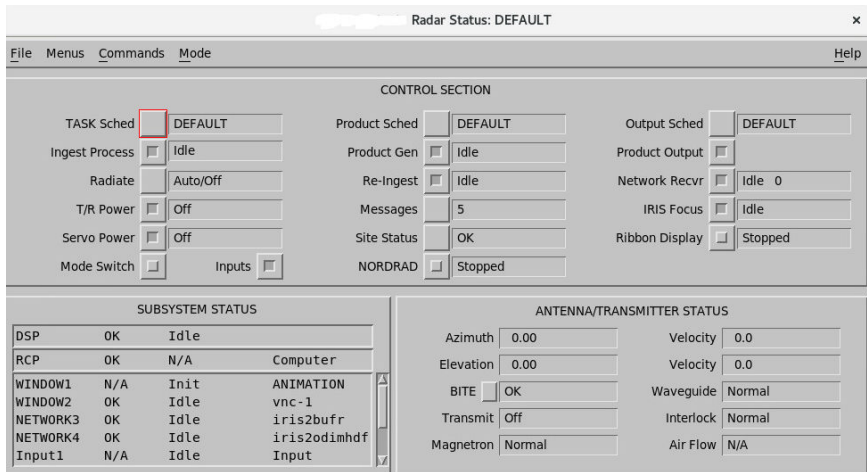


Figure 16 IRIS Radar status menu

If your system is running IRIS Focus server, you must enable the **IRIS Focus** option in IRIS Radar. For more information, see *IRIS Radar User Guide*.

- ▶ 1. Make sure IRIS has started.
2. In IRIS Radar, select **Menus > Radar Status**.
3. Turn on the socket server by selecting the **IRIS Focus** checkbox.
When this checkbox is selected, the field shows the status of the socket server process: **Idle**, **Running**, or **Stopped**.

5.9.3 Setting up Data Manager

The Data Manager service runs on the IRIS Focus server that receives radar scan volume data, stored in **RAW** file format, from the IRIS Analysis server and generates live radar products from the data in real-time.

During installation, IRIS Focus sets up all necessary services, databases, and user accounts for processing data. IRIS Focus features such as live products and dynamic composites require **RAW** files.

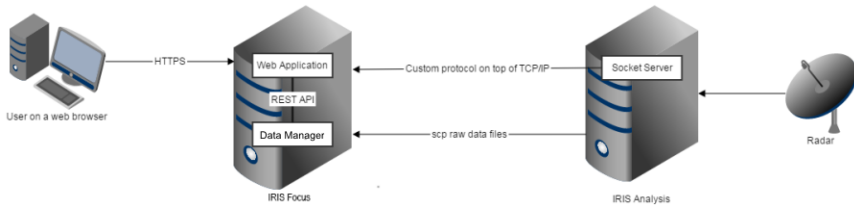


Figure 17 Radar data delivery paths

More information

- [Data manager \(page 117\)](#)
- [Data Manager does not work as expected \(page 134\)](#)

5.9.3.1 Setting up Data Manager on IRIS Analysis server

To configure IRIS Analysis to send **RAW** files to IRIS Focus, you must set the target location on the IRIS Focus server as a network output device in IRIS Analysis.

The target location on IRIS Focus server is the following directory, which is owned by the **radaradmin** user:

```
/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input
```

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Analysis server as **radarop**.
2. In the terminal window, type: **setup&**
The IRIS **Setup** utility opens
3. Select **Output**.
4. Create a new output device:
 - a. In **Number of output devices**, increase the number of output devices by 1.
 - b. Press **ENTER**.
A new configurable output device is added to the end of the **Output Device** list.

5. In the configuration pane for the new output device, configure the new output device with the following settings:

The screenshot shows a configuration window titled 'File' with a 'Help' button in the top right corner. The window is for 'Output Device #6'. The settings are as follows:

- Device type: Network
- Menu alias: data-manager
- Min time between output: 0 sec
- File format: IRIS (Def)
- Filename format: Native
- Compression scheme: None
- Notification scheme: None
- Target directory: /srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input
- Copy scheme: SCP
- User name: radardmininput
- Recipient host name: [target-hostname]

- Device type: Network**
- Filename format: Native**
- Target directory:** */srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input*
- User name:** radardmininput
- Host name: [IRIS Focus server]
- Select **File > Close**.
- Select **File > Save**.
- Select **File > Exit**.

6. Restart IRIS:

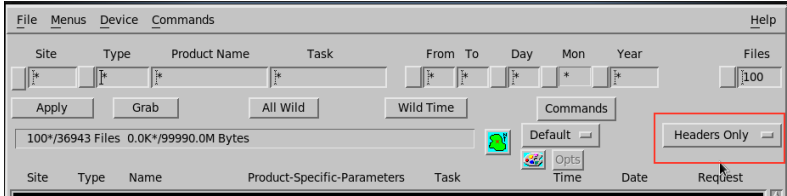
- a. Login as root.

```
#su  
#<type password>
```

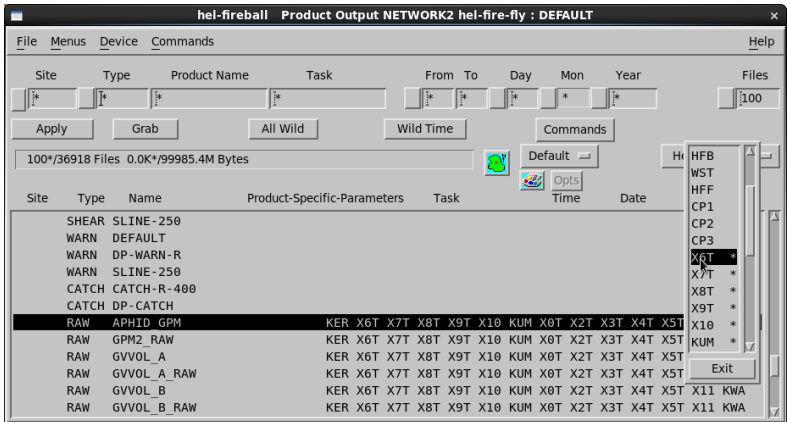
- b.

```
systemctl stop iris.service  
systemctl start iris.service
```

7. In the terminal window, type: **iris &**
 - a. Select **Menus > Product Output > Device**.
 - b. Select the device you configured in the **Setup** utility.
 - c. In the drop down box on the far right of the window, select **Headers Only**.



- d. In the product list, select any **RAW** product.
- e. Right-click the far right of the product name and select a radar site. If needed, deselect any radar sites you do not want to include in the device configuration.



- f. Select **Apply**.
 - g. Select **File > Save As**.
Define a name for the new **Product Output** or use the **DEFAULT** option.
 - h. Select **OK**.
 - i. Select **Close**.
8. Copy the contents of `/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` to your clipboard.

9. Log in to the **root** account with the **su** command.
When prompted, type the **root** password.
10. Launch a one-time SSH connection to the IRIS Focus server.

```
ssh [IRIS Focus server IP address]
```

This saves IRIS Focus server's hostname in the **known_hosts** file on the IRIS Analysis server.

5.9.3.2 Setting up Data Manager on IRIS Focus server

RAW files on the IRIS Analysis server are handled by the local **root** user and **RAW** files on the IRIS Focus server by the local **radardminput** user.

You must add the IRIS Analysis **root** account's public SSH key to the IRIS Focus **radardminput** accepted keys list.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus server as **root**.
2. If it does not exist already, create the following **.ssh** file:

```
# mkdir -m 700 /var/lib/radardminput/.ssh
# chown radardminput:radarsw /var/lib/radardminput/.ssh
```

3. Add the socket server key to the authorized SSH key store of the **radardminput** user:
This enables file transfer from the IRIS Analysis root account to IRIS Focus **radardminput** user.

- a. Type:

```
# cd /var/lib/radardminput/.ssh
# ls
```

- b. If the **authorized_keys** file does not yet exist, add this file:

```
# vi authorized_keys
```

Paste the key you copied earlier to your clipboard.

```
# chown radardminput:radarsw authorized_keys
# chmod 644 authorized_keys
```

- c. If **authorized_keys** file already exists, type:

```
# vi authorized_keys
# rm socket-server-key
```

Append the key you copied earlier to the file.

4. Check that the expected on-demand product is visible in the IRIS Focus user interface. A data manager updater service records metadata of the files in a **PostgreSQL** database, which is accessed by the IRIS Focus web UI when it generates on-demand radar products from the data.

5.10 Verifying IRIS Focus installation

- ▶ 1. Check that the web user interface is running at the default HTTPS port, and the following default user accounts have been created in IRIS Focus during installation:
 - Username: **admin** / password: **admin123**
 - Username: **user** / password: **user123**
- 2. Access the IRIS Focus web UI by opening a browser on the IRIS Focus server and navigating to `https://localhost`. You should see the login screen for IRIS Focus web application.
- 3. Log in with the default IRIS Focus user account. Make sure the application loads, and the map view is displayed.
- 4. Check that the expected on-demand product is visible in the IRIS Focus user interface. A data manager updater service records metadata of the files in a **PostgreSQL** database, which is accessed by the IRIS Focus web UI when it generates on-demand radar products from the data.
- 5. Verify that **Tracking Tool** and **Cross Section** buttons are visible in the application UI. This verifies that IRIS Focus features are enabled.
- 6. Enable the grid lines by selecting **Map Features Lat/lon grid**. Depending on where the map view is centered, you should see slightly distorted grid lines that are leading away from the equator. This verifies that the map projection is correct.
- 7. Confirm that Data Manager is running:
 - a. Select **Weather Products > Add Product**.
 - b. Add a new on-demand **PPI** or **CAPPI** product.
 - c. Make sure you see weather data from the selected time on the screen.

5.11 Installing nowcasting as a separate service

A prerequisite for installing nowcasting as a separate service on a CentOS 7.6 server other than the IRIS Focus server is that the IRIS Focus server is already installed and running.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the nowcast server.
- 2. Download the standard installation package titled `Vaisala_IRIS_installer-5.3.0.tar` and copy it to the server.
- 3. Unpack the file to the current directory by typing:

```
$tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-5.3.0.tar
```

4. Change to the release directory by typing:

```
$cd release
```

5. Begin the installation of the nowcast service by typing:

```
./rsw-installer --online --skip-geoserver-installation --skip-terrain -s  
none --nowcast-only
```

Other standard installation options are skipped.

6. Verify that the nowcast service is running by typing:

```
$systemctl status vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server.service
```

7. Stop the firewall to allow remote connections by typing:

```
$systemctl disable firewalld.service  
$systemctl stop firewalld.service
```

You may also open connections to port **34480** if preferred.

8. Log in to the IRIS Focus server.
9. Go to the file `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`.
 - a. Edit the file by adding the name or IP address of the nowcast server to `nowcast.http.server.url` by typing:

```
[NOWCAST]  
nowcast.http.server.url = <nowcast-server-name>
```

where `<nowcast-server-name>` is the name or the IP address of the nowcast server.

10. Restart the IRIS Focus web application by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-webapp.service
```

11. Test the configuration in the IRIS Focus WebUI by setting at least one radar site to produce nowcasting data in **Product Configuration > Motion Vector Field Settings**.
 - a. Verify that the new nowcast server is functional by typing:

```
$less /var/log/vaisala/radarsw/webapp/webapp.log | grep nowcast
```

The expected result is as follows:

