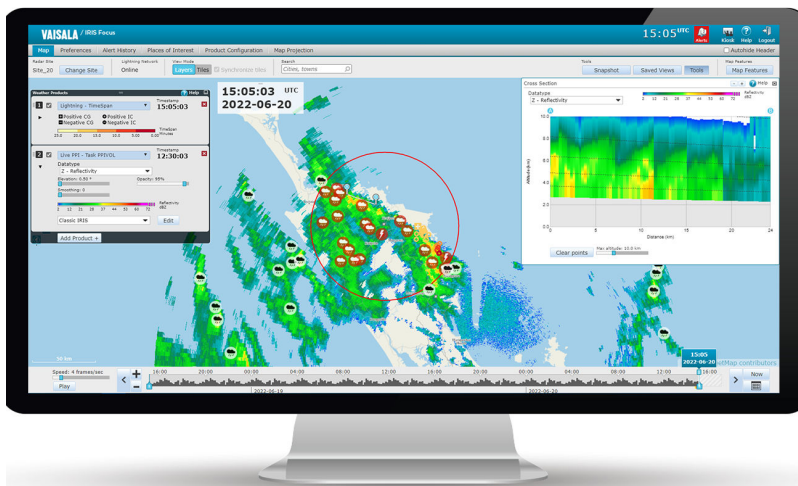


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1. About this document

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-L | November 2022 | For IRIS Focus 7.1. |
| M211850EN-K | June 2022 | For IRIS Focus 7.0. |
| M211850EN-J | November 2020 | For IRIS Focus 6.0. |

1.2 Related documents

Table 2 Related documents

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

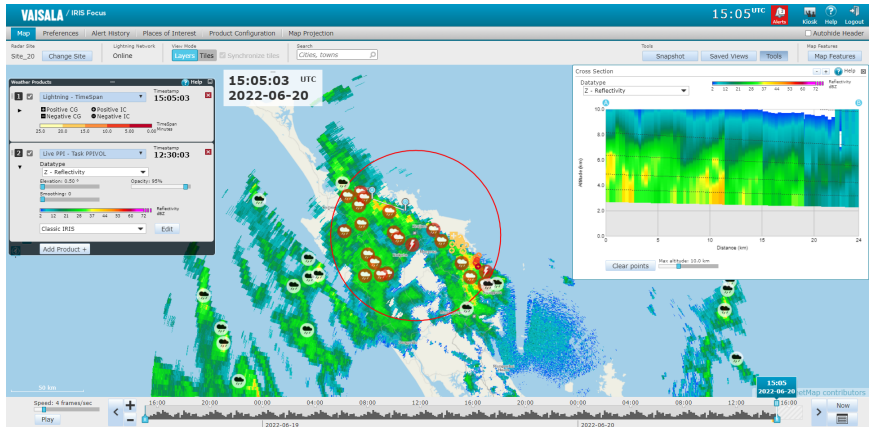


Lists tools needed to perform the task.



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 6 hours in the future.

Significant weather events such as thunderstorms, wind shear, or heavy rain are automatically detected and trigger alerts 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 products</i> | <p>On-demand products are based on raw data from the IRIS back-end systems (IRIS - Interactive Radar Information System and/or TLP - the Total Lightning Processor). IRIS Focus processes data and generates 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 parameter threshold of a selected 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> | IRIS Analysis radar products are configured and produced in IRIS Analysis and displayed by IRIS Focus on request. |
| <i>Lightning products</i> | Lightning products are based on sensor data that is sent to a central processor, where lightning solutions are created and then sent to IRIS Focus in real-time for product generation and visualization. |

More information

- [On-demand radar products \(page 24\)](#)
- [IRIS Analysis radar products \(page 25\)](#)

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.

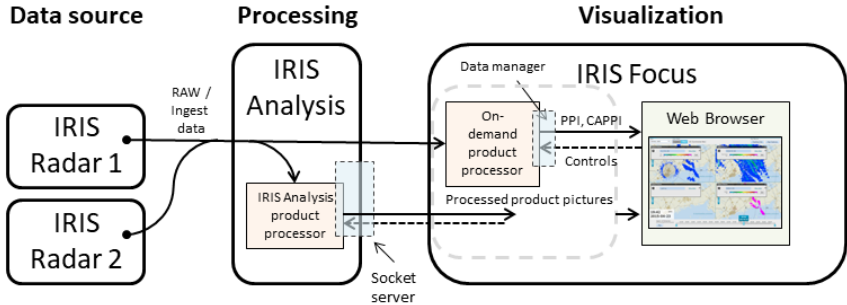


Figure 2 IRIS Focus data flow

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 sensor 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.

A single TLP can consume and merge data sets from multiple other TLP systems to produce a superset of data. For example, if organizations from three neighboring countries share TLP data, they can have a superset of lightning solutions from all three countries on each of the TLP systems. From there, they can create subsets of data feeds by lightning characteristics or geographic regions. Each of these subsets can then be fed to a specific Kafka topic on a specific Kafka cluster. Each of these topics can feed several IRIS Focus systems.

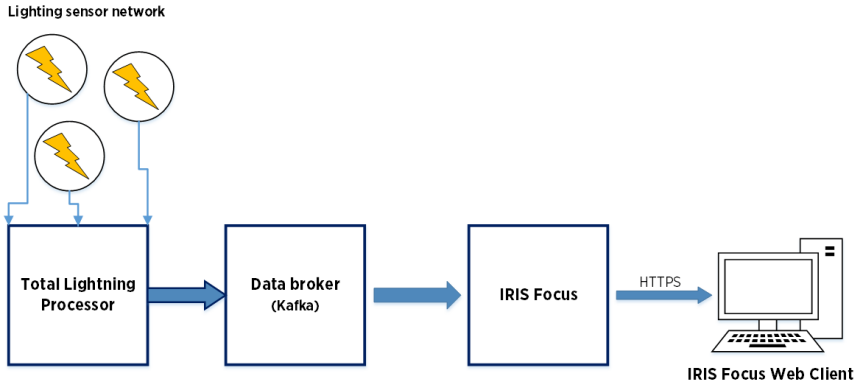


Figure 3 IRIS Focus lightning architecture

2.3 IRIS Focus 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.

An exception to this is the USB license key. If you have a USB license key, IRIS Focus runs when the USB license key 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. One user can have access to both licenses. Access to licenses is defined in the user profile.

IRIS Focus Light

IRIS Focus Light view has 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 licence is missing, users cannot log in. This could happen, for example, if the USB license key has been removed or if this is a new installation, not from the factory, that requires an e-mail be sent to Vaisala to retrieve the license.

With an *IRIS Focus Light* license, the user sees the *IRIS Focus Light* map view. The following features are available:

- View one predefined weather product at a time (a non-live radar product, or a lightning product)
- See areas of interest with active alerts highlighted in the alert severity color when viewing current data
- View WMS map layers
- View the animation timeline
- View the cursor tool
- Edit color scales
- Change radar site
- Select map features
- Use the **Ruler Tool**
- Change user preferences

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

- ***IRIS_Focus_Light_LGT***
This license is for viewing lightning data.
- ***IRIS_Focus_Light_WR***
This license is for viewing weather radar data.

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 the full-scale visualizations of lightning network sensor data, and to use all the related interactive tools.
- ***IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar***
This license enables users to view the full-scale visualizations of weather radar data, and to use all the related interactive tools.

The following features are available with the *IRIS Focus* license (in addition to all the *IRIS Focus Light* features):

- Create places of interest and set up alerting for them
- View alert icons on the map
- View alert history and the list of active alerts
- Advanced map features and tools

Advanced feature licenses

In addition to the *IRIS Focus Light* and *IRIS Focus* licenses, the following advanced feature licenses are available. These are system level licenses; one advanced feature license applies for all users.