```
Request to nowcast http server: <nowcast-server-name>  
Response received from nowcast http server, processing...
```

where **<nowcast-server-name>** is the name or the IP address of the nowcast server.

- b. Go to the IRIS Focus WebUI and confirm that nowcasting generation is functional.

6. Installation for lightning sensor network and weather radar

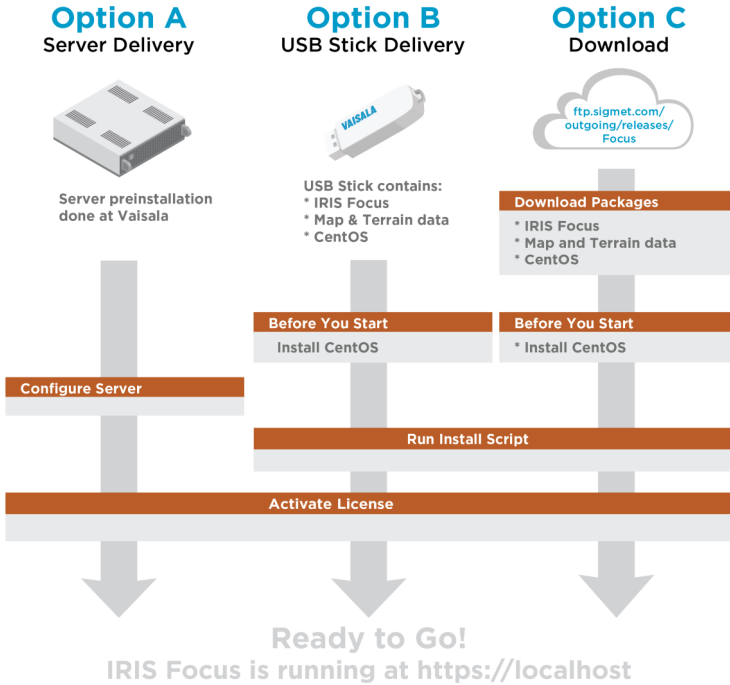


Figure 18 IRIS Focus Delivery Options

- Option A** Pre-installed system delivery from Vaisala. The "turnkey" option. Place an order and wait for delivery by Vaisala.
- Option B** Pre-configured USB stick containing the CentOS operating system and all required files for installing IRIS Focus.
- Option C** Downloadable installation packages. Download the required packages to install IRIS Focus on your server.

6.1 Downloading installation packages

- ▶ 1. Connect to **Vaisala Sigmet server** (<ftp://ftp.sigmet.com>) using an FTP client. The host server allows read access for anonymous FTP connections.
- 2. Navigate to `/outgoing/releases/Focus/<latest version>`

- Download the following files:



The files are very large. Use a download tool such as [CrossFTP](#) that allows resuming downloads to fetch the packages.

- IRIS Focus web application package: *Vaisala_IRIS_installer-<latest version>.tar*
 - Maps directory: *vaisala-iris-maps-v2.zip*
 - Terrain data directory: *vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip*
- If you require the CentOS installation image, download it from: ftp://ftp.sigmet.com/outgoing/releases/CentOS/7.6/CentOS-7-x86_64-Everything-1810.iso



You can skip the CentOS installation image if you already have an appropriately configured CentOS installed.

6.1.1 Verifying MD5 hashes

Each file has an associated *md5sum* file located in the same download directory.

After downloading the file(s), verify their integrity by checking each file's MD5 hash against the one provided at the installation site.

- Do one of the following:
 - In CentOS – Use the pre-installed **md5sum** command line tool:
md5sum [filename]
 - In Microsoft Windows – Use the pre-installed **CertUtil** utility:
certutil -hashfile [filename] MD5
- Check that the hashes match completely with the reference hashes at the download source.
- If you see any discrepancies in the hashes, download the mismatching file again.

6.2 Prerequisites for installation

Before installing IRIS Focus, make sure your environment meets the necessary hardware and software requirements.

More information

- [IRIS Focus hardware requirements \(page 15\)](#)
- [Software requirements \(page 15\)](#)

6.3 Installing CentOS

A prerequisite for installing IRIS Focus is that CentOS is installed on your intended IRIS Focus system.



This version of IRIS Focus has been tested with CentOS 7.4 and 7.6. We expect IRIS Focus to also work with other versions of CentOS 7.x.

If you do not have a CentOS system running, select an installation image from [Vaisala Sigmet server \(ftp://ftp.sigmet.com/outgoing/releases//CentOS/7.6/CentOS/\)](ftp://ftp.sigmet.com/outgoing/releases//CentOS/7.6/CentOS/), and see instructions at [Tecmint Linux Guides \(https://www.tecmint.com/centos-7-installation/\)](https://www.tecmint.com/centos-7-installation/) on how to perform a CentOS installation.

Table 10 Vaisala-recommended disk partitioning

Partition	Size
/home	50 GB
/boot	500 MB
/var	100 GB
/	100 GB
swap	size of RAM + 2 GB
/srv	50% of the remaining disk space
/usr/iris_data	50% of the remaining disk space

If there is only a little disk space, you can decrease the size of the */home*, */var*, and */* partitions by 10-20 GB.

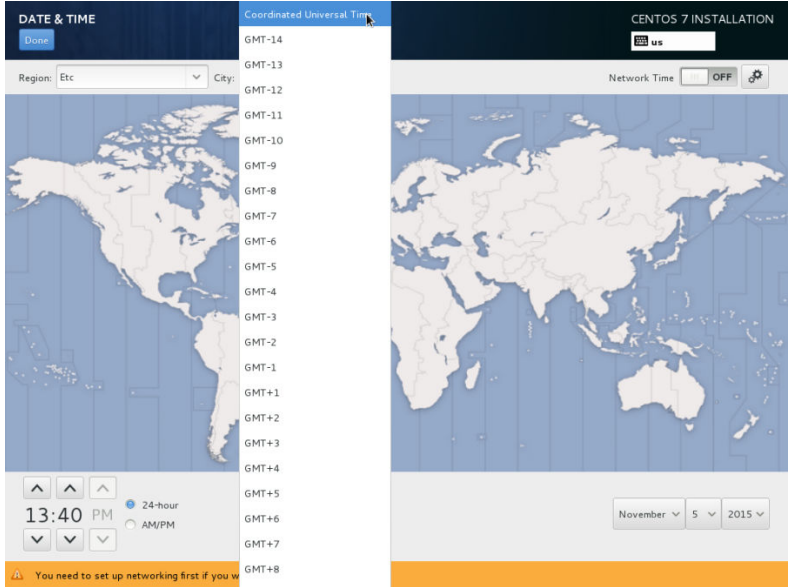


When you are only installing IRIS Focus on the server (and not IRIS Analysis), do not create a */usr/iris_data* partition. Instead, allocate all remaining disk space to the */srv* partition.

Install CentOS according to the standard instructions, with the following changes.

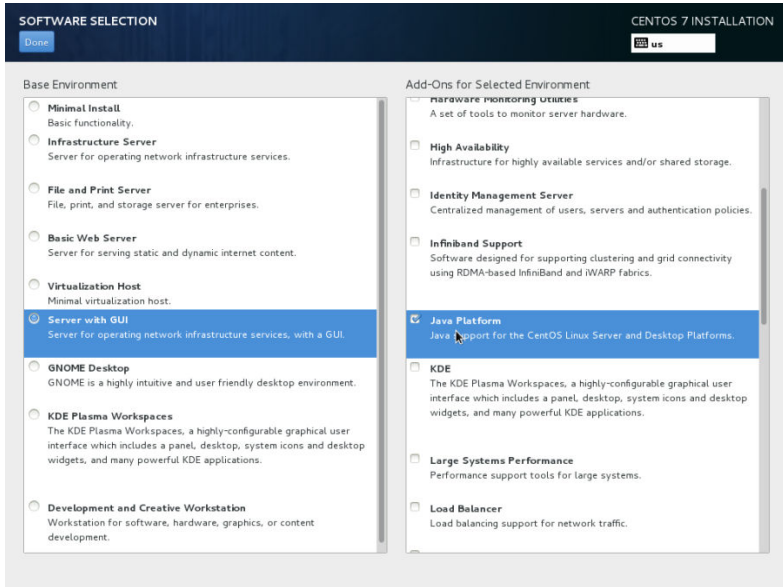
1. Select your installation language.

2. In **DATE & TIME**, set the system clock to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) by choosing the following values:
 - Region: **Etc**
 - City: **Coordinated Universal Time**



3. In **SOFTWARE SELECTION**, set the server type by selecting the following software installation options:

- Base Environment type: **Server with GUI**
- Add-ons: **Java Platform**

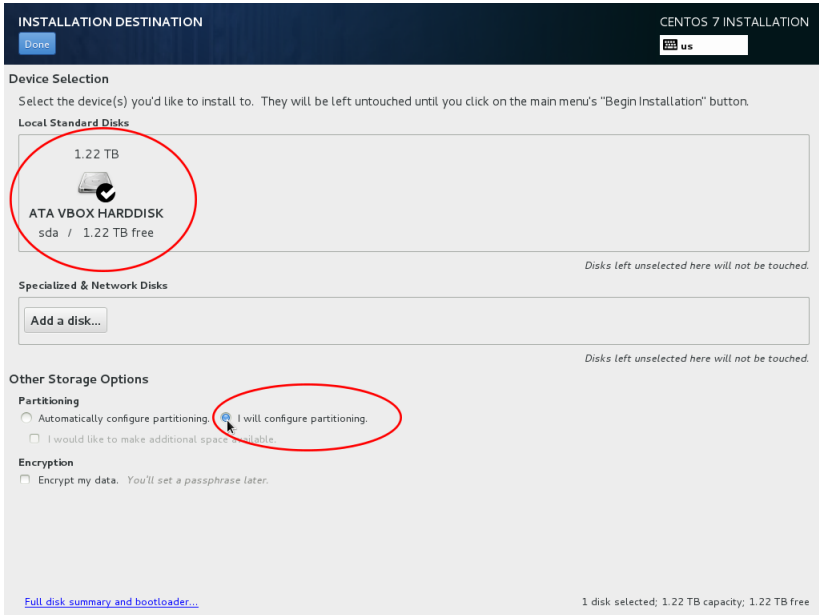


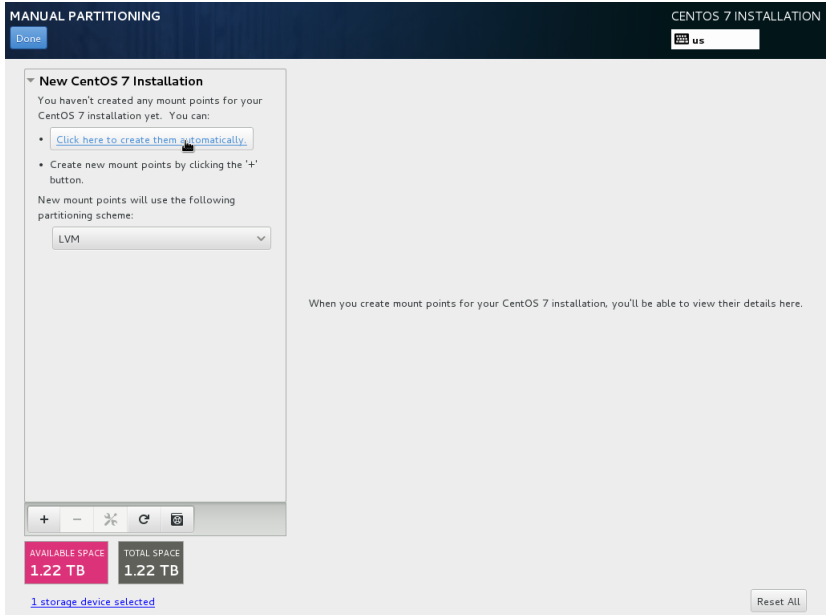
4. In the CentOS installation screen, select **NETWORK & HOSTNAME**.

The screenshot shows the 'NETWORK & HOSTNAME' configuration window in the CentOS 7 installer. The window is titled 'CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION' and has a 'Done' button on the left and a 'Help' button on the right. The main content area is titled 'Editing enp0s3' and shows the configuration for the 'Ethernet (enp0s3)' interface. The 'Connection name' is 'enp0s3'. The 'Method' is set to 'Manual'. Under the 'IPv4 Settings' tab, there are fields for 'Address', 'Netmask', and 'Gateway', along with 'Add' and 'Delete' buttons. There are also fields for 'DNS servers', 'Search domains', and 'DHCP client ID'. A checkbox for 'Require IPv4 addressing for this connection to complete' is present. At the bottom, there is a 'Host name' field with 'localhost.localdomain' and an 'Apply' button. A 'Current host name' label shows 'localhost.localdomain'.

- Turn the network **ON**.
- Select **Configure**.
- In the **General** tab, select **Automatically connect to the network when it is available**.
- In the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Method > Manual**.
- In the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Add** to add your network IP address, Netmask, Gateway, and DNS servers.
- Select **Save**.
- In **Host name**, type a name for this server.
- Select **Apply**.

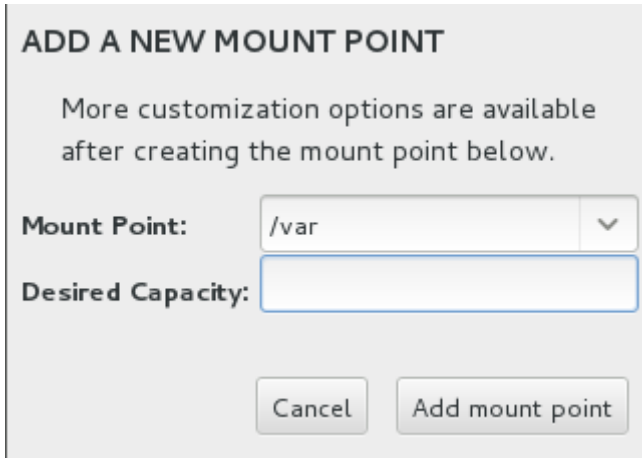
5. In **INSTALLATION DESTINATION**, start manual partitioning:
 - a. Select the hard disk.
 - b. Select **I will configure partitioning**.
 - c. Select **Done**.



6. Select **Click here to create them automatically.**

7. Create the **/home** partition.
 - a. Select the plus (+) icon.
The **ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT** dialog appears.
 - b. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the home partition (*/home*) by typing **50 GiB**.
 - c. Select **Update Settings**.

8. Create the `/var` partition:
 - a. Select the plus (+) icon.
The **ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT** dialog appears.



ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT

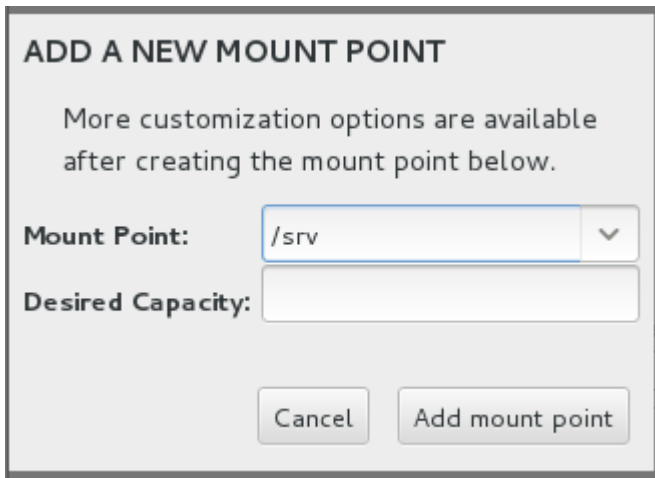
More customization options are available after creating the mount point below.

Mount Point: ▼

Desired Capacity:

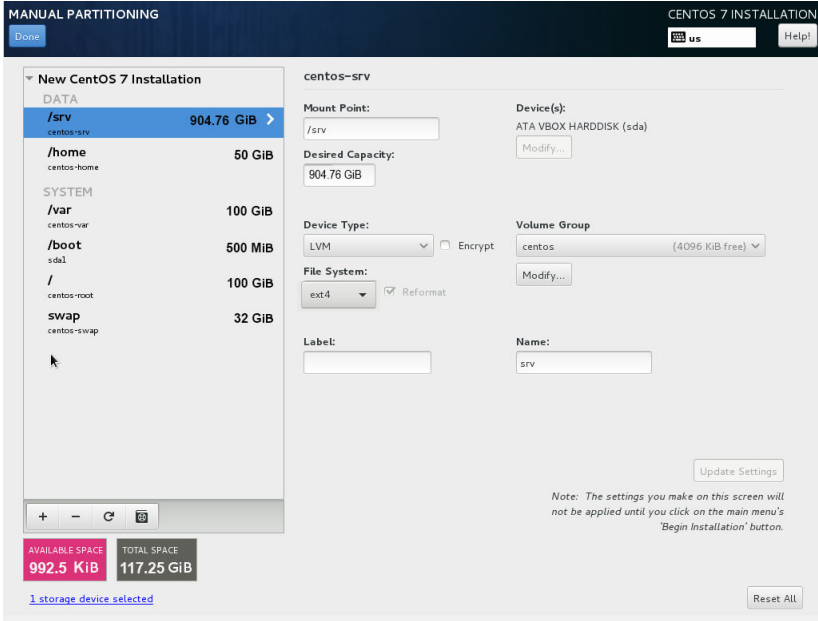
- b. In **Mount Point**, type `/var`
 - c. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the `/var` partition by typing **100 GiB**.
 - d. Select **Add mount point**.
9. Select **/boot**.
 - a. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the `/boot` partition by typing **500 MiB**.
 - b. Select **Update Settings**.
10. Select **/**.
 - a. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the root partition (`/`) by typing **100 GiB**.
 - b. Select **Update Settings**.
11. Select **swap**.
 - a. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the swap to the size that corresponds to RAM + 2 GB.
 - b. Select **Update Settings**.

12. Create the `/srv` partition:
 - a. Select the plus (+) icon.
The **ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT** dialog appears.



- b. In **Mount Point**, type `/srv`
 - c. Under **Desired Capacity**, use the remainder of the server space for the `/srv` partition by typing `9999999`.
The user interface fills in the available server space.
 - d. Select **Add mount point**.
13. Select **Done**.

14. Check that the partitions are defined as follows:



15. Select **Done > Accept Changes**.

16. Select **Begin Installation**.

6.3.1 Setting the Root Password

If your system was pre-installed in Vaisala, the default password is xxxxxxxx.

When you have started the CentOS installation, configure the **root** and one non-**root** user account.

- ▶ 1. Select **ROOT PASSWORD**.
The **Root Password** window opens.
- 2. Enter your root password.
Check the password strength meter. While Vaisala recommends a strong password, the software does not stop you from entering a weak one.
- 3. In the confirm text box, re-enter your root password.
- 4. In the upper left hand corner, select **Done** to return to the main configuration page.
If your password is weak, you are prompted to select **Done** a second time.

6.3.2 Creating CentOS user accounts and finalizing the installation

- ▶ 1. Select **USER CREATION**.
2. Create an account with the following properties:
 - User name: **radarop**
 - Password: [**chosen password**]

Figure 19 Creating user accounts

3. In the upper left hand corner, select **Done** to return to the main configuration page. If your password is weak, you are prompted to select **Done** a second time. The installation continues for a few minutes.
4. When prompted, select **Reboot**.
5. Select **LICENSE INFORMATION**. Accept the license agreement.
6. Select **Done**.
7. Select **FINISH CONFIGURATION**.

The CentOS installation is now complete. You are ready to install IRIS Focus.

6.4 Installing IRIS Focus from a USB stick

In these instructions, x . x is the number of the version/patch.

The IRIS Focus installation USB contains the following file structure for the main version installation:

```
Focus_install
----vaisala-iris-maps-v2
----vaisala-iris-terrain-v2
----Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar
----documentation
```

In the case of a patch release, the USB stick may also include an additional .tar file for the patch.

To install IRIS Focus from the USB stick, you must copy the files to the CentOS server and prepare the files for installation.

1. Reboot the system.
2. Log in as **root**.
3. Insert the USB stick.
If it is already plugged-in, remove and re-insert the stick.
4. In the pop-up dialog, select **Open With Files**.
5. Right-click a blank area and select **Open in Terminal**.
6. In the terminal, type **pwd** and press **ENTER**.
The result is usually `/run/media/root/IRIS`.
7. Copy the `Focus_install` directory to the CentOS server:

```
mkdir /srv/Focus_install
cp -r /run/media/root/IRIS/Focus_install/* /srv/Focus_install
```

8. Change to the `/Focus_install` directory and unpack the .tar file:

```
cd /srv/Focus_install
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar
```

9. Change to the `/srv/Focus_install/vaisala-iris-terrain-v2` directory:

```
cd /srv/Focus_install/vaisala-iris-terrain-v2
```

- a. Join the fileparts:

```
cat vaisala-iris-terrain-v2-part* > vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip
```

- b. Unzip the resulting terrain zip file:

```
unzip vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip
```

- c. Remove the extra files:

```
rm -rf vaisala-iris-terrain-v2-part*
rm -rf vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip
```

10. Change to the `/Focus_install` directory.

11. Run the IRIS Focus installation scripts:

```
/Focus_install/Vaisala-IRIS-Focus-v6.0.0--23/rsw-installer --offline --gis-
db-dump vaisala-iris-maps-v2 --terrain-dir vaisala-iris-terrain-v2 --radar
--lightning -s <hostname or IP of IRIS Analysis socket server>
```

```
/Focus_install/Vaisala-IRIS-Focus-v6.0.0--23/rsw-installer --offline --gis-
db-dump vaisala-iris-maps-v2 --terrain-dir vaisala-iris-terrain-v2 --radar
--lightning
```

6.5 Installing IRIS Focus patch

If the delivery includes a separate patch file, first install the main version, and then the patch file.

The patch file is located in a separate folder on the USB stick.

In these instructions, `x.x` is the number of the version/patch.

- ▶ 1. Log in as `root`.
- 2. Copy the patch file `Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar` and `README.txt` from the USB stick to a temporary directory.
- 3. Extract the tar file:

```
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-6.x.x.tar
```

- Follow the instructions in the *README.txt* to run the upgrade script.

6.6 Installing IRIS Focus components

The script automatically installs all necessary services, user accounts, and modules required to run IRIS Focus. The services start automatically.

Table 11 IRIS Focus services

Service	Description
monit	Monitoring tool for Unix systems and processes.
HAProxy	Encodes outgoing traffic with HTTPS encryption.
vaisala-radarsw-webapp	IRIS Focus web application.
vaisala-radarsw-geoserver	Map engine for caching and generating base map layers.
vaisala-iris-lightning-ws	The lightning WebSocket service
kafka	Kafka data broker service for lightning
kafka-zookeeper	A manager service required by kafka data brokers
vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server	Nowcasting server.
vaisala-radarsw-data-manager-service	Data manager application.
vaisala-radarsw-data-manager-input-service	Listener for incoming IRIS RAW files.
vaisala-radarsw-warn-reader	Listener for incoming WARN products from IRIS Analysis.

Table 12 IRIS Focus users

User	Description
nowcast	Restricted user account for running the nowcast service.
radardm	Restricted user account for running the data manager application.
radardminput	Restricted user account for running the data manager input service.
radargeo	Restricted user account for running the GeoServer map engine.

User	Description
<code>radarweb</code>	Restricted user account for running the IRIS Focus web application.
<code>warnreader</code>	Restricted user account for running the warn reader service.
<code>iris-lightning-ws</code>	Restricted user account for the lightning WebSocket service.
<code>kafka</code>	Restricted user account for the kafka data broker service and kafka-zookeeper.

- ▶ 1. Make sure you have a CentOS 7 server system set up, and that you have received the IRIS Focus installation files either as a USB delivery or as a download.
2. Make sure you have the IRIS Focus application installer, map data package, and terrain data package available.
These are required because all IRIS Focus components are installed at the same time.
3. Mount the CentOS 7 USB stick or DVD.
Although CentOS 7 is already set up, the IRIS Focus installer relies on some packages that are provided by the CentOS repository.
4. Login as **root**.
5. Unpack the contents of the IRIS Focus installation file on the server, for example to the `/root/IRIS` directory.
These files occupy approximately 40 Gb of space unpacked.
6. Navigate to the directory where you downloaded the files.
7. Launch the **`./rsw-installer`** script.
The install script requires the following parameters:

```
./rsw-installer --offline --gis-db-dump [maps directory] --terrain-dir [terrain directory] --radar -s [socket server hostname] --lightning
```

- **`--gis-db-dump`** - location for the map data
- **`--terrain-dir`** - location for the terrain data
- **`--radar`** - use this parameter if you are connecting weather radars to IRIS Focus
- **`-s`** - hostname of the socket server that provides radar product data from IRIS Analysis
- **`--lightning`** - use this parameter if you are connecting a Total Lightning Processor system to IRIS Focus.



If the computer is connected to the internet, you can run the installer with the **`--online`** flag.
This fetches any additionally required CentOS 7 packages from the internet.



The install process can take a significant amount of time, especially as the application database is first populated with map data. Do not abort the installation if you do not see progress in a single step for up to 1 hour.

6.7 Running OS hardening scripts

When the IRIS Focus installation is complete, run the OS hardening scripts.

Table 13 Hardened areas

Hardened area
Install AIDE (Advanced Intrusion Detection Environment)
Restrict core dumps
Set permissions for grub configuration
Set default Message of the Day
Configure Chrony NTP
Configure TCP Wrappers
Strengthen log file permissions
Strengthen Cron configuration
Lockout for failed login attempts
Password sufficiency
Strengthen file permissions
Enable SSH issue banner
Disable IPv6
Remove support for unneeded file system types: cramfs, freevxfs, jffs2, hfs, hfsplus, squashfs, udf, vfat, dccp, sctp, rds, tipc, cups, avahi-daemon

- ▶ 1. Navigate to the directory where you downloaded the installation files.
2. Type the command:

```
./rsw-harden-os
```

The command executes the bash scripts in the */release/security-scripts* directory.

6.8 Activating license

IRIS Focus provides several ways to activate the IRIS Focus software license on the server: with a USB license key, online, or offline without the USB license key.

6.8.1 Activating License from a USB Drive

The IRIS Focus license key can be provided on a USB drive. If you are using this option, after installing IRIS Focus, activate the license by linking the USB drive to the license file provided by Vaisala.

For the license to remain active, the USB drive must remain in the server after completing this procedure.

- ▶ 1. Insert the USB in the server machine.
- 2. Install the license with the following command:

```
rsw-install-license <license.txt>
```

- 3. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:

- a. Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- b. Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.

- c. Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- 4. Log in to IRIS Focus using an administrator account.
- 5. Select **Admin > System > Licensing Management** to view information about the license (seats, end date, and start date).

The license has now been activated on the IRIS Focus server and will remain active as long as the USB drive is in the server. If you remove the USB from the server, IRIS Focus will not run properly. To run IRIS Focus on the server, insert the USB drive again.

If you must replace the server, perform the same procedure on the new server.

6.8.2 Activating license – online



If you are using a USB license key, first insert the USB drive in the server for the license to work. See [Activating License from a USB Drive \(page 44\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Login as **root**.
2. Run the **rsw-show-machine-code** command on the IRIS Focus server to get the locking code specific to the server hardware.
3. Go to Vaisala License Manager Web at <https://licensing.vaisala.com> and select **Product Code** in the **Login Using** field.

VAISALA / License Manager Web

Customer Login

Login Using: Product Key ▼

Product Key: acb4c0a3-626b-44c3-a39d-b4f39a0edc59

Login

4. Enter your product code and select **Login**.
5. Enter the locking code in the **Request Code** field.

Generate License Change Language ▼

EID: 01e4f9****

▼ Enter Quantity

Product	Remaining Quantity	Quantity
IR15 2.0	1	1

* Request code:

Remarks:

Generate Close

6. Select **Generate**.

A popup window with the license string opens.

License Certificate				
Contact:		Customer: Vaisala Oyj - 327799		
List of Activations				
Product Key	Name	AID	Quantity	Remaining Quantity
31e6b594-9499-4c3a-859a-43cee66aba62	IR15 2.0	3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d	1	0
License String				
<pre>*E WL YnnQhM4bu27hvFNEW.3y22hDpWYJWd8R0f6WTUhl0Bh6iAFHDqjmiBnkgz_rLwdmimOALF2fnAeoRgS9a0LA.pI0L Ok5TR79ouP3EAWWt7leoW45kqSN9oIC7zH35Sd3ZrJpJwGseRnEz80Gvfo# "IRIS_Focus" version "", expires Midnight of Jan 1, 2011, exclusive##AID=3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d</pre>				
/				
<input type="button" value="Save to File"/>		<input type="button" value="Append To File"/>		<input type="button" value="Back to List"/>

7. Select **Save to File** to save the license string to a file on disk.
The file is saved by default with the name *lservrc*.



Alternatively, use an SSH client to copy and paste the license string to a *.txt* file on the server.

8. Install the license with the **rsw-install-license <location-of-the-license-file>** command.
9. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:
- Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.
- Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

10. Log in to IRIS Focus using an administrator account.
11. Select **Admin > System > Licensing Management** to view information about the license (seats, end date, and start date).

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

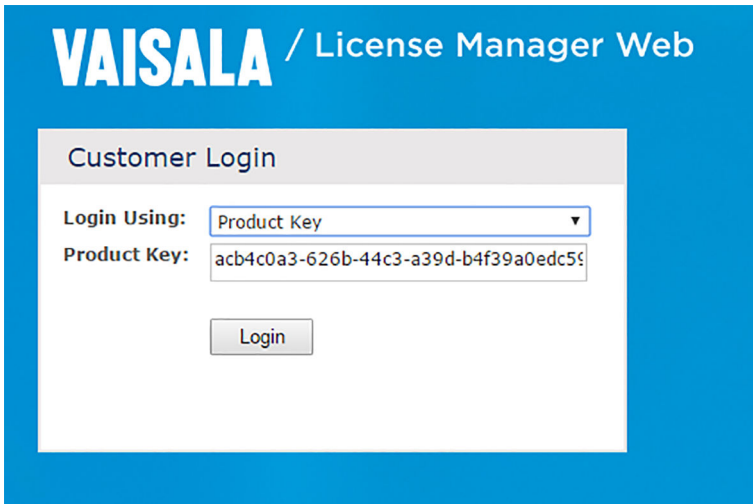
6.8.3 Activating license – offline

If the server running IRIS Focus is not connected to internet, you must activate the license by entering the IRIS Focus server locking code in **Vaisala License Manager Web** using an online computer. Then transfer the license file to the IRIS Focus server.



If you are using a USB license key, first insert the USB drive in the server for the license to work. See [Activating License from a USB Drive \(page 44\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Run `rsw-show-machine-code > [filename]` command on the IRIS Focus server to get the product code specific to the server hardware. This stores the product code string in a file.
- 2. Copy the file to a removable media, such as a USB stick, and transfer it to the online computer.
- 3. Go to Vaisala License Manager Web at <https://licensing.vaisala.com> and select **Product Code** in the **Login Using** field.



- 4. Enter your product code and select **Login**.

5. Enter the locking code in the **Request Code** field.

Change Language ▾

Generate License

EID: 01e4f9****

▼ Enter Quantity

Product	Remaining Quantity	Quantity
IR15 2.0	1	1

* Request code:

Remarks:

Generate
Close

6. Select **Generate**.
A popup window with the license string opens.

License Certificate

Contact: Customer: Vaisala Oyj - 327799

List of Activations

Product Key	Name	AID	Quantity	Remaining Quantity
31e6b594-9499-4c3a-859a-43cee66aba62	IR15 2.0	3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d	1	0

License String

```

*E
WL YmOhM4bu27hyFNEW 3j22XdPwYJ.Wd9R0f6WUUhvL0Bp68AFHDjmiBhkgzrLwdrmmCALF2fnAeoRgS9aDLA.p0L
OkSTR79ouPJEANWt7teW45eSkN8oIQ722h35Sd3ZjjuWGaerREz0Gvfo# "IRIS_Focus" version "", expires Midnight
of Jan 1, 2011, exclusive##AID=3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d
          
```

Save to File
Append To File
Back to List

7. Select **Save to File** to save the license string to a file on disk.
The file is saved by default with the name `lservrc`.



Alternatively, use an SSH client to copy and paste the license string to a `.txt` file on the server.

8. Copy the license file to a removable media and transport the file to the IRIS Focus server.
9. Install the license with the **rsw-install-license <location-of-the-license-file>** command.

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

6.9 Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus

6.9.1 Setting or changing the socket server

If needed, set or change the socket server:

- ▶ 1. Type the command:

```
/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/bin/configure-iris-host  
<socket_server_host_name>  
rsw-basemap-site-setup --socket-server <socket_server_host_name>
```

2. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:

- a. Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- b. Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.
- c. Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

6.9.2 Activating the socket server in IRIS Radar

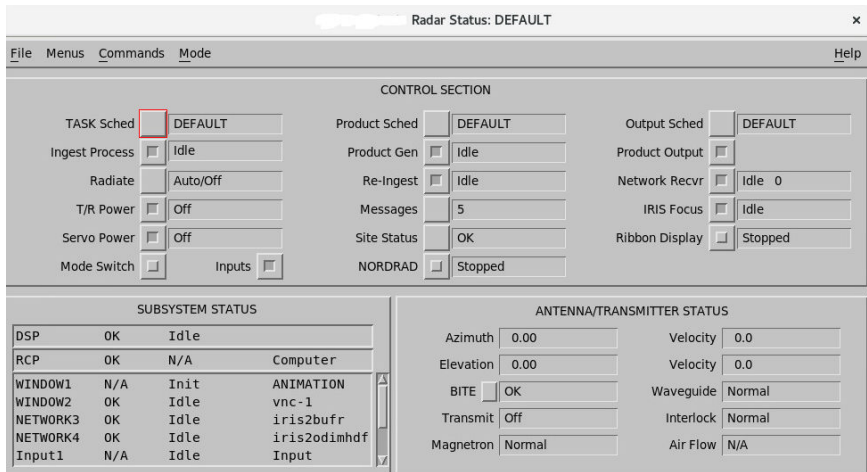


Figure 20 IRIS Radar status menu

If your system is running IRIS Focus server, you must enable the **IRIS Focus** option in IRIS Radar. For more information, see *IRIS Radar User Guide*.

- ▶ 1. Make sure IRIS has started.
2. In IRIS Radar, select **Menus > Radar Status**.
3. Turn on the socket server by selecting the **IRIS Focus** checkbox.
When this checkbox is selected, the field shows the status of the socket server process: **Idle**, **Running**, or **Stopped**.

6.9.3 Setting up Data Manager

The Data Manager service runs on the IRIS Focus server that receives radar scan volume data, stored in **RAW** file format, from the IRIS Analysis server and generates live radar products from the data in real-time.

During installation, IRIS Focus sets up all necessary services, databases, and user accounts for processing data. IRIS Focus features such as live products and dynamic composites require **RAW** files.

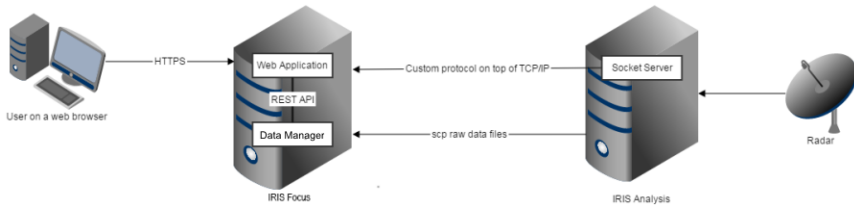


Figure 21 Radar data delivery paths

More information

- [Data manager \(page 117\)](#)
- [Data Manager does not work as expected \(page 134\)](#)

6.9.3.1 Setting up Data Manager on IRIS Analysis server

To configure IRIS Analysis to send **RAW** files to IRIS Focus, you must set the target location on the IRIS Focus server as a network output device in IRIS Analysis.

The target location on IRIS Focus server is the following directory, which is owned by the **radaradmin** user:

```
/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input
```

1. Log in to the IRIS Analysis server as **radarop**.
2. In the terminal window, type: **setup&**
The IRIS **Setup** utility opens
3. Select **Output**.
4. Create a new output device:
 - a. In **Number of output devices**, increase the number of output devices by 1.
 - b. Press **ENTER**.
A new configurable output device is added to the end of the **Output Device** list.

5. In the configuration pane for the new output device, configure the new output device with the following settings:

The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Output Device #6" with a "File" menu and a "Help" button. The settings are as follows:

- Device type: Network
- Menu alias: data-manager
- Min time between output: 0 sec
- File format: IRIS (Def)
- Filename format: Native
- Compression scheme: None
- Notification scheme: None
- Target directory: /srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input
- Copy scheme: SCP
- User name: radardmininput
- Recipient host name: [target-hostname]

- Device type: Network**
- Filename format: Native**
- Target directory:** */srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input*
- User name:** radardmininput
- Host name: [IRIS Focus server]
- Select **File > Close**.
- Select **File > Save**.
- Select **File > Exit**.

6. Restart IRIS:

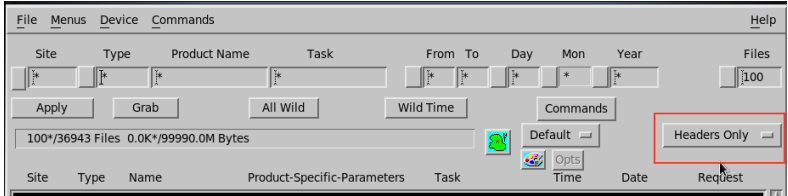
- a. Login as root.

```
#su  
#<type password>
```

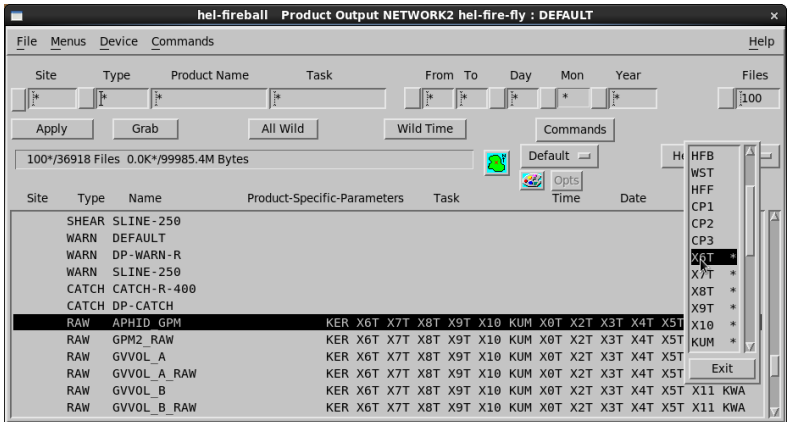
- b.

```
systemctl stop iris.service  
systemctl start iris.service
```

7. In the terminal window, type: **iris &**
 - a. Select **Menus > Product Output > Device**.
 - b. Select the device you configured in the **Setup** utility.
 - c. In the drop down box on the far right of the window, select **Headers Only**.



- d. In the product list, select any **RAW** product.
- e. Right-click the far right of the product name and select a radar site. If needed, deselect any radar sites you do not want to include in the device configuration.



- f. Select **Apply**.
 - g. Select **File > Save As**.
Define a name for the new **Product Output** or use the **DEFAULT** option.
 - h. Select **OK**.
 - i. Select **Close**.
8. Copy the contents of `/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` to your clipboard.

9. Log in to the **root** account with the **su** command.
When prompted, type the **root** password.
10. Launch a one-time SSH connection to the IRIS Focus server.