Using the **NetworkHealth** product and Nowcasting also require that the user has a Focus seat.

- **IRIS_WMS**

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

- **IRIS_Nowcast**

With the *IRIS_Nowcast* license, you get access to the nowcast algorithm for creating forecasts based on weather radar data up to 6 hours into the future. Using this feature also requires the *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar* license.

- **IRIS_NetworkHealth_LGT**

With the *IRIS_NetworkHealth_LGT* license, you can get the network performance information from the **Total Lightning Processor**, and display the information as **NetworkHealth** product in the product panel. Using this feature also requires the *IRIS_Focus_Lightning* license.

- **IRIS_VHF_LGT**

With the VHF license, you can view VHF lightning data.

- **IRIS_ThreatZone_LGT**

With the *IRIS_ThreatZone_LGT* license, you can view the **Lightning Threat Zone** product.

- **IRIS_Stormintensity_LGT**

With the *IRIS_Stormintensity_LGT* license, you can view the **Storm Intensity** product layer. Using this feature also requires the *IRIS_WMS* 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. For example, if there are 10 users with IRIS Focus privileges configured to the system, and there are only 5 IRIS Focus seats, then the first 5 users to access the system will be given *IRIS Focus* rights, whereas the remaining 5 users will enter the system with *IRIS Focus Light* credential.

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.

Licensing based on the number of weather radars

IRIS_Focus_Light_WR and *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar* licenses are valid for a defined number of weather radars. If you have more radars in the network than licenses, you need to define which radars the licenses are applied to. To do this, configure the *vsoweb-override.ini* file.



CAUTION! If you have more radars in the network than licenses, and you have not configured the list of radars to apply the licenses to, the system will not display any radar data.

For detailed instructions, see chapter *Configuring licensing based on the number of radars*.

More information

- [Configuring licensing based on the number of radars \(page 51\)](#)
- [User roles \(page 125\)](#)

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) • 32 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) • 64 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.*

When viewing IRIS Focus on minimum or low resolution, make sure that the browser zoom is set to 100% or lower.

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.

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.

AlmaLinux 8.4

AlmaLinux 8.4 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 AlmaLinux 8.4.

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 (M211315EN)*.



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.

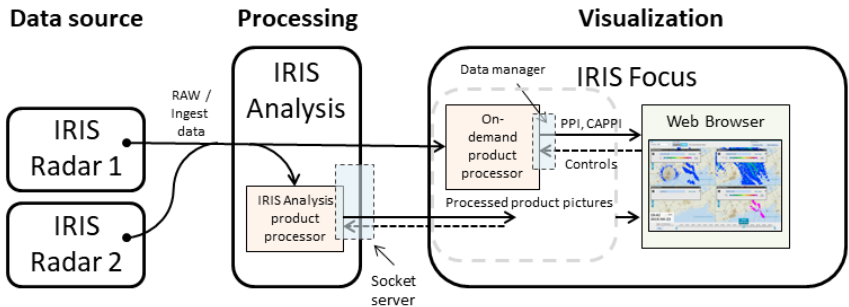


Figure 4 Generating on-demand IRIS products

More information

- [Setting up Data Manager \(page 53\)](#)

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

The table below shows examples of how much disk space is required for Data Manager to store data collected over a certain time period. In addition, 400GB is needed for other purposes (/srv partition). Use the following formula to calculate the approximate disk space :

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

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 |

| Scan Interval (minutes) | Number of Radars | Days of Data | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| | | 30 Days | 60 Days | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
| 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 |
| 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 \(page 138\)](#)

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.

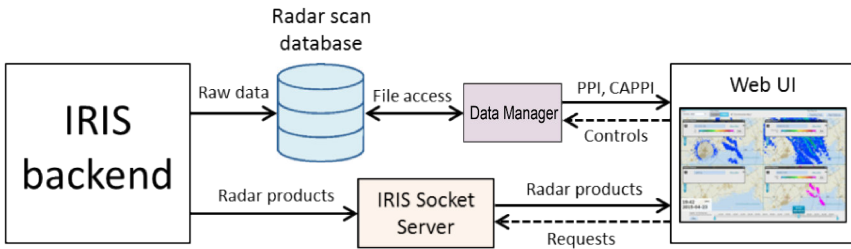


Figure 5 IRIS Focus architecture for radar products

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 sensor 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.

A single TLP can consume and merge data sets from multiple other TLP systems to produce a superset of data. For example, if organizations from three neighboring countries share TLP data, they can have a superset of lightning solutions from all three countries on each of the TLP systems. From there, they can create subsets of data feeds by lightning characteristics or geographic regions. Each of these subsets can then be fed to a specific Kafka topic on a specific Kafka cluster. Each of these topics can feed several IRIS Focus systems.

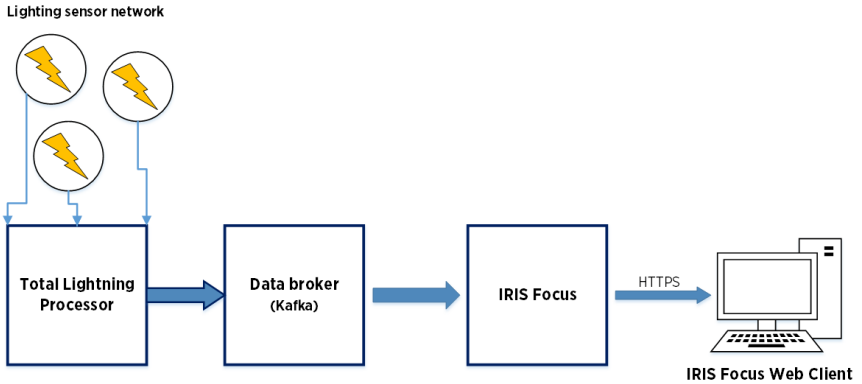


Figure 6 IRIS Focus lightning architecture

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 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.

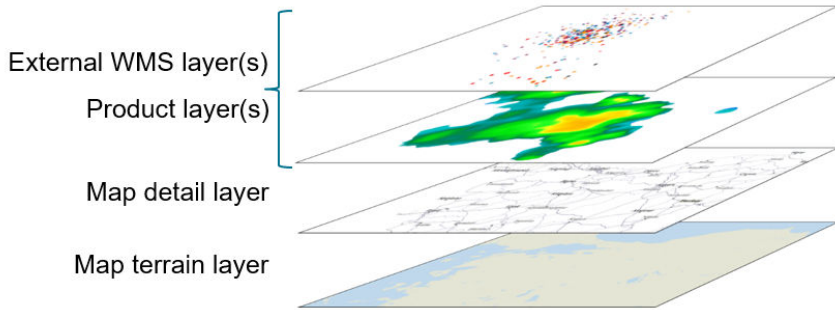


Figure 7 IRIS Focus product layers

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 8 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 the following location:

`http://localhost:34180/geoserver.`

The default management account name is **admin**, and the password can be found in the following 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 \(page 136\)](#)

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.

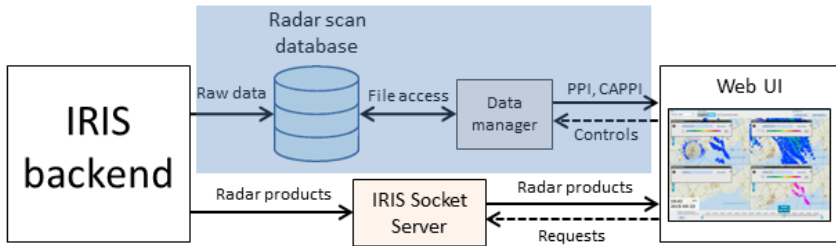


Figure 9 On-demand product components

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.