```
ssh [IRIS Focus server IP address]
```

This saves IRIS Focus server's hostname in the **known_hosts** file on the IRIS Analysis server.

6.9.3.2 Setting up Data Manager on IRIS Focus server

RAW files on the IRIS Analysis server are handled by the local **root** user and **RAW** files on the IRIS Focus server by the local **radardminput** user.

You must add the IRIS Analysis **root** account's public SSH key to the IRIS Focus **radardminput** accepted keys list.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus server as **root**.
2. If it does not exist already, create the following **.ssh** file:

```
# mkdir -m 700 /var/lib/radardminput/.ssh
# chown radardminput:radarsw /var/lib/radardminput/.ssh
```

3. Add the socket server key to the authorized SSH key store of the **radardminput** user:
This enables file transfer from the IRIS Analysis root account to IRIS Focus **radardminput** user.

- a. Type:

```
# cd /var/lib/radardminput/.ssh
# ls
```

- b. If the **authorized_keys** file does not yet exist, add this file:

```
# vi authorized_keys
```

Paste the key you copied earlier to your clipboard.

```
# chown radardminput:radarsw authorized_keys
# chmod 644 authorized_keys
```

- c. If **authorized_keys** file already exists, type:

```
# vi authorized_keys
# rm socket-server-key
```

Append the key you copied earlier to the file.

4. Check that the expected on-demand product is visible in the IRIS Focus user interface. A data manager updater service records metadata of the files in a **PostgreSQL** database, which is accessed by the IRIS Focus web UI when it generates on-demand radar products from the data.

6.10 Connecting the TLP system

Follow this procedure to add the **Total Lightning Processor** system to the IRIS Focus system to retrieve lightning data.



These steps are typically done automatically by the `./rsw-installer` script when you include the `--lightning` option. You only need to perform these steps if you have upgraded an older IRIS Focus system, or you did not include the `--lightning` option when running `./rsw-installer`. Otherwise, you can skip to section [Configuring the TLP for IRIS Focus \(page 90\)](#).

1. Enable the necessary services:

```
systemctl enable --now kafka-zookeeper
systemctl enable --now kafka
systemctl enable --now vaisala-iris-lightning-ws
```

2. To enable lightning in the Web application, edit the `vsoweb-override.ini` configuration file in the `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration` directory. Change (or create, if not present) the `[PROVIDERS]` section to the following:

```
[PROVIDERS]
radar.enabled = true
lightning.enabled = true
```

3. Restart the Web application by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

4. Configure the firewall.

The **Total Lightning Processor** connects to the Kafka data broker on port **9092** on the IRIS Focus system. If you are running the `firewalld` service, configure the firewall to allow this connection.

Example: If the TLP system IP address is **10.55.11.2**, run the following firewall commands on the IRIS Focus system to allow **10.55.11.2** access to port **9092**:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-rich-rule='
rule family="ipv4"
source address="10.55.11.2/32"
port protocol="tcp" port="9092" accept'

firewall-cmd --reload
```

5. Configure the **Total Lightning Processor**.

At this point, the IRIS Focus system should be set up and ready for lightning data provided by the Total Lightning Processor. Follow the instructions in [Configuring the TLP for IRIS Focus \(page 90\)](#) to start the flow of lightning data from the TLP to IRIS Focus.

6.11 Configuring the TLP for IRIS Focus

If you have the **Total Lightning Processor** (TLP) system that will be providing lightning data to IRIS Focus, you need to add a new service to the TLP system to push the lightning data into the kafka data broker service running on the IRIS Focus system. Your TLP must be running version 1.2.7 or later.

6.11.1 Changing `regstatd2` report frequency

The `regstatd2` service generates a regional network health report periodically that is used to provide the **Network Health** product layer on IRIS Focus. In a default installation, the `regstatd2` service updates this report once an hour. It is recommended that you configure `regstatd2` on the TLP to produce this report at a more frequent 10-minute interval.

- ▶ 1. Go to the `regstatd2.cfg` file in the `/opt/vai/tlp/etc` directory.
- 2. Edit the file to set the `updateIntervalMinutes` parameter to 10 minutes by typing:

```
updateIntervalMinutes 10
```

- 3. Stop the `regstatd2` service by typing:

```
lpstart stop regstatd2
```

- 4. Start the `regstatd2` service again by typing:

```
lpstart start regstatd2
```

6.11.2 Adding the `tlp-to-kafka` service

- ▶ 1. Log into your TLP system using the `vops` user account.
2. Go to the `startup.cfg` file in the `/opt/vai/tlp/etc` directory.
3. Add the following line to the file:

```
core n java tlp-to-kafka -jar /opt/vai/tlp/lib/tlp-to-kafka.jar
```

4. Edit the `tlp-to-kafka.cfg` file in the `/opt/vai/tlp/etc` directory according to how you want the lightning events to be sent to IRIS Focus:
 - If you want the lightning events sent to IRIS Focus to be composite flash events produced by the TLP, set the `lp.tokafka.smqLightning` parameter to `"smq://fdata"`.
 - If you want the lightning events sent to IRIS Focus to include the individual lightning strokes produced by the TLP, set the `lp.tokafka.smqLightning` parameter to `"smq://RLFxStrokeData"`.

To set the value, type:

```
lp.tokafka.smqLightning <parameter-value>
```

For example:

```
lp.tokafka.smqLightning "smq://RLFxStrokeData"
```

5. Edit the `kafka-producer.properties` file in the `/opt/vai/tlp/etc` directory to update the `bootstrap.servers` parameter with the IP address or host name of your IRIS Focus server.
For example, if your IRIS Focus server IP address is `10.55.11.2`, set it by typing:

```
bootstrap.servers=10.55.11.2:9092
```

6. Start the `tlp-to-kafka` service by typing:

```
lpstart start tlp-to-kafka
```



The `tlp-to-kafka` man page provides more information on configuring and running the `tlp-to-kafka` service on a TLP system.

6.12 Verifying IRIS Focus installation

- ▶ 1. Check that the web user interface is running at the default HTTPS port, and the following default user accounts have been created in IRIS Focus during installation:
 - Username: **admin** / password: **admin123**
 - Username: **user** / password: **user123**
2. Access the IRIS Focus web UI by opening a browser on the IRIS Focus server and navigating to `https://localhost`.
You should see the login screen for IRIS Focus web application.
3. Log in with the default IRIS Focus user account.
Make sure the application loads, and the map view is displayed.
4. Check that the expected on-demand product is visible in the IRIS Focus user interface. A data manager updater service records metadata of the files in a **PostgreSQL** database, which is accessed by the IRIS Focus web UI when it generates on-demand radar products from the data.
5. Verify that **Tracking Tool** and **Cross Section** buttons are visible in the application UI. This verifies that IRIS Focus features are enabled.
6. Enable the grid lines by selecting **Map Features Lat/lon grid**.
Depending on where the map view is centered, you should see slightly distorted grid lines that are leading away from the equator. This verifies that the map projection is correct.
7. Confirm that data manager is running:
 - a. Select **Weather Products > Add Product**.
 - b. Add a new on-demand **PPI** or **CAPPI** product.
 - c. Make sure you see weather data from the selected time on the screen.
8. Verify that you can add the **TimeSpan** and **Network Health** products on the map. If there is lightning occurring, check that you can see lightning data appearing on the map, as well as the regional health of your lightning network.



If you have just completed the installation, it may take a while until the first network health report arrives.

6.13 Installing nowcasting as a separate service

A prerequisite for installing nowcasting as a separate service on a CentOS 7.6 server other than the IRIS Focus server is that the IRIS Focus server is already installed and running.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the nowcast server.
2. Download the standard installation package titled `Vaisala_IRIS_installer-5.3.0.tar` and copy it to the server.

- Unpack the file to the current directory by typing:

```
$tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-5.3.0.tar
```

- Change to the release directory by typing:

```
$cd release
```

- Begin the installation of the nowcast service by typing:

```
./rsw-installer --online --skip-geoserver-installation --skip-terrain -s  
none --nowcast-only
```

Other standard installation options are skipped.

- Verify that the nowcast service is running by typing:

```
$systemctl status vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server.service
```

- Stop the firewall to allow remote connections by typing:

```
$systemctl disable firewalld.service  
$systemctl stop firewalld.service
```

You may also open connections to port **34480** if preferred.

- Log in to the IRIS Focus server.
- Go to the file `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`.
 - Edit the file by adding the name or IP address of the nowcast server to `nowcast.http.server.url` by typing:

```
[NOWCAST]  
nowcast.http.server.url = <nowcast-server-name>
```

where `<nowcast-server-name>` is the name or the IP address of the nowcast server.

- Restart the IRIS Focus web application by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-webapp.service
```

11. Test the configuration in the IRIS Focus WebUI by setting at least one radar site to produce nowcasting data in **Product Configuration > Motion Vector Field Settings**.
 - a. Verify that the new nowcast server is functional by typing:

```
$less /var/log/vaisala/radarsw/webapp/webapp.log | grep nowcast
```

The expected result is as follows:

```
Request to nowcast http server: <nowcast-server-name>  
Response received from nowcast http server, processing...
```

where **<nowcast-server-name>** is the name or the IP address of the nowcast server.

- b. Go to the IRIS Focus WebUI and confirm that nowcasting generation is functional.

7. One-server installation of IRIS Focus and IRIS Analysis

Follow this procedure when you install IRIS Analysis and IRIS Focus on the same server.



When IRIS Analysis and IRIS Focus are installed on the same server, some steps differ from the situation where they are installed on separate servers.

1. A prerequisite for installation is that CentOS is installed on the server. For one-server installation, install CentOS according to the instructions in *IRIS and RDA Software Installation Guide*, chapter *Installing CentOS 7 Manually (Interactive)*. Use the following disk partitioning:

Table 14 Vaisala-recommended disk partitioning

Partition	Size
/home	50 GB
/boot	500 MB
/var	100 GB
/	100 GB
swap	size of RAM + 2 GB
/srv	50% of the remaining disk space
/usr/iris_data	50% of the remaining disk space

Partitions */srv* and */usr/iris_data* are data partitions. When you are installing IRIS Analysis and IRIS Focus on the same server, divide the remaining disk space between these two partitions.

If there is only a little disk space, you can decrease the size of the */home*, */var*, and */* partitions by 10-20 GB.

2. Install IRIS Analysis according to the instructions in *IRIS and RDA Software Installation Guide*.

3. Install IRIS Focus:
 - a. If needed, download the installation packages, and verify MD5 hashes. See [Downloading installation packages \(page 28\)](#).
 - b. Install IRIS Focus 5.1. See [Installing IRIS Focus from a USB stick \(page 39\)](#).
 - c. Install the IRIS Focus components. See [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 42\)](#).



CAUTION! Contrary to the installation of IRIS Focus on its own server, do not run OS hardening scripts on a server that also has IRIS Analysis installed.

4. Configure IRIS Analysis for IRIS Focus. See [Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus in one-server installation \(page 96\)](#).
5. Verify IRIS Focus installation. See [Verifying IRIS Focus installation \(page 57\)](#).
6. Activate the IRIS Focus license. See [Activating license – online \(page 45\)](#), [Activating license – offline \(page 48\)](#), or [Activating License from a USB Drive \(page 44\)](#).

7.1 Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus in one-server installation

The Data Manager service enables IRIS Focus to receive radar scan volume data from IRIS Analysis.

During installation, IRIS Focus sets up all necessary services, databases, and user accounts for processing data. IRIS Focus features such as live products and dynamic composites require RAW files.

7.1.1 Setting up data manager on IRIS Analysis server

To configure IRIS Analysis to send RAW files to IRIS Focus, you must set the target location on the IRIS Focus server as a network output device in IRIS Analysis.

The target location on IRIS Focus server is the following directory, which is owned by the **radaradmin** user:

```
/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input
```

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Analysis server as **radarop**.
2. In the terminal window, type: **setup&**
The IRIS **Setup** utility opens.
3. Select **Output**.

4. Create a new output device:
 - a. In **Number of output devices**, increase the number of output devices by 1.
 - b. Press **ENTER**.
A new configurable output device is added to the end of the **Output Device** list.
5. In the configuration pane for the new output device, configure the new output device with the following settings:

Output Device #2 Help

Device type	Network
Menu alias	data-manager
Min time between output	0 sec
File format	IRIS (Def)
Filename format	Native
Compression scheme	None
Notification scheme	None
Target directory	/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input
Copy scheme	Copy
Recipient host name	127.0.0.1

- a. **Device type: Network**
- b. **Filename format: Native**
- c. **Target directory: /srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input**
- d. **User name: radardminput**
- e. Host name: 127.0.0.1
- f. Select **File > Close**.
- g. Select **File > Save**.
- h. Select **File > Exit**.

6. Restart IRIS:

- a. Login as **root**.

```
#su
#<type password>
```

- b. Type:

```
systemctl stop iris.service
systemctl start iris.service
```

7. Allow access to the Data Manager input directory:

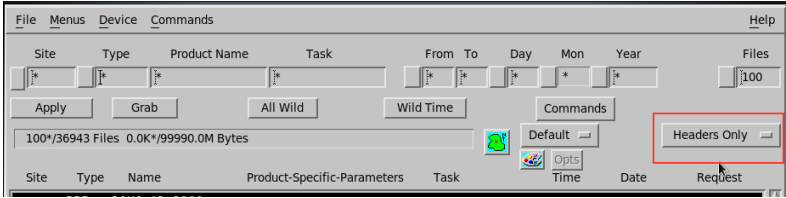
- a. Login as **root**.

- b. Type:

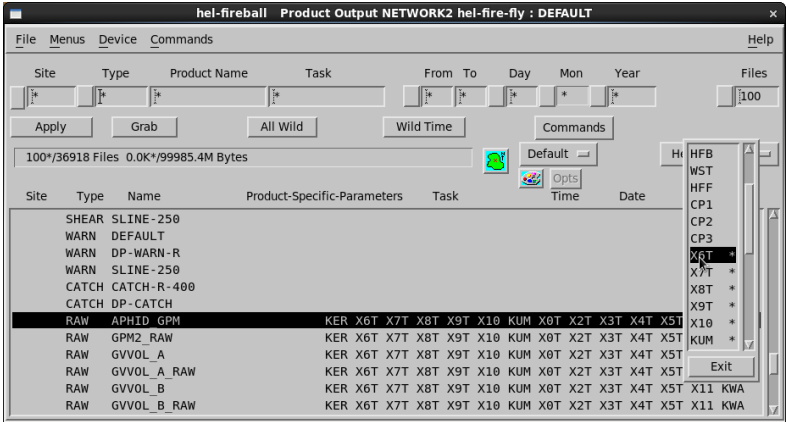
```
chmod 775 /srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input/
```

This setting allows members of the **radarsw** group to copy RAW files into this directory.

8. In the terminal window, type: **iris &**
 - a. Select **Menus > Product Output > Device**.
 - b. Select the device you configured in the **Setup** utility.
 - c. In the drop down box on the far right of the window, select **Headers Only**.



- d. In the product list, select any **RAW** product.
- e. Right-click the far right of the product name and select a radar site. If needed, deselect any radar sites you do not want to include in the device configuration.



- f. Select **Apply**.
- g. Select **File > Save As**. Define a name for the new **Product Output** or use the **DEFAULT** option.
- h. Select **OK**.
- i. Select **Close**.

8. Configuration

8.1 Adding/removing radars

When new radar sites are added or removed as data sources on the IRIS Analysis server, radar settings on the IRIS Focus server must be re-synchronized. Settings requiring updates include updating the radar site location in GeoServer and calculating new map projections.

- ▶ 1. Run radar site setup script:

```
rsw-basemap-site-setup --socket-server [socket_server_host_name]
```

2. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:

- a. Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- b. Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.

- c. Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

8.2 Starting and stopping the Nowcast server

8.2.1 Enabling the nowcast server



You must have a nowcasting license to use nowcasting in IRIS Focus.
See [Licensing \(page 12\)](#).

After a default installation, the nowcast server is running by default.

When troubleshooting nowcasting, check that nowcasting is enabled, and that the nowcast server is running.

If you change the configuration, you must restart the web application.

- ▶ 1. Log in as **root**.
2. Go to `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`.

- In the [NOWCAST] section of the `vsoweb-override.ini` file, check that the nowcast server is enabled:

```
nowcast.mvf.run: true
```

- Check the nowcast server URL:

```
nowcast.http.server.url = http://localhost:34480/focus-nowcast/api/v2/mvf/
```



If you have not changed `vsoweb-override.ini`, you do not need to restart the `vaisala-radar-sw-webapp` server. The nowcast server is running by default. If you have not changed `nowcast.ini`, you do not need to restart the nowcast server.

- Restart the `vaisala-radar-sw-webapp` service by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radar-sw-webapp
```

- Start the nowcast server by typing:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast-server
```

- To verify that the server starts, type:

```
systemctl status vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast-server.service
```

- Check for the status:

```
Active: active (running)
```

8.2.2 Starting the Nowcast server

- Log in as `root`.

2. Start the nowcast server by typing:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server
```

- a. To verify that the server starts, type:

```
systemctl status vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server.service
```

- b. Check for the status:

```
Active: active (running)
```

8.2.3 Stopping the Nowcast server

- ▶ 1. Log in as **root**.
2. Stop the nowcast server by typing:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server
```

8.2.4 Restarting the Nowcast server

- ▶ 1. Log in as **root**.
2. Restart the nowcast server by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server
```

8.3 Setting up housekeeping for events and alerts database

You can set IRIS Focus to clean the alerts database when it is getting full, and to give an alert when the database load is approaching the database size limit. By default, this feature is enabled. The database size limit is set automatically depending on the partition/disk size reported by the operating system during the installation, but you can change this limit. The default is 10% of the hard disk partition. By default, the database is installed in the `/srv` partition.