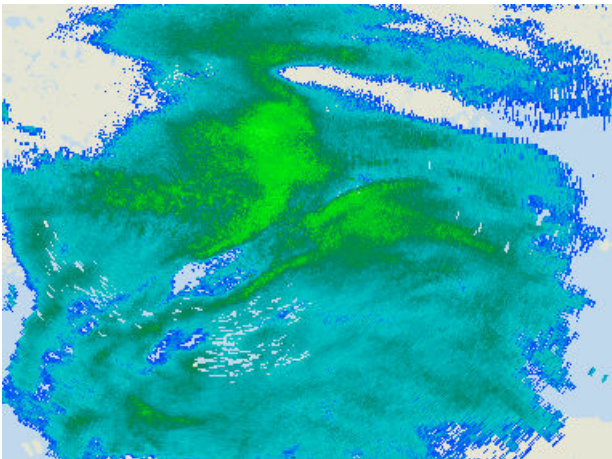


Figure 10 Visualized radar product

More information

- [Data Manager \(page 138\)](#)

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 server. The data can be archived to tape or stored on a large disk array.

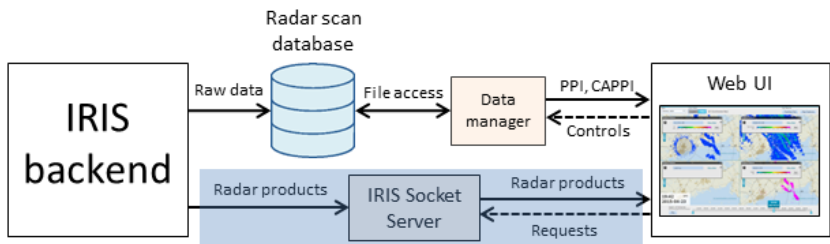


Figure 11 IRIS Analysis product data flow to IRIS Focus

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 **parameters** 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 (M211319EN)*.

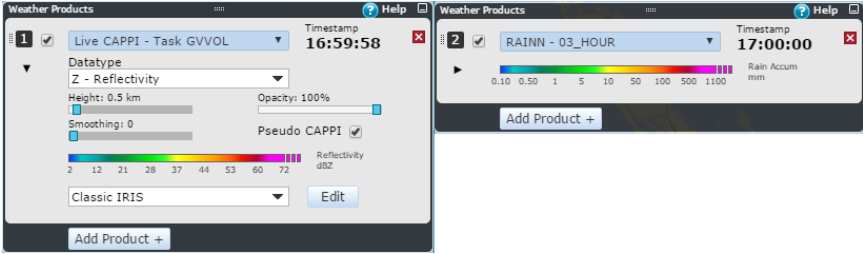


Figure 12 On-demand and IRIS Analysis product settings

4.5 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.

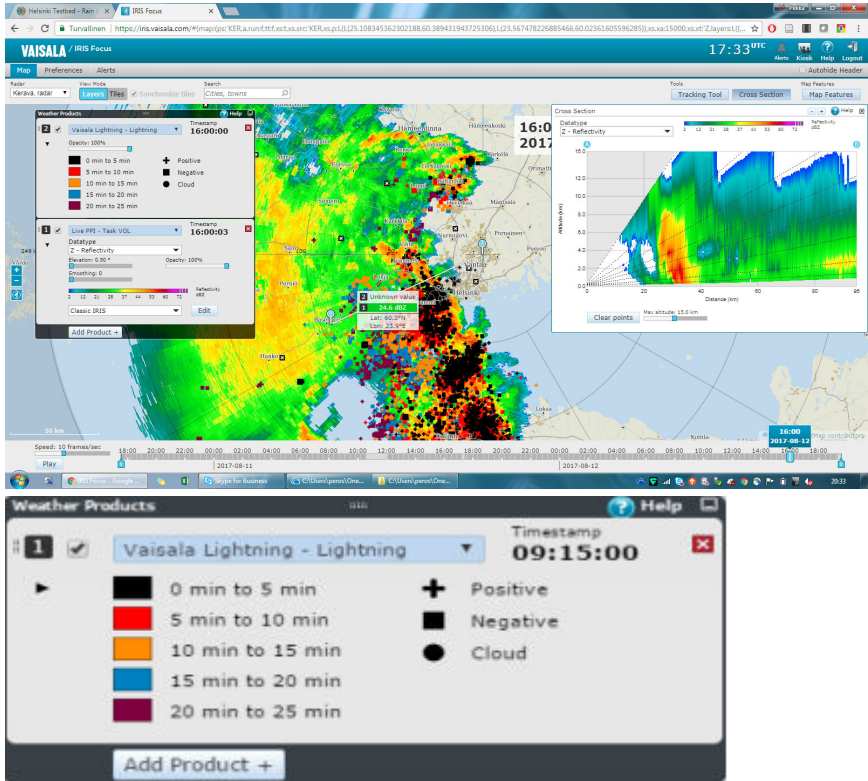


Figure 13 GLD360 lightning layer and controls

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

- [Adding GLD360 lightning layer \(page 132\)](#)

4.6 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.

More information

- [Installing a CA certificate \(page 143\)](#)
- [Certificates \(page 161\)](#)
- [Encryption \(page 161\)](#)

5. Installation for weather radar

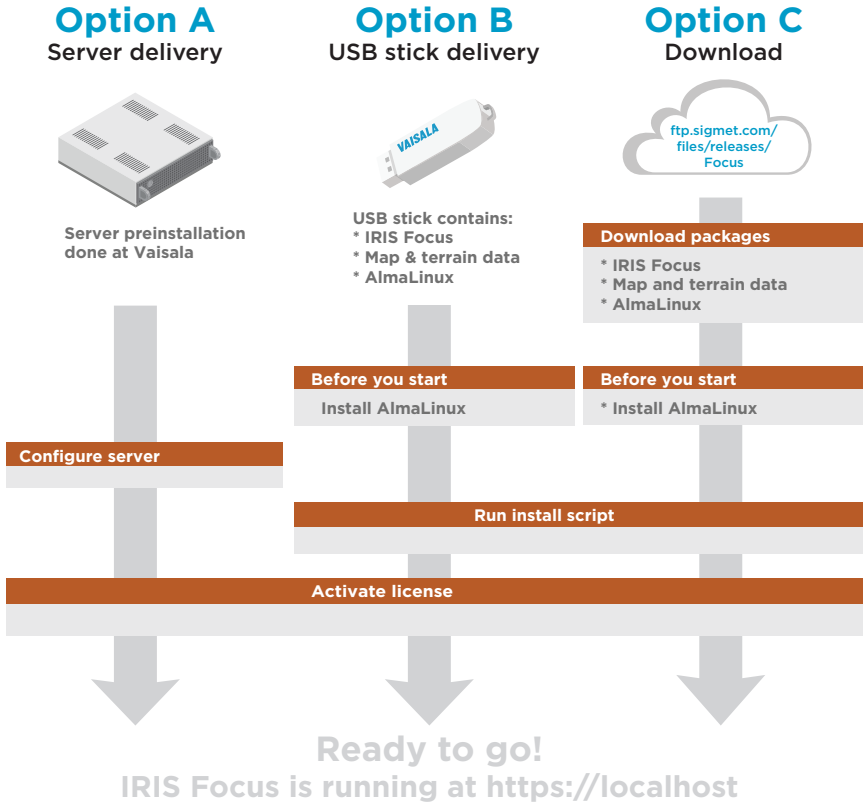


Figure 14 IRIS Focus delivery options

- 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 AlmaLinux 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 \(https://ftp.sigmet.com\)](https://ftp.sigmet.com) using a web browser or an FTP client.

The host server allows read access for anonymous FTP connections.