You can select the limit that triggers the alert. The default is 90% of the size limit. You can also set the clean-up target. The clean-up target tells how many of the latest alerts will be kept in the database.

If you want to save the old alerts, do one of the following when you get the alert about the approaching clean-up:

- Take a manual backup of the database.
- Add disk space to the partition. Restart the webapp after this.
- Increase the configured database size limit (%). Restart the webapp after this.

1. Log in as **root**.
2. Go to the *vsoweb-override.ini* file in the */etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration* directory.
3. Set the maximum percentage of disk partition to use (database size limit) by setting the value:

```
events.alerts.housekeeping.trigger.partition.percentage
```

4. Set the limit that triggers the alert (percentage of the maximum number of alerts) by setting the value:

```
events.alerts.housekeeping.alert.percent.full
```

5. Set the clean-up target by setting the value:

```
events.alerts.housekeeping.target.limit
```

6. If you want to disable the database housekeeping, set the following key to **false**:

```
events.alerts.housekeeping.do.housekeeping = false
```

7. If you want to disable the alerts for housekeeping, set the following key to **false**:

```
events.alerts.housekeeping.alert.before = false
```

8. Restart the web application.

8.4 Configuring visualization of hybrid tasks

When you use hybrid tasks, you can select whether partially finished hybrid scans are displayed on IRIS Focus or not. By default, partial hybrid scans are displayed.

If you want to display only completed volume scans, follow these steps:

1. Log in as **root**.
2. Go to the *vsoweb-override.ini* file in the */etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration* directory.

3. Set the `HYBRID_PRODUCT_TIMES` parameter to **false**:

```
use.partial.hybrid.times = false
```

4. Restart the web application.

If you want to reset IRIS Focus to display partial hybrid scans, reset the `HYBRID_PRODUCT_TIMES` parameter to **true**, and restart the web application.

8.5 Enabling GLD360 lightning layer

To take the GDL360 lightning layer into use, the IRIS Focus server must be online and your organization must have an active subscription to GLD360 data. For information on subscribing to GLD360 data, contact Vaisala Lightning Data Services.

- ▶ 1. Log on to the IRIS Focus server as root.
2. Type the command:
`rsync-lightning-configure -r [admin username] -p [admin password] -s https://storm.vaisala.com/geolegends/lrg_combined_25.sld`
3. Edit the configuration file `vsoweb-override.ini:nano /etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini` to contain a reference to the Vaisala GLD360 URL you received:

```
lightning.wms.url = [URL from GLD360]
```

4. Stop and restart the IRIS Focus web application service:
 - a. Type the command:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- b. Wait until the process has stopped and the command prompt is ready for the next command.
- c. Type the command:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

More information

- [GLD360 lightning layer \(page 25\)](#)

8.6 Scheduling image exports from IRIS Focus

If you want to share interesting weather events on, for example, your website, use a **REST POST** method to schedule image exports from IRIS Focus saved views.




CAUTION! Depending on setup of the target website, the image export can be a bit slow. Take this into account when planning your export volumes and schedules.

- ▶ 1. In the IRIS Focus **Map** view, set-up the view you want to save. For example, you can save the settings for:
 - **Weather Products**
 - Map tools such as the cross-section and tracking tools
 - Zoom level
2. Select **Saved Views > Save**.
3. Name the view and select **Save**. The new view is added to the **Saved Views** list for your future use.
4. Configure your web server to access the IRIS Focus image export service:

```
@Request: POST <your IRIS Focus URL>/focus-webapp/api/v2/image-export/getImage
@Produces: "image/png"
```

5. Configure the following parameters:

Parameter	Description
username	A valid IRIS Focus username. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  For security reasons, Vaisala recommends that you configure a specific user for exporting images. </div>
password	IRIS Focus password for the user.
time	Time, in ISO-8601 format: 2019-01-18T17:55:23.000Z
widthPx	Width of the exported image, in pixels.
heightPx	Height of the exported image, in pixels.
savedViewName	The name of the saved view you created in step 3 .
savedViewUser	Optional value. Used if you configure a specific user for exporting images (recommended).

6. Instead of [step 4](#) and [step 5](#), you can run the export from the command line by creating a script and setting-up a **cron** job. For example:
 - a. Create a Python script for the image export such as the following:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
```

```
from requests_futures.sessions import FuturesSession
import datetime
```

```
APP_URL = "your_url_here"
IMAGE_EXPORT_LOC = "/focus-webapp/api/v2/image-export/getImage"
FILE_PATH = "/path/to/image.png"
USERNAME = "username_here"
PASSWORD = "password_here"
TIME = datetime.datetime.utcnow().isoformat()
WIDTH = "1000"
HEIGHT = "700"
VIEW = "view_name_here"
```

```
def main():
    session = FuturesSession()

    req_params = {"username": USERNAME, "password": PASSWORD, "time":
TIME, "savedViewName": VIEW, "widthPx": WIDTH, "heightPx": HEIGHT}

    future_one = session.post(APP_URL + IMAGE_EXPORT_LOC,
params=req_params)

    # wait for the request to complete, if it hasn't already
    res = future_one.result()
    print('{0} response status: {1}'.format(TIME, res.status_code))

    if res.status_code == 200:
        with open(FILE_PATH, 'wb') as f:
            f.write(res.content)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

Although the example `image-export.py` script saves only one snapshot, you can edit it to loop a set number of times and get multiple snapshots at a time.

- b. Type **crontab -e** in the terminal and add, for example, the following line to the `crontab` file (add your own paths and arguments).

```
* /15 * * * * /usr/bin/python
/path/to/script/image-export.py >> /path/to/log/export.log 2>&1
```

This executes the `image-export.py` script every 15 minutes and saves a single snapshot as a PNG file to the server.

9. System administration

9.1 User roles

Access to IRIS Focus features depends on the roles enabled for each user account. Each user account belongs to one or more organizations.

For example, the administration features are available to user accounts with the **administrator** role.

Table 15 IRIS Focus user roles

Role	Description
administrator	Can access administration features. Users with an administrator role must belong to the root organization.
Focus Lighting User	Can access the full IRIS Focus feature set for visualizing lighting data.
Focus Weather Radar User	Can access the full IRIS Focus feature set for visualizing weather radar data.
User	Can access the limited set of features available with <i>IRIS Focus Light</i> .
Poweruser	Can access the full IRIS Focus feature set. Can create organization-level event criteria and places of interest that are visible to all users in an organization. Can set up and manage pre-defined composites. Can configure MVFs to be used in nowcasting. Can select an organization-level map projection.
Kiosk user	Can only access the non-interactive full-screen mode.



To enable all IRIS Focus features for an account, set both **user** and **focus** roles for that account.

Seat Allocation and Restrictions

Each logged-in user account with a **focus** or **poweruser** role reserves one IRIS Focus seat from the license pool. When the user logs out, the seat is released.

A user account that has **user** or **administrator** role, or another role without a **focus** role, enters IRIS Focus Light, which has a map view with limited features and does not provide access to features such as cross-section or on-demand radar products.

If a user with a **focus** role logs in and there are no IRIS Focus seats available, the user enters IRIS Focus Light. When a seat is available, the user is provided with an opportunity to switch to IRIS Focus.



To avoid reserving an IRIS Focus license when performing administration tasks, the default administrator account does not have the **focus** role.

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

9.1.1 Managing user accounts

- ▶ 1. Log in as **admin**.
2. Select **Admin** in the upper right corner.
3. Select **Users** to add, edit, or delete users.
4. If you change the user's role, the change won't take effect while the user is logged in. To log out the user, go to the **Logged In Users** tab, and in the **Actions** column, select **Log out user**.

9.1.2 Creating user accounts after first install

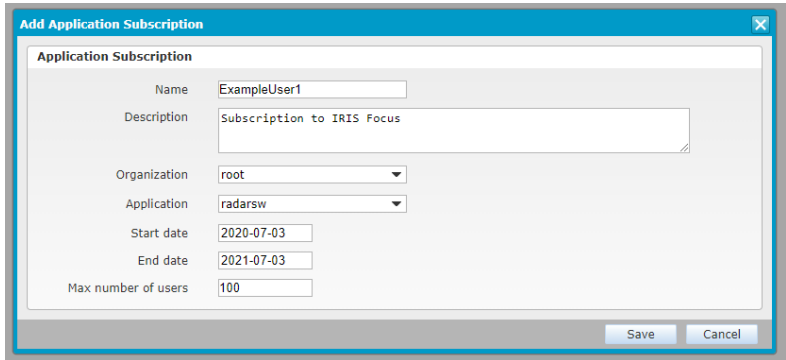
After a fresh installation, create the user accounts.

- ▶ 1. Log in to IRIS Focus as **admin**.
2. Select **Admin > Organizations**.
3. Choose which organization you want to create your users in:
 - Use the default **root** organization.
 - If you require more control over license seat allocation, create a new organization in the **Organizations** tab.



Users with an **administrator** role must belong to the **root** organization.

4. In the **Application Subscriptions** tab, subscribe the organization to a license pool.
 - a. Select the **radarsw** organization.
 - b. Enter the validity period.
 - c. Enter the maximum allocated users (licenses).



Add Application Subscription

Application Subscription

Name	ExampleUser1
Description	Subscription to IRIS Focus
Organization	root
Application	radarsw
Start date	2020-07-03
End date	2021-07-03
Max number of users	100

Save Cancel

5. To add users to the organization, select **Admin > Users > Add New User**.

User Account Information

Username

Password

Confirm password

State

Email

First name

Last name

City

Country

Time zone

Language

Search

Selected	Organization	Roles	Rank
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	root	focus, user	1

Selected organization

Roles

Rank

- a. Add user details.
- b. Select an organization for user.
If a user account belongs to multiple organizations, the user roles are applied according to the organization that has the highest **Rank**.

6. Assign roles to the user.



To avoid reserving an IRIS Focus license when performing administration tasks, the default administrator account does not have the **focus** role.

- a. In the organization list pane, make sure the organization is highlighted.
- b. In the **Roles** pane, select the role.
To assign multiple roles to a user account, press **SHIFT+CTRL** and select roles from the list.
- c. To enable IRIS Focus features for a user account, select both the **user** and **focus** roles.
- d. To enable advanced IRIS Focus features such as creating event criteria and organization-level places of interest for an account, select the **poweruser** role.

9.1.3 Removing user accounts

- ▶ 1. Log in as **admin**.

2. Select **Admin > User > Users**.

3. Select a user and then **Delete**.

The user is no longer listed as a user in IRIS Focus. However, the user name of the deleted account remains in the system database. This keeps log files intact, as references to deleted users remain in the audit logs.

IRIS Focus does not allow you to create a new user with the same username as an existing one. This applies even when the account has been removed earlier, because the account name remains in the database.

9.1.4 Unlocking administrator account

If an **administrator** account is accidentally locked, unlock it as follows:

- ▶ 1. Login as **root**.
- 2. Run the following command:

```
rsw-db-tool reset-admin-password
```

9.2 Managing organizations

Each user account belongs to one or more organizations. You can use organizations to manage:

- Subscriptions to selected software to a selected number of users.
- License availability for subgroups with separate license pools.

- Events and places of interest created by a *poweruser*.



Users with an **administrator** role must belong to the **root** organization.

9.3 Managing passwords

- ▶ 1. Log in on an account that has **admin** rights.
2. Go to **Admin > User management > Password settings**.
3. To select custom password settings, select **Custom**, and fill in the fields.

9.4 Map management

The standard installation of IRIS Focus includes a complete world map that is suitable for most scenarios.

The map consists of separate layers that are further separated into base layers and non-base layers. One base layer and one non-base layer are always rendered on the screen. Typically, base maps contain the underlying terrain and the non-base layers contain additional details that can be displayed on top of the base map.

Map data is served to the IRIS Focus web interface by GeoServer map server using Web Map Service (WMS) protocol. To improve performance, instead of calling for new map data each time the map view changes, the maps are cached in pre-rendered PNG tiles using GeoWebCache.

Administrators can add custom map layers or edit existing layers.

IRIS Focus users can select which map layers they see in the **Map** view, and edit the view by selecting **Map Features**.

9.4.1 Adding and editing map layers

- ▶ 1. Log in as **admin**.
2. Select **Admin > Map > Map Layers**.
The **Map Layers** view lists the available map data layers. Each layer has the following properties:
 - **Base layer** - Enable to set this layer as a base layer
 - **Title** - Layer name
 - **Type** - WMS layers
 - **URL** - Address for the WMS server
 - **Layer** - Title of the layer on the server

3. To add a new layer, select **Add New Layer**.
 - a. Type the layer information, including **Title**, **URL**, and **Layer**.
 - b. Define map layer properties such as:
 - **Transparent** - Enable to use PNG or GIF alpha channel for transparency
 - **MIME type** - Select image type

When you are adding a WMS layer from an external source, note the following:

- Get the URL from the layer provider.
 - You can set any values for **Realtime offset** and **Refresh rate**, but if the exact value is not available from the layer provider, the system will give you a time closest what you defined.
 - In order for the system to query for the cursor tool data, check the **Usable in map cursor** checkbox.
 - **Layer style** defines the availability of the color legend in the map view. IRIS Focus supports both `.sld` files and WMS methods of providing the legend.
 - If you do not want the layer to be visible to users, after adding a layer, go to the **Map View Contexts** screen, and uncheck the **Visibility** checkbox.
 - The user can see the added external WMS layer in the **Add Product** drop-down list of the **Weather Products** pane.
4. To edit a layer, select **Edit** for that layer and make your changes. The **Map Layer Information** window for that layer opens.
 5. Select **Save**.

More information

- [Map layer configuration options \(page 145\)](#)

9.4.2 Map View Context

The **Map View Contexts** view lists all defined maps.

Only the default **TheMap** context is available. Perform all map layer customization in the default **TheMap** context. Do not create new map contexts for custom map layers.

To edit **TheMap**, select **Edit**.

- To make a map layer available for users in the map view, select the **Selected** checkbox in the **Edit Map View Contexts**.
- To set the order in which multiple map layers are rendered on screen, change the **Z level** of map layers.
The lowest number is rendered first, and higher numbers rendered on top of that.

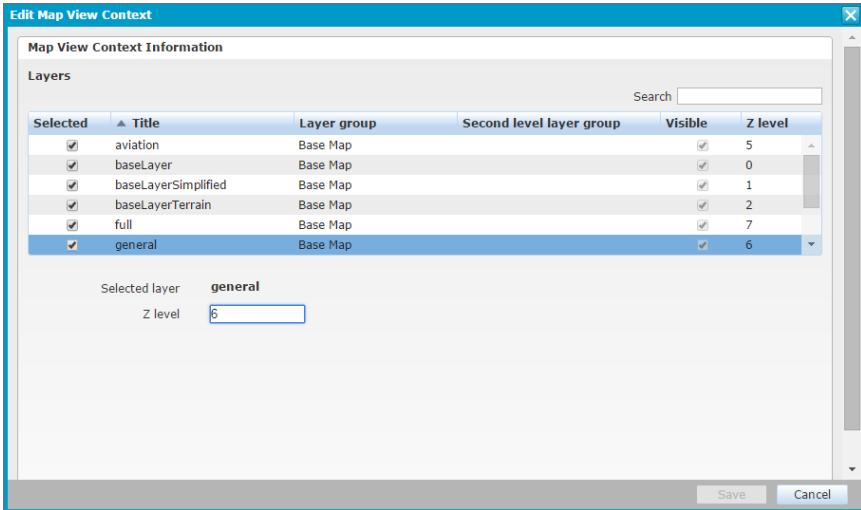


Figure 22 Editing the Map Context

9.4.3 Adding external map layers

You can import an external map layer, such as a shapefile, into Geoserver for IRIS Focus to display on the map.

For information on adding WMS layers from external sources, see [Adding and editing map layers \(page 112\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Make sure you have a shapefile (*.shp*) available.
For an example resource with shapefiles available for download, see the WGS84 projection examples at:
<https://osmdata.openstreetmap.de/data/coastlines.html>
2. Use an `sftp` client or similar application to copy the shapefile to a directory on the IRIS Focus server such as `/srv/`.
3. Login to the server as `radarop`.
4. Open the file: `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/gis-override.ini`
5. Copy the `geoserver.admin.password`.
This password is autogenerated during installation.