- 2. If using a web browser, navigate to `/files/releases/Focus/<latest version>/Focus_install`, or if using an FTP client, navigate to `/outgoing/releases/Focus/latest version>/Focus_install`.
- 3. Download the files inside the `installer` directory.



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

- 4. Navigate to `/releases/Focus/vaisala-map-data`, and download the following files:
 - Maps directory: `vaisala-iris-maps-v2.zip`
 - Terrain data directory: `vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip`
- 5. If you require the AlmaLinux installation image, download it from:

https://ftp.sigmet.com/files/releases/AlmaLinux/AlmaLinux-8.4-x86_64-dvd.iso



The AlmaLinux installation image is very large.



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

5.1.1 Verifying and joining files

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.

- ▶ 1. Verify the MD5 checksum values of the downloaded files:
 - In AlmaLinux – Use the pre-installed `md5sum` command line tool:
md5sum [filename]
 - In Microsoft Windows – Use the pre-installed **CertUtil** utility:
certutil -hashfile [filename] MD5

- Join the IRIS Focus installation file parts together to form a single tar file with the following command:

```
cat IRIS_Focus*_part_* >| IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

- Get the MD5 checksum value for the tar file that you created:

```
md5sum IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

- Verify that the MD5 checksum value matches the one shown in the *IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar.md5* file that you downloaded from <https://ftp.sigmet.com>
- 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 \(page 16\)](#)
- [Software requirements \(page 16\)](#)

5.3 Installing AlmaLinux

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



This version of IRIS Focus has been tested with AlmaLinux 8.4.

If you do not have an AlmaLinux system running, select an installation image from [Vaisala Sigmet server \(https://ftp.sigmet.com/files/releases/AlmaLinux/AlmaLinux-8.4-x86_64-dvd.iso\)](https://ftp.sigmet.com/files/releases/AlmaLinux/AlmaLinux-8.4-x86_64-dvd.iso), and see instructions at [Tecmint Linux Guides \(https://www.tecmint.com/almalinux-installation/\)](https://www.tecmint.com/almalinux-installation/) on how to perform the AlmaLinux installation.

Table 6 Vaisala-recommended disk partitioning

| Partition | Size |
|-----------|--------|
| /home | 50 GB |
| /boot | 500 MB |

| Partition | Size |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| /var | 100 GB |
| / | 100 GB |
| swap | size of RAM + 2 GB |
| /usr/iris_data | 200 GB |
| /srv | 100% of the remaining disk space |

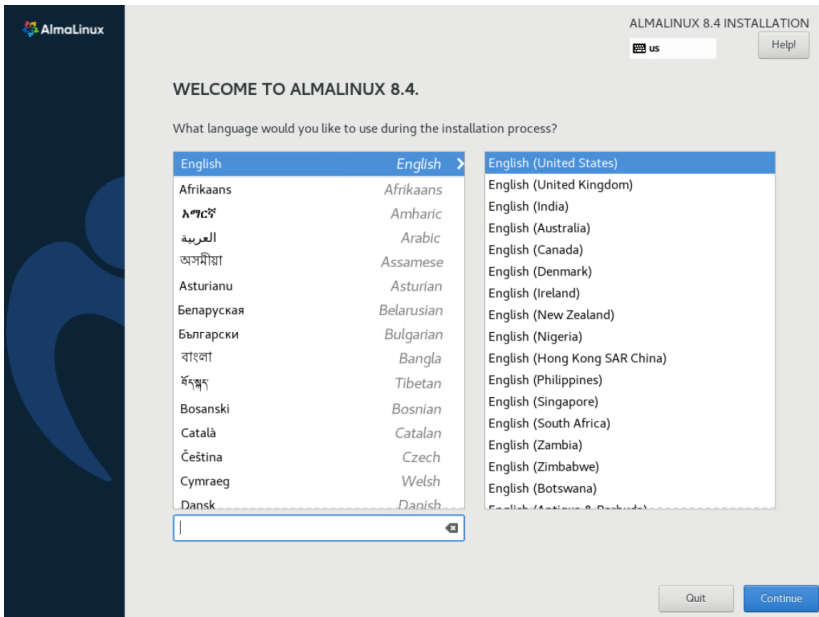
If there is only a little disk space, you can decrease the size of the */home*, */var*, and */* partitions by 10-20 GB.



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.

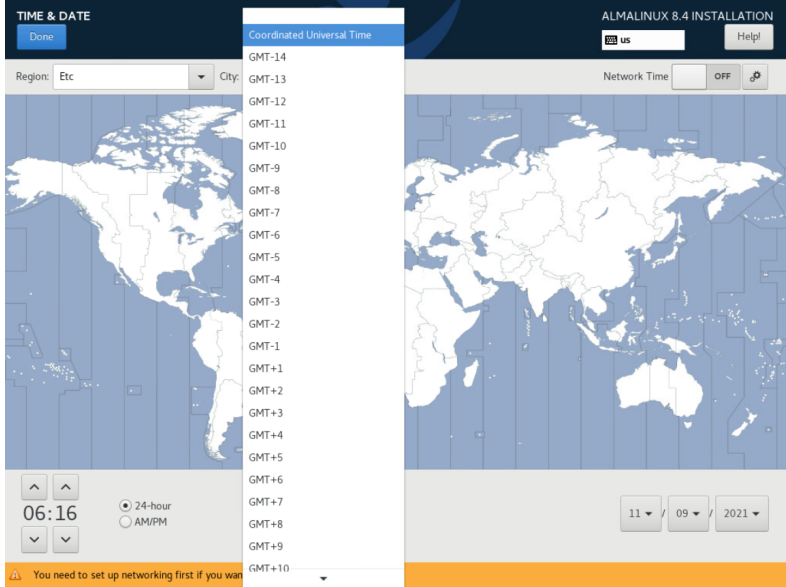
Install AlmaLinux according to the standard instructions, with the following changes.

- ▶ 1. Select your installation language.



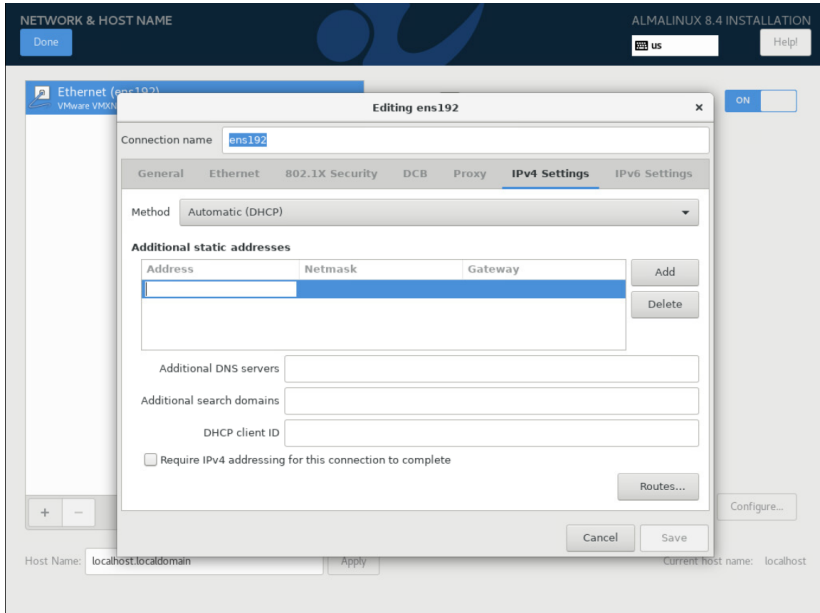
2. In **TIME & DATE**, set the system clock to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) by choosing the following values:

- Region: **Etc**
- City: **Coordinated Universal Time**



3. In **SOFTWARE SELECTION**, keep the default selection for **Base Environment Type** : **Server With GUI**.

4. In the AlmaLinux installation screen, select **Network & Host Name**.



- Turn the network **ON**.
- Select **Configure**.
- In the **General** tab, select **Connect automatically with priority**.
- 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**.
- Select **Done**.