6. Using a browser, login to IRIS Focus Geoserver at:
http://<IRIS_Focus_server_name>:34180/geoserver/web/
 Login using the username **admin** and the password you copied earlier.



Depending on your own network configuration you may need to do this at the server, over a remote console, or by using your local browser.

7. Add a new **Store**:
 - a. Select **Stores > Add New Store**.
 - b. Choose the data source: **Shapefile - ESRI(tm) Shapefiles (*.shp)**
 - c. Select the following (the following list shows example values).
 - **Workspace:** `Vaisala`
 - **Data Source Name:** `coastlines`
 - **Description:** leave blank
 - **Shapefile location:** browse to the shapefile
 For example: `\files\lines.shp`
 - d. Leave the other fields as default.
 - e. Select **Save**.
8. Publish the layer:
 - a. Check that the **New Layer** menu opens.
 - b. If the **New Layer** menu does not open automatically, select **Layers > Add New Layer**.
 - c. In the **Add layer from** list, find the new layer.
 - d. Select **Publish**.

The **Edit Layer** menu shows the new layer name. For example, `vaisala:coastlines`.
9. In the **Edit Layer** menu:
 - a. Leave all inputs as they are except:
 - **Name:** `coastlines`
 - **Title:** `coastlines`
 - **Coordinate Reference Systems > Declared SRS**
 - Select **Find** and search for 4326 (WGS 84).
 - b. To fill the bounding boxes, select **Compute from data** and **Compute from native bounds**.
 - c. Select **Save**.
10. Select **Layer Groups**.
 - a. Select an existing layer group (for example, `vai_full_en`) and then select **Add Layer**.
 - b. Find the new layer and add it.
 The layer is now listed in the **Layers** table.
 - c. Select **Save**.

11. Login to IRIS Focus as a user.
12. To confirm that the new layer is visible, select **Map Features > Map Detail > Full Detail**.

More information

- [GeoServer and maps \(page 21\)](#)

9.5 systemd

`systemd` and its logging daemon `journald` are CentOS 7 components that manage system services.

`systemd` manages more functionality than its predecessors, and some of the mechanisms, such as accessing certain log files, have changed.

In CentOS 7, system logs are not directly accessible as files. Instead, they are read with the `journalctl` command.

9.6 Monit

Monit is a watchdog tool for monitoring Unix systems and processes. IRIS Focus uses Monit to automatically restart the application or a related process or service if it becomes unstable.

If you do maintenance work that requires you to take the application down, you must first stop Monit before proceeding further, and restart it after maintenance.

In the command line, the Monit service is called `monit`.

9.7 HAProxy

HAProxy is a proxying tool that IRIS Focus uses for traffic forwarding within the system and HTTPS encryption for outgoing traffic.

In the command line, the HAProxy service is called `haproxy`.

More information

- [Encryption \(page 132\)](#)

9.8 Lightning WebSocket service

Lightning WebSocket service is responsible for pushing lightning data to the user's browsers when connected to the IRIS Focus web application.

In the command line, the IRIS Focus web application service is called `vaisala-iris-lightning-ws`.

9.9 Kafka data broker

The Kafka data broker is used by the external **Total Lightning Processor** system to push lightning data into the IRIS Focus system so that local services (for example, `vaisala-iris-lightning-ws`) can access it.

In the command line, the Kafka data broker service is called `kafka`.

9.10 Kafka manager

The Kafka data broker supports running in a cluster configuration where multiple systems are interconnected. The Kafka manager service is used to manage all of the Kafka data broker service instances in a cluster. This service is required even if you are running a single instance of the Kafka data broker, which is typical for IRIS Focus.

In the command line, the Kafka manager service is called `kafka-zookeeper`.

9.11 IRIS Focus web application

This is the main web UI of the IRIS Focus system.

In the command line, the IRIS Focus web application service is called `vaisala-radar-sw-webapp`.

9.12 GeoServer

GeoServer is used for caching and generating the base map layers.

In the command line, the GeoServer service is called `vaisala-radar-sw-geoserver`.

9.13 Data manager

Data manager is the HTTP/REST interface that provides raw data for on-demand (Live) radar products.

Table 16 Data manager services

Service	Description
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-data-manager</code>	Listener.
<code>vaisala-radar-sw-data-manager-input-service</code>	HTTP server for live radar products that are queried from the IRIS Focus web application.

More information

- [Data Manager disk space requirements \(page 17\)](#)
- [Setting up Data Manager \(page 51\)](#)
- [Managing dataflow alerts \(page 118\)](#)
- [Viewing dataflow alerts \(page 120\)](#)
- [On-demand radar products \(page 22\)](#)

9.13.1 Managing dataflow alerts

Enable and set-up data flow alerts to monitor the flow of radar data to IRIS Focus through Data Manager.

- ▶ 1. Log in on an account that has **admin** rights.
2. Run the radar system for some time to allow the Data Manager database to populate.

3. Select **Admin > Data Manager > Data flow alerts**.
The **Data flow alerts** page opens.

The screenshot shows the 'Dataflow Alerts' page in the 'Data Manager' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'User', 'Map', 'System', and 'Data Manager'. Below this is a header for 'Dataflow Alerts' with a 'Help' icon. A 'Filter' section shows 'Show' and a dropdown menu set to 'Enabled Alerts'. The main content is a table with the following data:

Task	Enabled Alerts	Task Duration	Alert Trigger Time
All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 tasks	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Apply all"/>
▼ Benidorm_ES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 task		
VOL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 min (2018-08-21 02:14)	<input type="text" value="5"/> min
▼ FMI_Korpo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 task		
PPI1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 min (2018-08-21 02:10)	<input type="text" value="15"/> min

At the bottom right of the table area is a 'Save' button. To the right of the table is a tip: 'Tip! To increase the alert trigger time for all alerts, type, for example, +5 in the Alert Trigger Time input field. To decrease the time, type, for example, -5.'

Task

Radar task associated with the dataflow.

Alerts

If selected, IRIS Focus generates an alert if the dataflow for that task is interrupted.

Task Interval

Shows the interval between task run times (minutes).

Data Manager re-calculates the frequency automatically each time you open the

Data flow alerts page. To refresh the times manually, select **Refresh**.

The timestamp shows the last detected date for received data.

Alert trigger time

The time (minutes) after which IRIS Focus generates an alert if the dataflow is interrupted.

4. To receive alerts about interruptions to the flow of task data:
 - a. In the **Alerts** column, select the check box.
 - b. In the **Alert trigger time** column, set a time that is higher than the expected data flow interval.
 - c. To manage all enabled alerts in the same way, fill in the **Global alert trigger time**, and then select **Apply**:
 - To set the same trigger time for all alerts, type a number in the input field.
 - To increase the alert trigger time for all alerts, type, for example, +5 in the input field. To decrease the time, type, for example, -5.
 - To set a trigger time that is the same as detected interval between task run times for all alerts, leave the input field blank.
5. Select **Save**.

More information

- [Data manager \(page 117\)](#)

9.13.2 Viewing dataflow alerts

If there is a break in the flow of radar product data, IRIS Focus sends a dataflow alert.

- ▶ 1. On the right side of the main menu, select **Alerts > Technical**.
2. In the **Alerts** pane, acknowledge the alert.
The acknowledgement records who has seen the alert and when.
Acknowledging alerts has no effect on the alert status.

More information

- [Data manager \(page 117\)](#)

9.13.3 Setting up Data Manager housekeeping service

When Data Manager exceeds its allocated disk space, the background housekeeping service begins to delete volume scans, starting from the oldest.

Data Manager disk space is allocated during installation, but can be modified later on.

- ▶ 1. Log in as **root**.
2. Go to `/etc/vaisala/radar-sw/data-manager/data-manager-override.properties`.
3. The disk space allocation for Data Manager is configured during installation. If you wish to change the allocation later on, use the `datamanager.volumeDir.maxSizeMB` parameter. For example:

```
datamanager.volumeDir.maxSizeMB = 1000
```

4. Define how often housekeeping checks for disk overusage (milliseconds).

```
datamanager.housekeeping.fixedRate.ms = 60000
```

Vaisala recommends running this check once a day.

While this checks runs, other operations on Data Manager slow down.

5. Define the delay for when housekeeping first runs after Data Manager has been started or restarted (milliseconds).

```
datamanager.housekeeping.fixedDelay.ms = 60000
```

6. Restart Data Manager:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-data-manager
```

9.13.4 Running Data Manager clear data script

Use the `rsw-data-manager-clear-data` script if the Data Manager data storage becomes corrupt or if there is a need to remove all data from Data Manager.



CAUTION! Running the script deletes all radar data from IRIS Focus, including Nowcasting configurations, pre-defined composite configurations, and RAW radar data.

▶ 1. Run the script:

```
DM_RESET=yes rsw-data-manager-clear-data
```

If there is a lot of RAW radar data in Data Manager, it may take some time to run the script.



CAUTION! Do not interrupt the script execution.

When the script is complete, Data Manager restarts automatically and you can continue using IRIS Focus.

9.14 Stopping, starting, and restarting services

You should only need to start or stop a service during certain troubleshooting cases. These cases are described step-by-step in the *Troubleshooting* section. In normal circumstances the services are always running.

In CentOS 7, services are stopped, started, and restarted with the **systemctl stop / start / restart [servicename]** command.

To use the **systemctl** command, you must be logged in as the **root** user.

The following example shows how to stop, start and restart the IRIS Focus web application service. Note that the Monit service starts along with the web application.

Stopping the service

- **systemctl stop monit**

- **systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp**

Starting the service

- **systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp**
- **systemctl start monit**

Restarting the service

- **systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-webapp**

9.15 Logging

IRIS Focus log files are stored in directory `/var/log/vaisala/radarsw/webapp`, which contains:

- Application error log: `webapp.log`
- Information about application performance: `webapp-metrics.log`

Older logs are rolled over to separate files and zipped automatically in `.gz` files. No log files are deleted automatically.

The logging configuration file is in `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/logback.xml`.

9.15.1 Reading system service logs

When diagnosing issues with the IRIS Focus server, you may need to access the log files from system services using the CentOS 7 Journal tool:

```
journalctl -u [service-name] -l -f --no-pager
```

Some useful options for `journalctl` are:

- `-u` for showing log entries for a given service
- `-n` for showing only a given number of recent log lines
- `-f` for following new log entries being logged
- `--no-pager` for not using a pager program such as `less` for the output
- `-l` to print out full log lines and not ellipsize (shorten) them.

The typical logs to check in a troubleshooting situation are `webapp.log`, `dm.log`, and `input-service.log`. When you contact [Technical support \(page 161\)](#), please send these files to the service personnel.

To retrieve these logs, run the following commands:

- `webapp.log`:

```
journalctl -u vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- *dm.log*:

```
journalctl -u vaisala-radarsw-data-manager
```

- *input-service.log*:

```
journalctl -u vaisala-radarsw-data-manager-input-service
```

For more information, type **man journalctl** in CentOS 7.

9.15.2 Reading Nowcast server logs

The nowcast server logs are useful when diagnosing issues with the nowcast server.

- ▶ 1. Check the status of the nowcast server by typing:

```
systemctl status vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server
```

2. Check the logs by typing:

```
journalctl -f
```

9.16 Installing a CA certificate

The web application comes with a temporary, self-signed SSL certificate that secures the connection between the IRIS Focus server and the user's web browser.

Consider acquiring and using a trusted certificate from a certificate authority (CA), especially if you plan to offer access to IRIS Focus outside your organization.

- ▶ 1. Acquire a certificate that has been signed by a trusted authority.

This is usually done by an IT department or an external organization, who purchase the certificate from an external certificate authority (CA). You can use any trusted certificate authority.

 - a. Create a certificate signing request (CSR).
 - The CN (Common Name) attribute is currently neither required and nor sufficient, so the certificate signing request must include the SAN attribute, with the DNS name of the service.
 - For details, contact the certificate authority that you are going to use.
 - b. Send the CSR to the certificate authority to be signed.
 - c. The certificate authority provides the certificate.

2. Back-up your current configuration by running:

```
run /usr/vaisala/radarsw/backup/bin/do-backups
```

This backs up all the configuration files as a *.tar* file to */srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/configuration*.

3. Go to the default certificate folder:
/etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates/cert.pem
 - a. Back up the file locally by running:

```
cp /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates/cert.pem /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates/cert.pem.bkp
```

- b. Replace the certificate in the file with the new, signed certificate.
Install also the private key that was created during the CSR creation.

More information

- [Web application \(page 26\)](#)
- [Certificates \(page 132\)](#)

9.17 Backing-up system configuration

IRIS Focus is backed up automatically using a daily configuration and database backup job that are run at 02:30 AM server time. On factory settings, the server uses UTC as the time zone.

The backup script stores the server configuration and application settings database.

Automatic back-up

Backup is done by the cron job */etc/cron.d/vaisala-radarsw-backup-cron* that launches the */usr/vaisala/radarsw/backup/bin/do-backups* script.

The created backup files are zipped and stored in the following directories:

- */srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/configuration*
- */srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/database*

Backups are kept for 180 days, after which they are deleted.

Each backup file includes a timestamp in the format:

```
radarsw-configuration-2019-09-05T06-48-26.tar.gz
```

9.17.1 Making a manual back-up

- ▶ 1. Log in as **root**.
2. Run: **`/usr/vaisala/radarsw/backup/bin/do-backups`**
3. Check that new files are created in the following directories:

```
/srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/configuration/radarsw-configuration-  
<timestamp>.tar.gz
```

```
/srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/database/database-wx-<timestamp>.gz
```

```
/srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/database/database-vsp-<timestamp>.gz
```

Each backup file includes a timestamp in the format:

```
radarsw-configuration-2019-09-05T06-48-26.tar.gz
```

9.18 Restoring from backup

- ▶ 1. Log in as **root**.
2. Stop the Monit service:

```
systemctl stop monit.service
```

3. Stop the IRIS Focus web application:

```
systemctl stop vaisala-radarsw-webapp.service
```

4. (Optional) Run the backup script:
 - /usr/vaisala/radarsw/backup/bin/do-backups*
 - a. Copy the current configuration files to a remote host.
 - b. Copy the resulting configuration file to your own machine: */srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/configuration/radarsw-configuration-2019-10-12T09-42-18.tar.gz*

- Copy the current database passwords from `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`. Save them in a text file.

```
[DATASOURCE]
datasource.password = xsGzN3ZK6kMqvaH6dzJQqAg1KwTmLnJL

[VSP_DATASOURCE]
datasource.password = AgbBwTR0XqDh64DgkLkK6XqLXsnQP08U
```

- Copy the current Data Manager password from `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/data-manager/data-manager-override.properties`.

```
/etc/vaisala/radarsw/data-manager/data-manager-override.properties
spring.datasource.password = bFKNUQ5fvFMfmsU3vWP3CEYJHVtu0J2Z
```

Save it in a text file.