5. In **INSTALLATION DESTINATION**, start manual partitioning:
 - a. Select the hard disk.
 - b. Select **Select Storage Configuration, Custom**.
 - c. Select **Done**.


INSTALLATION DESTINATION ALMALINUX 8.4 INSTALLATION

[Done](#) us [Help!](#)

Device Selection
Select the device(s) you'd like to install to. They will be left untouched until you click on the main menu's "Begin Installation" button.

Local Standard Disks

1000 GiB

 **VMware Virtual disk**
sda / 1000 GiB free

Disks left unselected here will not be touched.

Specialized & Network Disks

[Add a disk...](#)

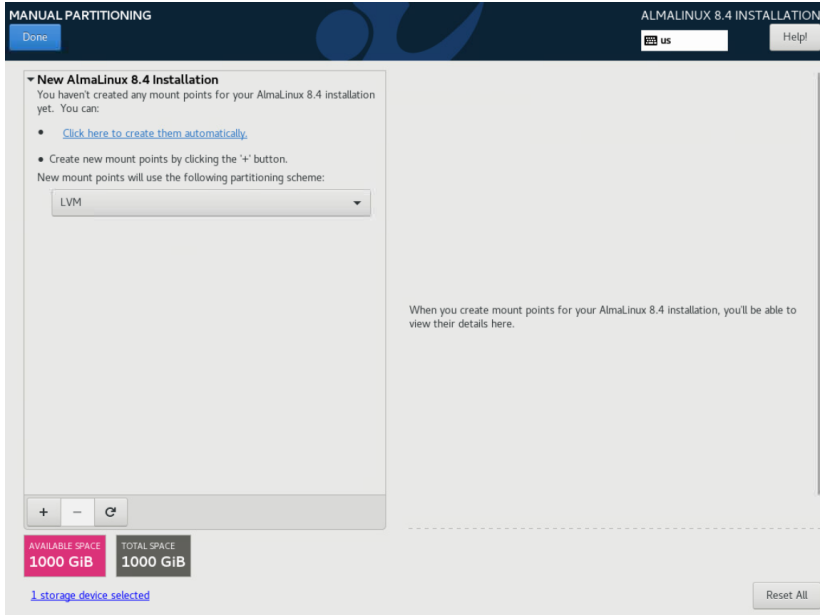
Disks left unselected here will not be touched.

Storage Configuration

Automatic Custom

[Full disk summary and boot loader...](#) 1 disk selected: 1000 GiB capacity, 1000 GiB free [Refresh...](#)

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



After creating the automatic partitions, you need to modify the partition manually in the next steps.

7. Modify the **/home** partition.

- a. Select the **/home** partition.
- b. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the home partition (**/home**) to **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: ▼

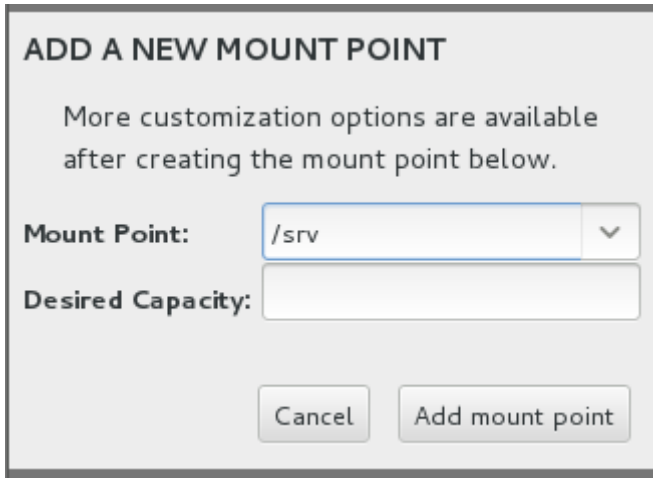
Desired Capacity:

- 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.



ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT

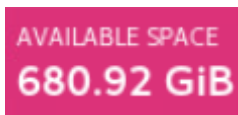
More customization options are available after creating the mount point below.

Mount Point: ▼

Desired Capacity:

- b. In **Mount Point**, type `/srv`

- c. Under **Desired Capacity**, use nearly all the available server space (indicated in the pink box) for the `/srv` partition by typing, for example, **680 GiB**.



- d. Select **Add mount point**.

13. Select **Done**.

14. Check that the partitions are defined as follows (note that `/srv` has a different value):

The screenshot shows the 'MANUAL PARTITIONING' screen for 'ALMALINUX 8.4 INSTALLATION'. The interface is split into two main panes.

Left Pane (Partition Tree):

- New AlmaLinux 8.4 Installation**
 - DATA**
 - `/home` (almalinux-root) 50 GiB
 - `/srv` (almalinux-srv) 680 GiB
 - SYSTEM**
 - `/` (almalinux-root) 100 GiB
 - `/var` (almalinux-var) 100 GiB
 - `/boot/efi` (sda1) 600 MiB
 - `/boot` (sda2) 500 MiB
 - `swap` (almalinux-swap) 68 GiB

Right Pane (almalinux-srv Configuration):

- Mount Point:** `/srv`
- Device(s):** VMware Virtual disk (sda)
- Desired Capacity:** 680 GiB
- Device Type:** LVM
- File System:** xfs
- Volume Group:** almalinux (4 MiB free)
- Name:** srv

At the bottom, there are status indicators: 'AVAILABLE SPACE 939.97 MiB' and 'TOTAL SPACE 1000 GiB'. A note states: 'Note: The settings you make on this screen will not be applied until you click on the main menu's 'Begin Installation' button.'

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

5.3.1 Setting the root password

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

- ▶ 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 Finalizing the installation

- ▶ 1. Select **USER CREATION**.

2. Create an account with the following properties:
 - User name: **radarop**
 - Password: [**choose password or use the default password xxxxxx**]
Vaisala recommends using a non-default password.
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.
4. Select **Begin Installation**.
The installation will continue for a few minutes.
5. When prompted, select **Reboot System**.
6. Select **LICENSE INFORMATION**.
7. Accept the license agreement.
8. Select **Done**.
9. Select **FINISH CONFIGURATION**.

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

5.4 Verify or override the FQDN of your server

You must determine or set the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IRIS Focus server before installing the software. The FQDN must be the name that external clients will use when connecting to your IRIS Focus server. The installation assumes that this is correctly reported by the hostname command.

For example, if the final URL will be `https://my-iris-focus.company.com/`, then the hostname command must report `iris-focus.company.com` as follows:

```
[root@my-iris-focus ~]# hostname --fqdn
my-iris-focus.company.com
[root@my-iris-focus ~]#
```

If your server does not report the correct host name, you can export an environment command to indicate what the correct host name should be. For example, if the output above had been "my-iris" and the correct value should have been "my-iris-focus.company.com", you should run the following command:

```
{code:sh}
export HOST_FQDN=my-iris-focus.company.com
```

5.5 Installing IRIS Focus from a USB stick

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
installer
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 AlmaLinux server and prepare the files for installation.