- Drop the current database with the `rsw-db-tool` utility:

```
rsw-db-tool drop-db
```

- Recreate an empty database:

```
rsw-db-tool create-db
```

- Switch to the database user account `postgres`:

```
su - postgres
```

- Copy your backup files back to the Focus server and restore the database contents by reading the file contents into the standard output stream and inserting them in the IRIS Focus databases:

```
gzip --decompress --to-stdout /radarsw-database-vsp-2019-10-12T07-54-50.gz
| psql vsp_v1
gzip --decompress --to-stdout /radarsw-database-wx-2019-10-12T07-54-50.gz
| psql wxdb2
```

- Exit the postgres user shell:

```
exit
```

12. Using the passwords you stored in [step 5](#) and [step 6](#), replace the database passwords in these files:

```
/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini
/etc/vaisala/radarsw/data-manager/data-manager-override.properties
```

13. Start the IRIS Focus web application:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-webapp.service
```

14. Start the Monit service:

```
systemctl start monit.service
```

9.19 Server management software

If you are running server management software on your IRIS Focus server, make sure the management software's settings do not interfere with your intended network settings.

For example, in Dell PowerEdge servers, the integrated Dell Remote Access Controller (iDrac) sets a default static IP address for the server when it is first deployed.

On Vaisala preconfigured IRIS Focus systems, iDrac is disabled by default.

9.20 Licensing on server restart

Active sessions and their licenses are not stored when the IRIS Focus server is shut down.

When the server restarts, the licensing seats are allocated from scratch to users who log in. The total number of seats in the license pool is unaffected.

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

9.21 Licensing on systems with mirrored HDDs (RAID 1 or RAID 5)

IRIS Focus licenses are mapped, among other parameters, to hard disk IDs. Removing or replacing one hard disk in a RAID array can cause unexpected behavior. When doing so, renew your license. Contact your Vaisala customer representatives for further instructions.

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

9.22 Reactivating the license after server upgrade

The product key in the IRIS Focus license is server-specific. If you upgrade your server, you must request a new service key and activate the new license.

- ▶ 1. Contact Vaisala and request a new server key.
- 2. Set-up your new server by performing the steps in the following sections:
 - a. [Installing CentOS \(page 30\)](#).
 - b. [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 42\)](#).
 - c. [Setting up Data Manager \(page 51\)](#).
 - d. [Verifying IRIS Focus installation \(page 57\)](#).
- 3. Reactivate the license.
Depending upon whether or not your server is connected to the internet, see:
 - [Activating license – online \(page 45\)](#)
 - [Activating license – offline \(page 48\)](#)

10. Upgrade

10.1 Upgrading IRIS Focus 5.0 or later to IRIS Focus 6.0

The following instructions assume that you are upgrading from IRIS Focus 5.0 or a later version to IRIS Focus 6.0.



You can upgrade to IRIS Focus 6.0 from IRIS Focus 5.0 or a later version. If you have an earlier version of IRIS Focus, you must upgrade through previous versions to IRIS Focus 5.0 before you can upgrade to IRIS Focus 6.0. For more information, see *Release Notes*.

10.1.1 License

This upgrade requires a new license. The upgrade instructions include a step for identifying the Lock ID that you need for getting the new license.

If you have a contract agreement with Vaisala, you should receive your upgrade license via email. If you have not received the license, please contact Vaisala technical support at helpdesk@vaisala.com. In other cases, please contact your Vaisala Sales representative to get a new license.



CAUTION! It is possible to upgrade your system without a valid license with the command `./rsw-upgrade --online --skip-license`, but it is not recommended. Upgrading without a valid license will cause your system to stop or run in a degraded state until you receive and install a valid license file.

You can check license file information by running the following script:

```
rsw-license-info
```

A copy of the script is included in the installation media, so that you are able run it prior to install. Another copy will be installed on the system, so that you can check the license after the installation.

10.1.2 Running the upgrade



To view installation command line options, run: `./rsw-upgrade -h`

In the following instructions, `x.x` means the Iris Focus version and patch number.

1. Log in as **root**.
2. Backup the system configuration.
3. Insert the upgrade USB stick.
4. Copy the file *Vaisala_IRIS_installer-5.x.x.tar* from the USB stick to the server's hard disk drive, for example, to the */root* directory.
5. Change to the */root* directory and extract the *.tar* file:

```
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-5.x.x.tar
```

, where *x.x* is the Iris Focus version and patch number.

6. Change to the directory created in the earlier step:

```
Vaisala-IRIS-Focus-v5.x.x-RC1--69
```

7. If you already have a new license, proceed to step [step 10](#). If you do not have a new license file yet, type the following command to identify your system's Lock ID:

```
./rsw-license-info
```

The output shows your system's new Lock ID, as well as information indicating that the current license file is invalid. Example:

```
Lock ID: *1KTW99ERX5MBRL2
Error: Locking criteria should be 0x18 or 0x80. It is: 0x4.
IniFile: license/license.ini
LicFile: /etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/license.txt
Version: n/a
Valid: false
Active: false
Starts: n/a
Ends: n/a
```

8. Contact Vaisala Technical support or your Vaisala Representative to get the license file. You will need to provide the Lock ID.

9. When you have received the new license file and saved it on your server, verify that it is valid with the command:

```
./rsw-license-info --license /mnt/usb/license-5.x.x.txt
```

, where you replace `/mnt/usb/license-5.x.x.txt` with the location of your license file.

If the license file is valid, both the **Valid** and **Active** fields will report **true**. Example:

```
Lock ID: *1KTW99ERX5MBRL2
IniFile: license/license.ini
LicFile: /mnt/usb/license-5.3.txt
Version: 5.3
Valid: true
Active: true
Starts: 2010-01-01T00:00:00Z
Ends: 2021-12-31T00:00:00Z
Feature: IRIS_Focus_Light (seats: 10)
Feature: IRIS_Focus_Version (seats: 10)
Feature: IRIS_Nowcast (seats: 10)
Feature: IRIS_Focus (seats: 10)
```

10. Run the upgrade script:

- **Online upgrade:**

```
./rsw-upgrade --online --license
/mnt/usb/license-5.x.x.txt
```

- **Offline upgrade:**

```
./rsw-upgrade --offline --license
/mnt/usb/license-5.x.x.txt
```

11. Verify the upgrade by running: **rpm -qa | grep vaisala**
Check that the **rpm** name is the correct version and patch number.

11. Security

11.1 Encryption

Communication between the browser and the web application is encrypted.

Other data traffic within the IRIS Focus application server is unencrypted.

IRIS Focus uses Jetty as web server software, and HAProxy for handling HTTPS encryption. SSL encryption has been disabled in HAProxy, and only TLS encryption is supported.

More information

- [Web application \(page 26\)](#)
- [HAProxy \(page 116\)](#)

11.2 Certificates

The web application comes with a temporary, self-signed SSL certificate that secures the connection between the IRIS Focus server and the user's web browser.

Although the browser displays a security warning in the browser when you try to access the web application, you can use the application normally even with the warning.

Consider acquiring and using a trusted certificate from a certificate authority (CA), especially if you plan to offer access to IRIS Focus outside your organization.

More information

- [Web application \(page 26\)](#)
- [Installing a CA certificate \(page 123\)](#)

11.3 Security settings

The IRIS Focus server has a pre-configured firewall.

Ports for SSH access (22), HTTP (80), HTTPS (443), and Kafka (9092) are intentionally open.

- Use SSH for configuration.
- HTTP port is for redirecting to HTTPS.
The application is always used over HTTPS.

The server requires access to HTTP and HTTPS for end users. If the system is accessed through the internet, you should restrict internet access to the SSH port from the internet to improve system security.

The firewall is configured through the CentOS firewall system. See https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/Security_Guide/sec-Using_Firewalls.html.



Port 9092 is only opened if the Kafka service is running. The **Total Lightning Processor** uses this port when pushing lightning data into the Kafka data broker running on the IRIS Focus Server. See [Connecting the TLP system \(page 89\)](#) for details on configuring the `firewall` rule so that only the TLP system is allowed access to this port.

More information

- [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 42\)](#)

12. Troubleshooting

12.1 Sending logs to Technical support

When you contact [Technical support \(page 161\)](#), be ready to send IRIS Focus logs to the technical support personnel. For instructions for retrieving logs, see [Logging \(page 122\)](#).

12.2 Data Manager does not work as expected

When running correctly, Data Manager and the socket server run continuously.

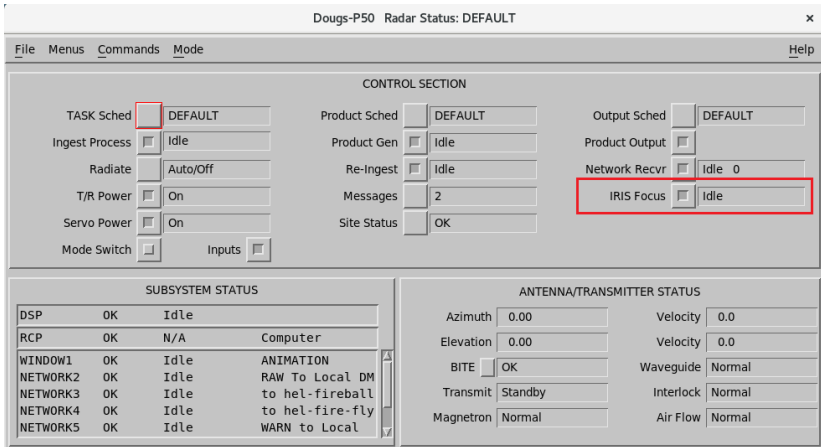
In some cases, IRIS Focus may be unable to request IRIS Analysis products from the IRIS Analysis machine through the socket server or IRIS Analysis may be unable to send **RAW** products to IRIS Focus. In such cases, try the following solutions.

- ▶ 1. Try shutting down the firewall on the socket server machine:

```
service firewall stop
```

2. Check the product configuration in IRIS Analysis and consider the following:
 - To generate correct centers in IRIS Focus for IRIS Analysis products, IRIS Analysis must create 1 product for each site on the IRIS Analysis server.
 - The IRIS socket server has a limit of 1000 products that can be received by IRIS Focus, so the socket server provides only the 1000 most recent products. For example, if IRIS Analysis creates a new product every 15 minutes, IRIS Focus visualizes only the last 10 days of data. ($4 \text{ products/hour} * 24 \text{ hours} * 10 \text{ days}$).
 - **RAW** products are only needed for the IRIS Focus Data Manager

- In the IRIS Analysis **Radar Status** menu, make sure **IRIS Focus** is toggled on. The toggle button turns on/off the socket server.



- If IRIS Focus was installed in a system that was already running IRIS Analysis, and the IRIS Analysis did not have a license that supports connectivity to IRIS Focus, you may need a new IRIS Analysis license. Request a new license from your Vaisala representative.
- To check the delivery of **RAW** files, make sure Data Manager **radarinput** is setup correctly on the IRIS Focus server:
 - On the IRIS Analysis machine, login as **root**.
 - Type: `-- ssh radardmininput@the-focus-machine-hostname.com date`
 - Make sure the data and time are returned from the IRIS Focus machine without having to type a password.
 - Check the security keys and permissions:
 - `/var/lib/radardmininput/.ssh/authorized_keys` must be correct
 - Permissions must be set to `chmod 644 ./authorized_keys`
- Reboot the IRIS Analysis and/or the IRIS Focus servers.

More information

- [Setting up Data Manager \(page 51\)](#)

12.3 Data Manager housekeeping not working as expected

If the data is corrupted, the application crashes. If Focus is not able to display data, even though you know that data should be available, the data is probably corrupted. The logs may also indicate that there has been an error in processing the files.

Use the `rsw-data-manager-clear-data` script if the Data Manager data storage becomes corrupt or if there is a need to remove all data from Data Manager.



CAUTION! Running the script deletes all radar data from IRIS Focus, including Nowcasting configurations, pre-defined composite configurations, and RAW radar data.

1. Run the script:

```
DM_RESET=yes rsw-data-manager-clear-data
```

If there is a lot of RAW radar data in Data Manager, it may take some time to run the script.



CAUTION! Do not interrupt the script execution.

12.4 Nowcasting is unavailable

If you cannot see nowcasting features on your display, it is likely because you either do not have a license or because nowcasting is disabled.

1. Check that you have a nowcasting license.
 - a. You must have an IRIS Focus seat to use nowcasting.
If no seats are available, wait until an IRIS Focus seat is available and try again.
 - b. Login to IRIS Focus as an administrator.
 - c. Select **Admin > Licensing Management**.
2. Check that MVF is configured for your site.
3. Log in as **root**.
4. Go to `/etc/vaisala/radar-sw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`.

- In the `[NOWCAST]` section of the `vsoweb-override.ini` file, check that MVF creation is enabled in IRIS Focus:

```
[NOWCAST]
nowcast.mvf.run = true
```



By default, MVF generation is enabled (`true`).

- Restart the `vaisala-radarsw-webapp` service by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radarsw-webapp
```

- Start the nowcast server by typing:

```
systemctl start vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server
```

- To verify that the server starts, type:

```
systemctl status vaisala-radarsw-nowcast-server.service
```

- Check for the status:

```
Active: active (running)
```

More information

- [Licensing \(page 12\)](#)

12.5 No connection/data from the TLP

If there are problems in the TLP data connection, try the following troubleshooting procedures.

- Check the status of the IRIS Focus related services.
 - Log in to IRIS Focus as the `root` user.
 - Check the status of the services related to the incoming TLP lightning data with the following commands:

```
systemctl status vaisala-iris-lightning-ws
systemctl status kafka
systemctl status kafka-zookeeper
```

2. Check the status of the TLP related services:
 - a. Log into the TLP system as the **vops** user.
 - b. Use the **lpstart** command to verify that the **t1p-to-kafka** service is running:

```
lpstart details t1p-to-kafka
```

3. Check services and processes with the **netstat** command:
 - a. Use the **netstat** command on the IRIS Focus system and **grep** on port 9092:

```
netstat -tnap | grep 9092
```

You should see the Kafka process listening on port 9092, and an established connection to port 9092 with the IP address of your TLP system.

- b. If you do not see an established connection from the TLP system, verify that the **t1p-to-kafka** service is running on the TLP system, and that the **kafka-producer.properties** file in the **/opt/vai/tlp/etc** directory has the correct IP address for your IRIS Focus server set in the **bootstrap.servers** parameter.
- c. Use the **netstat** command on the IRIS Focus system and **grep** on port 34081.

```
netstat -tnap | grep 34081
```

You should see the **vaisala-iris-lightning-ws** service listening on port 34081, and an established connection to port 34081 with the proxied IP address **127.0.0.1** for each user connected to the IRIS Focus web application.

12.6 Network Health updates missing

If you are getting infrequent updates of the **Network Health** product, or no updates at all, try the following troubleshooting procedures.

- ▶ 1. Check that the **regstatd2** service is running on the TLP system.
- 2. Check that the **regstatd2.cfg** configuration file in the **/opt/vai/tlp/etc** directory has the **updateIntervalMinutes** parameter set to 10 minutes.

12.7 Check disk space usage of Kafka

The Kafka service keeps an archive of historical data in the **/var/lib/kafka** directory. Use the **df** command to check that the partition has space left.

```
df -h /var/lib/kafka
```

12.8 GLD360 lightning layer missing

If you have subscribed to Vaisala AviCast GLD360 lightning detection service, and you do not see the lightning layer in the IRIS Focus user interface after running the `rsw-lightning-configure` script, add the lightning layer manually.

- ▶ 1. Log in to IRIS Focus with an administrator account and select **Admin**.
2. Select **Map > Map Layers**.
3. Select **Add New Layer**.
4. In **Map Layer Information**, enter the following values on the layer properties:

Map Layer Information

Title:

URL:

Layer:

Base layer:

Transparent:

MIME type:

Layer Style

Append SLD to request:

SLD URL:

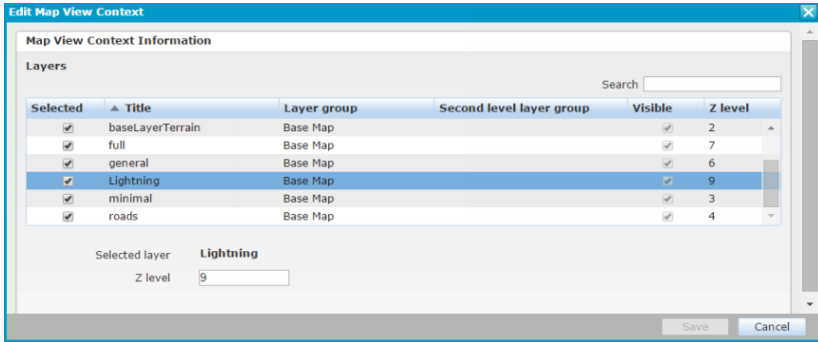
Name:

Save Cancel

- a. **URL:** /lightning
 - b. **Layer:** lightning:ltg_combined_25
 - c. **Transparent:** Checkbox selected
 - d. **SLD URL:** https://storm.vaisala.com/geolegends/ltg_combined_25.sld
 - e. **Name:** ltg_combined_25.ltg_type
5. Select **Save**.
 6. Select **Map > Map View Contexts**
 7. Edit the default map context **TheMap**.

8. Select the newly created lightning layer and set its **Z level** higher than all base map layers in the map context.

Z level defines the drawing order of the layers on the map. Higher values are always drawn on top.



In the web application, the new layer is listed at the bottom of the radar product selection list.

12.9 GLD360 lightning layer empty

If you have subscribed to Vaisala AviCast GLD360 lightning detection service, and the layer exists in your IRIS Focus application, but you do not see any lightning strikes, verify the following requirements:

1. Check that lightning strikes have occurred at the time of observation.
2. Check that the configuration file `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini` contains the following line:

```
lightning.wms.url = [URL received from Vaisala]
```

3. Check that your subscription to Vaisala AviCast GLD360 service is active.



If you modify the configuration file, you must restart the `vaisala-radarsw-webapp` service with the **service vaisala-radarsw-webapp restart** command.

12.10 Taking a snapshot gives server error

If, when taking a snapshot or requesting an image via URL, the server times out or gives server error, there may be a problem with the `image-export` user account.

- ▶ 1. Check that the application log shows the error:

```
Login failed for username image-export
```

- 2. Log in as **admin**.
- 3. Check that the **image-export** user password matches the password listed in *vsoweb-override.ini*.

12.11 Identifying IRIS Focus software version

Before contacting Vaisala technical support about an issue, check which version of IRIS Focus you have on your system.

- ▶ 1. In the terminal window, run:

```
rpm -qa --qf '%{NAME} %{VERSION}\n' | grep 'vaisala-radarsw-webapp'
```

More information

- ▶ [Technical support \(page 161\)](#)

12.12 Uninstalling IRIS Focus

Use this procedure to recover from a failed installation that is stuck in a state where it cannot be resumed.



CAUTION! The `rsw-uninstaller` script completely removes IRIS Focus, including all data and configurations.



CAUTION! The `rsw-uninstaller` script removes PostgreSQL and all databases. If you share the system with other software that uses PostgreSQL, do not run the script -- it also removes PostgreSQL databases not related to IRIS Focus.


- ▶ 1. Navigate to the directory containing the IRIS Focus installation files.
- 2. Run: **./rsw-uninstaller**
When prompted, confirm that you want to run the script.
The script removes all users, configurations, and data from the system so that you can rerun the installation.

More information

- [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 42\)](#)

Appendix A. File locations


Table 17 IRIS Focus application and configuration files

File or directory	Description
<p><i>/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>gis-override.ini</i> GeoServer database settings. • <i>logback.xml</i> Logging level settings. • <i>radar_centers.properties</i> List of stored radar site center points. 	<p>Configuration files for IRIS Focus module settings. The files listed here are the most important.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px;"> <p> CAUTION! Some settings have a default config file and an override file. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>gis-config.ini</i> • <i>gis-override.ini</i> <p>When needed, edit the override file.</p> </div>
<i>/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini</i>	Connection settings for socket server, lightning layers, nowcasting and so on.
<i>/etc/vaisala/radarsw/nowcast/nowcast.ini</i>	Configuration files for the nowcast server.
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/iris-lightning-ws.properties</i>	Main configuration file for the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> service. It will be set to use a Kafka data broker as its source of data during installation. Can be modified to use a simulated data source.
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/iris-lightning-ws-env-override.conf</i>	The systemd environment file used by systemd when launching the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> service. Normally, the user does not need to adjust this.
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/iris-lightning-ws.logback.xml</i>	Configuration file used to control the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> service logs.
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/iris-lightning-ws.kafka.properties</i>	The configuration file used by the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> when configured to connect to a Kafka data broker for its data. The default configuration will connect to the Kafka data broker running on the IRIS Focus system. Normally, the user does not need to adjust this.
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/lightning.simu.properties</i>	Used to configure how simulated lightning events are produced when the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> service is configured in simulation mode.
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/regionstatus.simu.properties</i>	Used to configure how much to vary the simulated Network Health when the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> service is configured in simulation mode.

File or directory	Description
<i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/regionstatus.template.json</i>	Template network health report used when the <code>vaisala-iris-lightning-ws</code> service is configured in simulation mode.
<i>/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration</i>	Configuration files for helper applications used in IRIS Focus maintenance.
<i>/var/lib/radarweb</i>	Home directory of the <code>radarweb</code> user. The IRIS Focus Web Application is deployed here.
<i>/var/lib/radardm</i>	Home directory of the <code>radardm</code> user.
<i>/var/lib/radardminput</i>	Home directory of the <code>radardminput</code> user.
<i>/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input</i>	Files sent from an IRIS Analysis machine are copied here. The data manager input service processes files copied here.
<i>/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/storage</i>	This is where data manager stores polar or RAW data.
<i>/var/lib/warnreader</i>	Configuration files for events and alerts.
<i>/var/log/vaisala/radarsw</i>	Log files from IRIS Focus web application

Appendix B. Map layer configuration options

Table 18 Map layer configuration options

Option	Description	WMS layer only
Map Layer Information	Defines basic map settings, such as the title and the URL address of the Web Map Service (WMS).	--
Title	Title of the layer. Visible in the layer selection list.	--
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wms: generic GIS services such as base maps or raster-type forecast data • google: Google base maps • marker: observations from stations configured using the JX source service on the map. 	--
URL	Address of the WMS service.	✓
Layer	Name of the layer in the map server. If using GeoServer, usually <code>workspace:layer</code> .	--
Base layer	Select if the layer is a base map.	--
Transparent	Select for WMS to request a transparent background for the layer.	✓
Request as Tiles	Use if the map layer should be requested as tiles. Usually selected for base maps.	✓
MIME type	Map image type. Change if the service does not support the default <code>image/png</code> .	✓
Default opacity	 Not used in IRIS Focus.	--
Layer query settings		--
Supported Coordinate Reference Systems	Select supported coordinate reference systems for the layer.	--
Time Support	Configure for layers using time dimensions.	✓
Coverage	Maximum bounding box for the layer.	✓
Layer style	For advanced configurations, add SLD (Styled Layer Descriptor) parameters.	--

Option	Description	WMS layer only
Realtime offset	<p>Defines the offset from the current time in which to make the request for the latest data. Sometimes, when requesting the latest time from a WMS service, there is no data available because the WMS service provider is collecting and processing the data for the latest time, so it is useful to set an offset.</p> <p>Supported values are 0...3600 seconds.</p> <p>To use this parameter, set the system to always use time parameter support.</p>	
Refresh rate	<p>Defines the interval of the time ticks on the histogram. This defines how often the system makes data requests. The interval always starts on the hour.</p> <p>Supported values are 10...86400 seconds.</p> <p>To use this parameter, set the system to always use time parameter support.</p>	
Request width	Controls the legend graphic request parameters.	✓
Request height	Controls the legend graphic request parameters.	✓
Display height	Defines the size of the color legend graphic on the display in case the original graphic is too large.	✓

More information

- [Adding and editing map layers \(page 112\)](#)

Appendix C. Nowcasting configuration files

C.1. nowcast.ini

The following example shows the *nowcast.ini* configuration file for configuring the nowcasting HTTP server.

```
; Algorithm to use.
correlator=trec
```

TREC

```
[trec]
; Number of decimals to keep in data when converting to integers.
; Range: [0 ; 3]. Default: 2.
input_precision=2
```

```
; The value in image that declares a missing/invalid value.
; Default: -999.0.
missing_value=-999.0
```

```
; The value in image that declares a not-scanned pixel, outside the aperture
area.
; Default: -900.0.
not_scanned_value=-900.0
```

```
; Minimum measurement aperture coverage (%) in correlation region.
; Range: [0.0 ; 1.0]. Default: 0.60.
aperture_coverage_threshold=0.60
```

```
; Minimum signal value for the pixel to be 'active' and used.
; Default: 10.0.
signal_threshold=10.0
```

```
; Feature box size.
; Range: > 0 Default: 14
field_feature_box_width=14
```

```
; Amount of skip when calculating field values.
; Range: > 0. Default: 1 (no skip).
field_feature_box_spacing=1
```

```
; Minimum fraction (%) of active pixels in feature box needed to trigger
correlation analysis.
; Range: [0.0 ; 1.0] Default: 0.10
field_signal_coverage_threshold=0.10
```

```
; Minimum allowable cross-correlation coefficient.
; Range: [0.0 ; 1.0] Default: 0.55
correlation_threshold=0.55
```

```
; Maximum storm movement between images, search region radius.
; Range: > 0 Default: 15
speed_limit=15
```

```
; Spatial smoothing factor,  $\exp(-d/\text{decay})$ . Used for spreading effect
; of local motion vector to its surroundings.
; Range:  $\geq 0$  ( $0 ==$  no spatial smoothing) Default: 6
field_spatial_decay=6
```

```
; Spatial filtering flag. Whether to discard points that differ from global
average.
; Range: 0 == NO; 1 == GLOBAL; 2 == LOCAL . Default: 1(GLOBAL)
field_use_spatial_filtering=1
```

```
; Feature box size for local spatial thresholding (applied only when using
local spatial thresholding).
; Range: > 0 Default: 9
field_spatial_filtering_box_width=9
```

```
; Maximum allowed direction difference from mean motion (applied only when
using spatial filtering).
; Range: [0 ; 180] Default: 90
field_spatial_direction_threshold=90
```

```
; Maximum allowed speed ( $\text{mgt} * \text{mean\_motion}$ ) above mean motion (applied only when
using global spatial filtering).
; Range:  $\geq 1.0$  Default: 3.0
field_spatial_magnitude_threshold=3.0
```

```
; Global vector weight applied to local values.
; Range: [0.0 ; 1.0] ( $0.0 =$  no global weighting). Default: 0.25
field_global_weight=0.25
```

```
; Method for temporal smoothing.
; Range: 0 == NO_TEMPORAL_SMOOTHING; 1 == HISTORY_WEIGHTING; 2 ==
CHANGE_WEIGHTING.
; Default: 1(HISTORY_WEIGHTING)
temporal_smoothing_method=1
```

```
; History weight factor (applied when temporal smoothing is made by using
HISTORY_WEIGHTING).
; Range: ]0.0 ; 1.0] Default: 0.25
temporal_smoothing_history_weight=0.25
```

```
; Change weight factor (applied when temporal smoothing is made by using
CHANGE_WEIGHTING).
; Range: ]0.0 ; 1.0] Default: 0.33
temporal_smoothing_change_weight=0.33
```

C.2. vsoweb-override.ini

The *vsoweb-override.ini* configuration file contains setting for managing the **MVF** (motion vector field) product and advection used in nowcasting.



Vaisala has carefully chosen good defaults for the nowcasting configuration. The raster product, such as **PPI**, **CAPPI**, of any intensity moments like Z, R, KDP, or rhoHV that is used as an input for MVF generation should have:

- As little as possible of ground clutter and the near-radar clear air or particulates (such as dust) returns.
- The bounding box not smaller than any other raster product produced from this site's data.

Because the two conditions are contradictory, the easiest way to satisfy first condition is to use a true (not pseudo) **CAPPI** product with a height of 1.5 ... 2km , but the longest range (biggest bounding box) product is a raster product generated from the survey scans, which usually consist of just one **PPI** scan and cannot be used to generate true **CAPPI** products. You must balance these two conditions.



If there are not enough valid products to generate an MVF request, the iteration is skipped and the system waits for the next product to arrive from IRIS.

Basic settings

`nowcast.mvf.run` defines if MVF generation is enabled in IRIS Focus. By default, MVF generation is enabled (`true`).

```
[NOWCAST]
nowcast.mvf.run = true
```

The nowcast server URL identifies where the nowcast HTTP server runs. The default value is for a fully local installation, which is the default installation configuration.

```
nowcast.http.server.url = http://localhost:34480/focus-nowcast/api/v2/mvf/
```

The *netCDF* directory stores MVF generation requests and responses to the Nowcast HTTP Server in netCDF format as well as internal representations of MVF serialized to disk. This directory is cleaned periodically by default.

```
nowcast.netcdf.dir = /srv/vaisala/radarsw/product/nowcast/
```

Advanced settings

nowcast.mvf.request.num.rasters defines the number of products sent to the nowcast server for generating the MVF. Default is 2.

```
nowcast.mvf.request.num.rasters = 2
```

nowcast.mvf.product.age.limit.minutes defines the maximum number of minutes (5 ... 1000) the system goes back in time to find valid products (of the type used to define MVF generation for a site) to use in generating the MVF. Default is 100.

```
nowcast.mvf.product.age.limit.minutes = 100
```

nowcast.mvf.max.gap.minutes defines the maximum acceptable gap in minutes (1 ... 1000) between products for MVF generation. Default is 30.

MVF is a shift in pixels per time interval between frames of the product which was used to generate MVF. The interval between advected products may be different from the interval between advected frames. For example, if MVF was generated from the product which was available every 5 minutes but the interval between advected frames has to be 10 minutes, the MVF shift should be doubled. That MVF scaling is taken into account by a scaling shift in every iteration.

```
nowcast.mvf.max.gap.minutes = 30
```

nowcast.product.times.age.limit.minutes defines the time range for calculating advected product times (2 ... 2880 minutes. 2880 is the entire two-day range). Default is 100

Advected product times must be evenly spaced (due to the calculation). The time is derived by dividing the last number of minutes defined in this property by *n* products found in that period.

The spacing is used as the time gap between advected products. In most cases, set this value to match the value in **nowcast.mvf.product.age.limit.minutes**.

```
nowcast.product.times.age.limit.minutes = 100
```

nowcast.advection.mvf.age.limit.minutes is the maximum number of minutes to go back in time to find an MVF when generating advected products. If an MVF is not found in the time span given, the iteration is skipped and Focus waits for the next product to arrive from IRIS. Range: 5 ... 1000 minutes. Default is 30.

```
nowcast.advection.mvf.age.limit.minutes=30
```

nowcast.advection.time.span.minutes defines the time limit when extending nowcasted products into the future (minutes). The normal range is 1 ... 3 hours. Default is 120.

You can raise the time span to up to 6 hours but this is not recommended as accuracy decreases as time extends into the future.

```
nowcast.advection.time.span.minutes=120
```


Glossary

advection

The transfer of a property of the atmosphere, such as heat, cold, or humidity, by the horizontal movement of an air mass. Advection calculations are used to perform some of the nowcasting calculations.

alarm

An alarm is an alert of highest severity.

alert

Alert is a state that requires user intervention or recognition. Different types of alerts include alarms, warning, and informational alerts.

area of interest

An area of interest is a geographical area that is monitored for certain weather events. If the system detects a weather event in an area of interest, it generates an alert.

bin

A single sample of weather data detected at a known direction, altitude, and distance from the radar site. The radial size of a bin increases with distance, so bins further from the radar site cover a larger area than nearby bins.

composite

Composites combine data (for example, a group of **CAPPI**, **VIL**, **PPI**, or **TOPS** products) from many radars in one image.

Data Manager

The raw volume data from the radar signal processor is stored in Data Manager, which makes the data available to the IRIS Focus user interface. Through Data Manager, IRIS Focus can read raw volume data and generate on-demand radar products in real time.

dynamic composite

A radar composite of on-demand products created by selecting multiple radar sites on the fly. The combining criteria are based on standardized settings.

event

Event is a record of a momentary change of state or an occurrence produced by a source or some other entity. An event can indicate an error or a warning or can be just for information.

hybrid task

A group of up to 3 tasks with the same scan type which are scheduled together and used together to make products. This allows flexibility of volume scanning schemes.

hydrometeor

A particle of condensed water vapor in the atmosphere. Rain, snow, and hail are examples of hydrometeors.

Max Time Span

Max Time Span is the maximum time (minutes) allowed between the newest and oldest points of data. When new data is processed, points that are older than the specified time span are removed. Used in, for example, composites of radar data.

MSL

Mean sea level. An average level for the surface of the sea or ocean.

NDOP product

Dual-Doppler velocity product. Combines the velocity measurements from 2 or more radars to get the wind direction and speed.

nowcasting

Weather forecasting up to the next 2 hours.

NWP

Numerical weather prediction

on-demand product

On-demand products are based on raw data from the IRIS back-end. IRIS Focus reads raw volume data and generate radar products in real-time. Users can manipulate product criteria in the user interface in real time.

pin

Pins on a map indicate points of interest with reference points and labels.

place of interest

A location on the map that is either a single point (pin) or a larger area. See [area of interest](#) and [pin](#).

pre-configured products

Pre-configured products are products with default settings used for advanced data visualization such as nowcasting, warnings, or multilayer products.

pre-defined composite

A pre-defined radar composite with customized settings such as the combining algorithm.

PRF

Pulse Repetition Frequency measured in Hz (pulses per second). When measuring PRF, a *pulse* contains transmit, receive, and dead time phases. PRF affects *range folding* and *velocity folding* detection. Normal PRF values for Doppler radars are up to 1000 Hz. Vaisala radars generally operate around 400-700 Hz. In Vaisala IRIS products, PRF limits the area displayed in radar images and the maximum measurable wind speed.

product

Radar products are raw signal data from a radar receiver processed to provide information about current weather conditions. Radar products are calculated from ingest files that are collected during the execution of radar tasks. Products may be data, pictures, or text. For example, **PPI** and **RHI**.

pulse

A short burst transmission signal sent by the radar, used to measure the weather activity in atmosphere. The reflection measurements from a pulse are sorted into bins.

radar product

See [product](#).

range folding

Detection of the 2nd trip echoes, which are radar signal echoes from outside the radar maximum range. Range folding causes them to be incorrectly displayed within the radar measurement area. Also called range aliasing.

RAW product

Spherical coordinate data product obtained directly from the raw ingest data. The data are stored in compressed format so they can be recorded on tape or sent to a workstation for further processing.

ray

A group of pulses processed together according to configuration rules. See also [pulse](#).

signal processor

A programmable device for digitizing and processing video signals from the radar receiver.

sweep

A collection of pulses at a constant elevation as the radar rotates around its axis 360°. After a sweep, the radar usually changes its elevation and starts a new sweep. Each sweep typically contains the same number of bins independent of the elevation.

task

A set of instructions to the radar and signal processing systems including, but not limited to, the scan type (PPI or RHI), PRF, pulse width, signal processing data types, time and range averaging criteria. For example, a PPI volume scan at multiple elevation angles or an RHI at a single azimuth. Also called radar task.

velocity folding

Erroneous readings due to particles in the measurement area exceeding the maximum velocity detection threshold of the radar system. The measured velocity "wraps around" to the other end of the scale, resulting in discontinuous readings. Also called velocity aliasing.

volume

Complete set of raw measurement data collected from sweeps, that is used to calculate a model of the atmosphere. The maximum volume is half of a sphere (from 0° elevation upwards), but other shapes are more typical.

warning

A warning is an alert of medium severity.

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