- ▶ 1. Reboot the system.
2. Log in to the server 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 AlmaLinux server:

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

8. Change to the `srv/Focus_install/installer` directory, and join the `.tar` file parts:

```
cd /srv/Focus_install/installer
cat IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer_part_* >> IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

9. To make sure that the file is now correct, run the following two commands and check that you get the same output:

```
md5sum IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
cat IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar.md5
```

10. Extract the installation files into the default release directory:

```
tar -xvf IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

11. 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
```

12. Run the IRIS Focus installation script:



`<root application URL>` in the installation command example below corresponds to the hostname. If the hostname changes, you also need to change the `security.cors.origin.whitelist` parameter value in the `vsoweb-override.ini` file, and restart the application.

The `cors-origin-whitelist (-cow)` switch determines the value of the `Access-Control-Allow-Origin` header. It must have the same value as the root application URL. The default value is the installation machine name.

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

13. Reboot the system with the following command to cleanly bring up the services:

```
reboot
```

5.6 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-7.x.x.tar` and `README.txt` from the USB stick to a temporary directory.
- 3. Extract the tar file:

```
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-7.x.x.tar
```

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

5.7 Installing IRIS Focus components

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

For the list of IRIS Focus services and users, see [IRIS Focus services and users \(page 150\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Make sure you have an AlmaLinux 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 AlmaLinux ISO image. This was downloaded previously or provided on a USB stick.

Although AlmaLinux is already set up, the IRIS Focus installer relies on some packages that are provided by the AlmaLinux repository.

- 4. Log in to the server as **root**.
- 5. Unpack the contents of the IRIS Focus installation file on the server, for example to the `/srv/` 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] --radar
```

- `--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
- `--radar` - The `--radar` parameter is required when the IRIS Focus installation will be used to display radar data. This option should be omitted if the IRIS Focus installation will only be used to display lightning data.



If the computer is connected to the internet, you can run the installer with the `--online` flag. This fetches any additionally required AlmaLinux 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 \(page 161\)](#)
- [Uninstalling IRIS Focus \(page 171\)](#)

5.8 Security notes



Follow the industry security standards while deploying IRIS Focus into an internal network. Only allow access to ports 80 and 443 from the Internet.

5.8.1 SELinux

If IRIS Analysis is not required to be installed on the same Focus server, then SELinux may be left enabled (as is the default behaviour in AlmaLinux).

5.8.2 Running OS hardening scripts

IRIS Focus includes a small set of example scripts to help secure the AlmaLinux operating system. You may run these "OS hardening scripts" after reviewing and/or modifying the specific items found in the associated `security-scripts` directory.

Table 7 Hardened areas

| Hardened area |
|---|
| Install AIDE (Advanced Intrusion Detection Environment) |
| Restrict core dumps |
| Set permissions for <code>grub</code> 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: <code>cramfs</code> , <code>freevxfs</code> , <code>jffs2</code> , <code>hfs</code> , <code>hfsplus</code> , <code>squashfs</code> , <code>udf</code> , <code>vfat</code> , <code>dccp</code> , <code>sctp</code> , <code>rds</code> , <code>tipc</code> , <code>cups</code> , <code>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.

3. Reboot the server.

5.9 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.

5.9.1 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 [Using the USB license key \(page 50\)](#).

1. Log in to the server 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 Key** in the **Login Using** field.

A screenshot of the Vaisala License Manager Web interface. The page has a blue header with the text "VAISALA / License Manager Web". Below the header is a white box titled "Customer Login". Inside this box, there are two fields: "Login Using:" with a dropdown menu currently set to "Product Key", and "Product Key:" with a text input field containing the alphanumeric string "acb4c0a3-626b-44c3-a39d-b4f39a0edc59". Below these fields is a "Login" button.

4. Enter your product key 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: Valsala Oyj - 327799

List of Activations

| Product Key | Name | AID | Quantity | Remaining Quantity |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 31e6b594-9499-4c3a-859a-43ceeb6aba62 | IR15 2.0 | 3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d | 1 | 0 |

License String

```

*E
WL_YneOmM4bu27hvFNEW_3y2ZkDpWYJ.Wd9R0f6WTUhlv.0Bh64FHDqjmlBnkgz_rLwdmimOALF2fnAepRgS9a0LA.pi0L
Ok5TR79ouP3EAWWt7IeoW45lqSKN9oIQ7z2H358d3ZjPjWgseRnEz80Gv6# "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. Install the license with the **`rsync-install-license <location-of-the-license-file>`** command.

- Restart the `vaisala-radarsw-webapp` service by typing:

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

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

More information

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

5.9.2 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 [Using the USB license key \(page 50\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Run `rsw-show-machine-code > [filename]` command on the IRIS Focus server to get the product key specific to the server hardware.
This stores the product key string in a file.
2. Copy the file to a removable media, such as a USB stick, and transfer it to the online computer.

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

VAISALA / License Manager Web

Customer Login

Login Using:

Product Key:

- Enter your product key and select **Login**.
- 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 | <input type="text" value="1"/> |

* Request code:

Remarks:

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-43cee6aba62 | IR15 2.0 | 3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c5cb668f90d | 1 | 0 |


License String

```
'E
WLYnnQhM4bu27hvFNEW.3y22kDpWYJw8R06WTUhnvLOBh6iAFHDqmiBnkGz.rLwDmimOALF2InAeoRgS9a0LA.pI0L
Ok5TR79ouP3EAWWt7IeoW45kqShN9oI07z2H35Sd3ZjPjwGseRnEz80Gvfo# "IRIS_Focus" version "", expires Midnight
of Jan 1, 2011, exclusive##AID=3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c5cb668f90d
```

4

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 **rsync-install-license <location-of-the-license-file>** command.

More information

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

5.10 Using the USB license key

The IRIS Focus license key can be provided on a USB drive. With the USB drive, you can transfer the license from one server to another.

After installing IRIS Focus, activate the license by linking the USB drive to the license file provided by Vaisala as described below.

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

If you transfer the license to another server, perform the activation procedure on the new server.

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

```
# rsw-install-license /srv/focus_license.txt
```

- 3. Restart the IRIS Focus web application:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radar-sw-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).

5.11 Configuring licensing based on the number of radars

IRIS_Focus_Light_WR and *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar* licenses are valid for a defined number of weather radars. If you have more radars in the network than licenses, you need to define which radars the licenses are applied to. To do this, configure the *vsoweb-override.ini* file.



CAUTION! If you have more radars in the network than licenses, and you have not configured the list of radars to apply the licenses to, the system will not display any radar data.

- ▶ 1. Go to the file */etc/vaisala/radar-sw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini*.
- 2. Create a list of radars in numbered order.

The format of the list entries is `radar.list.N`, where N is an integer.

Example: If you have two licenses and three radars called "MyRadarA", "MyRadarB", and "MyRadarC", and you want the license to apply to "MyRadarA" and "MyRadarC", list the radars as follows:

```
radar.list.1 = MyRadarA
```

```
radar.list.2 = MyRadarC
```

```
radar.list.3 = MyRadarB
```

5.12 Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus

5.12.1 Setting or changing the socket server



In order for IRIS Focus to configure the radar centers correctly, you need to have at least one PPI product in the socket server.

If needed, set or change the socket server:

- 1. Update the `vsoweb-override.ini` file with the following command:

```
/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/bin/configure-vsoweb-ini -i <socket_server_host_name>
```

- 2. Type the following command:

```
rsw-basemap-site-setup --socket-server <socket_server_host_name>
```

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

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

5.12.2 Activating the socket server in IRIS Radar

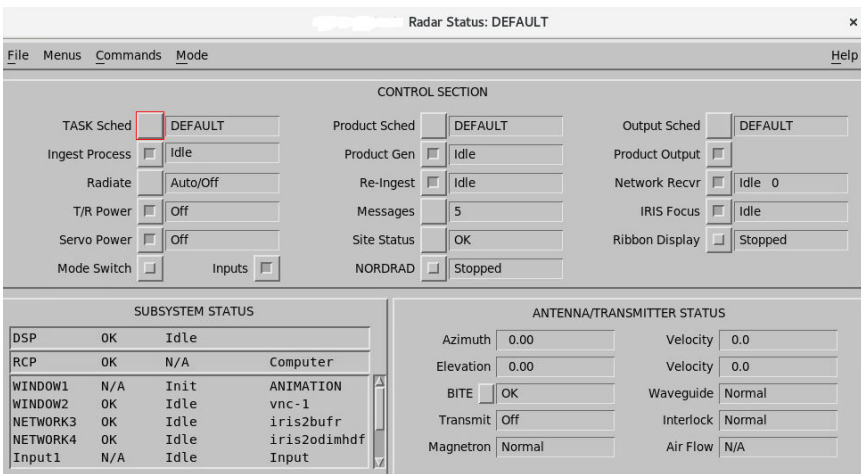


Figure 15 IRIS Radar status menu

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 (M211317EN)*.

- ▶ 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**.

5.12.3 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.

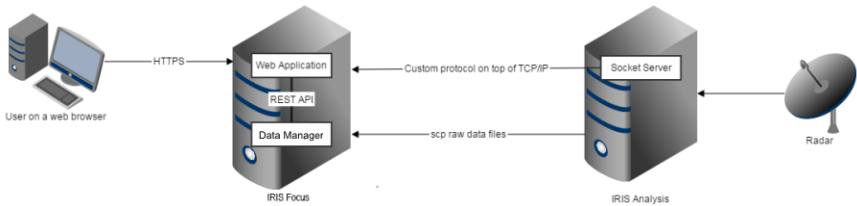


Figure 16 Radar data delivery paths

More information

- ▶ [Data Manager \(page 138\)](#)
- ▶ [Data Manager does not work as expected \(page 163\)](#)

5.12.3.1 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". The window has a "File" menu on the top left and a "Help" button on the top right. The configuration fields 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: radardminput
- Recipient host name: [target-hostname]

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

6. Restart IRIS:

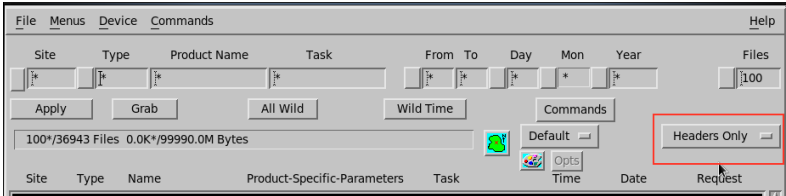
- a. Log in to the server as **root**.

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

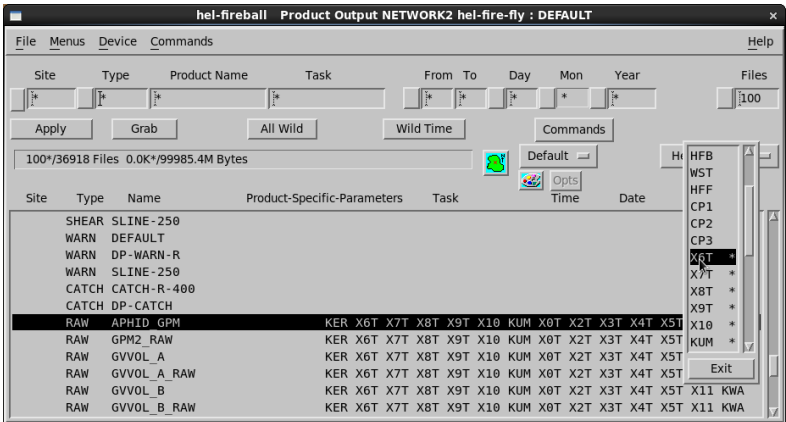
- b. Type:

```
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**.

5.12.3.2 SSH connection for Data Manager

- ▶ 1. Copy the contents of `/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` to your clipboard.
If this file does not exist in your system, generate the key in the `/root/.ssh/` directory by typing `ssh-keygen -t rsa`, and pressing **ENTER** (no need to answer the questions).
2. Log in to the `root` account with the `su` command.
When prompted, type the `root` password.
3. 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.

5.12.3.3 Configuring IRIS Focus for transfer of WARN files

Set up SSH keys so that IRIS can send WARN files to Focus `warnreader` and allow alerts to be generated.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Analysis server as `radardminput`.
2. Copy the contents of `/root/<public_key_file>` to your clipboard.
`<public_key_file>` may be, for example, `ssh/id_rsa.pub`.
3. Log in to the IRIS Focus server as `root`.
4. If it does not exist already, create the following `.ssh` file:

```
mkdir /var/lib/warnreader/.ssh/  
vi /var/lib/warnreader/.ssh/authorized_keys
```

5. Paste the contents of your clipboard into: `/var/lib/warnreader/.ssh/authorized_keys`
6. Type:

```
chmod 700 /var/lib/warnreader/.ssh  
chmod 644 /var/lib/warnreader/.ssh/authorized_keys  
chown warnreader:radarsw /var/lib/warnreader/.ssh/authorized_keys  
chown warnreader:radarsw /var/lib/warnreader/.ssh/  
chown warnreader:radarsw /var/lib/warnreader/
```

5.12.3.4 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 `authorized_keys` file already exists, type:

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

Append the key you copied earlier to the file.

- c. 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
```

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.

5.13 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**



Vaisala recommends changing the passwords after the installation.

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.

6. Installation for lightning sensor network and weather radar

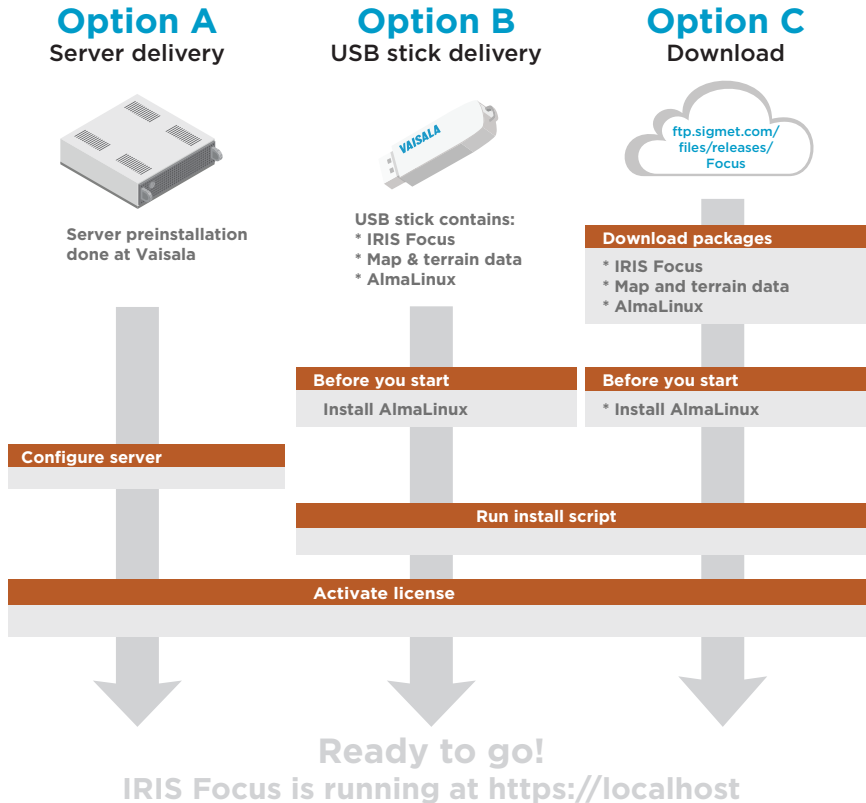


Figure 17 IRIS Focus delivery options

- 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 AlmaLinux 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 \(https://ftp.sigmet.com\)](https://ftp.sigmet.com) using a web browser or an FTP client.

The host server allows read access for anonymous FTP connections.

- 2. If using a web browser, navigate to `/files/releases/Focus/<latest version>/Focus_install`, or if using an FTP client, navigate to `/outgoing/releases/Focus/latest version>/Focus_install`.
- 3. Download the files inside the `installer` directory.



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

- 4. Navigate to `/releases/Focus/vaisala-map-data`, and download the following files:
 - Maps directory: `vaisala-iris-maps-v2.zip`
 - Terrain data directory: `vaisala-iris-terrain-v2.zip`
- 5. If you require the AlmaLinux installation image, download it from:

https://ftp.sigmet.com/files/releases/AlmaLinux/AlmaLinux-8.4-x86_64-dvd.iso



The AlmaLinux installation image is very large.



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

6.1.1 Verifying and joining files

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.

- ▶ 1. Verify the MD5 checksum values of the downloaded files:
 - In AlmaLinux – Use the pre-installed `md5sum` command line tool:
md5sum [filename]
 - In Microsoft Windows – Use the pre-installed **CertUtil** utility:
certutil -hashfile [filename] MD5

- Join the IRIS Focus installation file parts together to form a single tar file with the following command:

```
cat IRIS_Focus*_part_* >| IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

- Get the MD5 checksum value for the tar file that you created:

```
md5sum IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

- Verify that the MD5 checksum value matches the one shown in the *IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar.md5* file that you downloaded from <https://ftp.sigmet.com>
- 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 \(page 16\)](#)
- [Software requirements \(page 16\)](#)

6.3 Installing AlmaLinux

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



This version of IRIS Focus has been tested with AlmaLinux 8.4.

If you do not have an AlmaLinux system running, select an installation image from [Vaisala Sigmet server \(https://ftp.sigmet.com/files/releases/AlmaLinux/AlmaLinux-8.4-x86_64-dvd.iso\)](https://ftp.sigmet.com/files/releases/AlmaLinux/AlmaLinux-8.4-x86_64-dvd.iso), and see instructions at [Tecmint Linux Guides \(https://www.tecmint.com/almalinux-installation/\)](https://www.tecmint.com/almalinux-installation/) on how to perform the AlmaLinux installation.

Table 8 Vaisala-recommended disk partitioning

| Partition | Size |
|-----------|--------|
| /home | 50 GB |
| /boot | 500 MB |

| Partition | Size |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| /var | 100 GB |
| / | 100 GB |
| swap | size of RAM + 2 GB |
| /usr/iris_data | 200 GB |
| /srv | 100% of the remaining disk space |

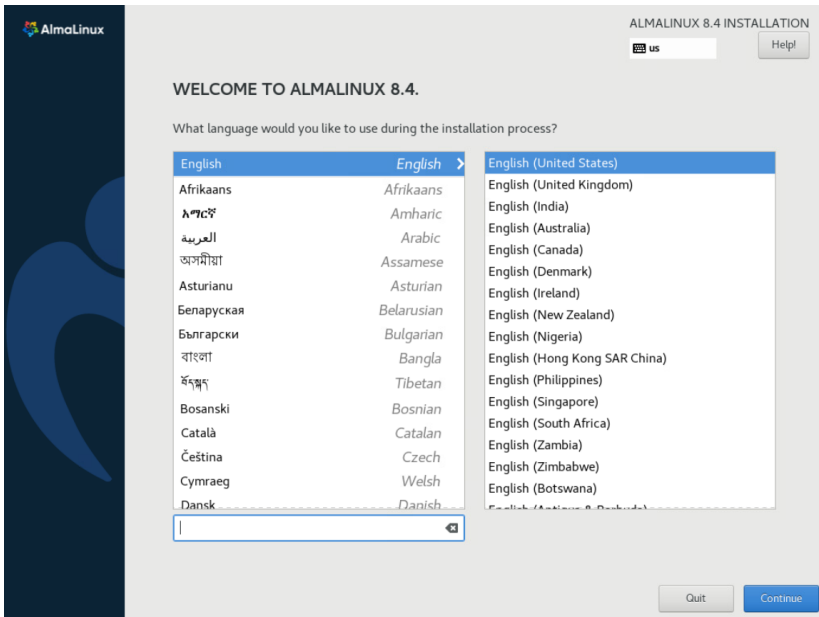
If there is only a little disk space, you can decrease the size of the */home*, */var*, and */* partitions by 10-20 GB.



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.

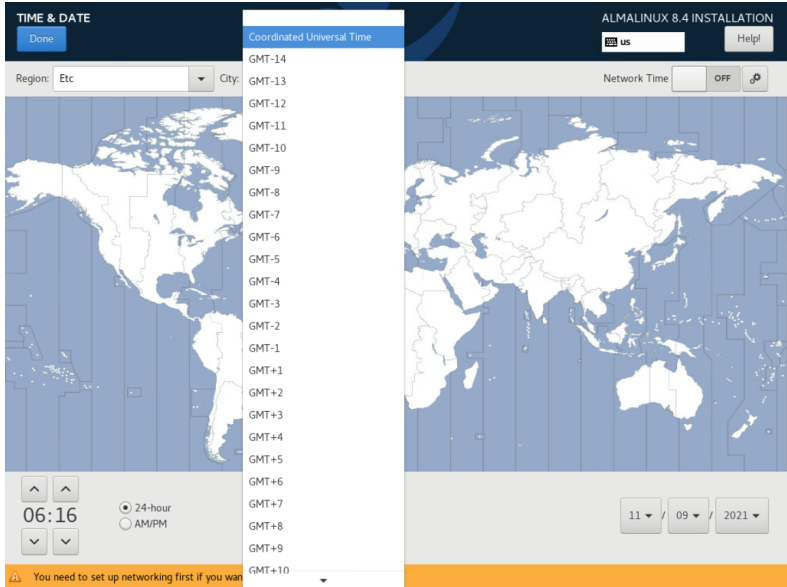
Install AlmaLinux according to the standard instructions, with the following changes.

- 1. Select your installation language.



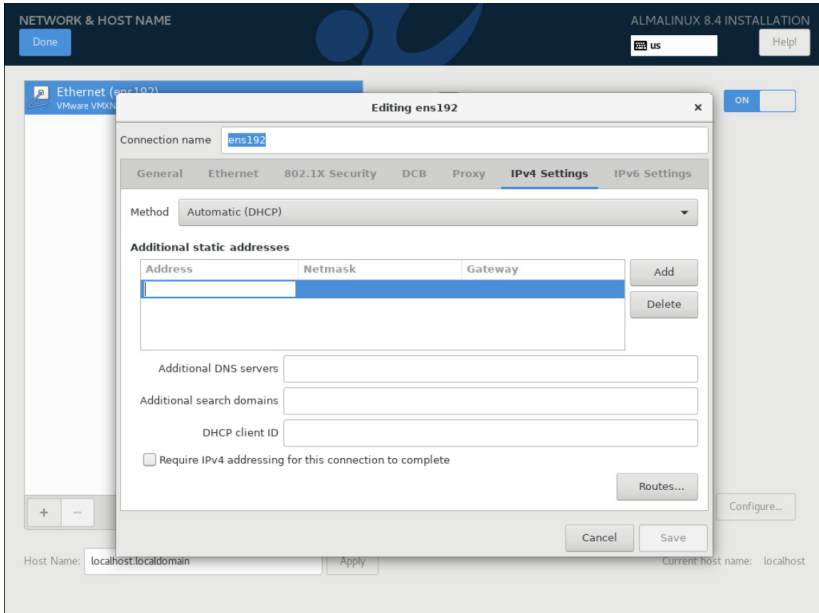
2. In **TIME & DATE**, set the system clock to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) by choosing the following values:

- Region: **Etc**
- City: **Coordinated Universal Time**



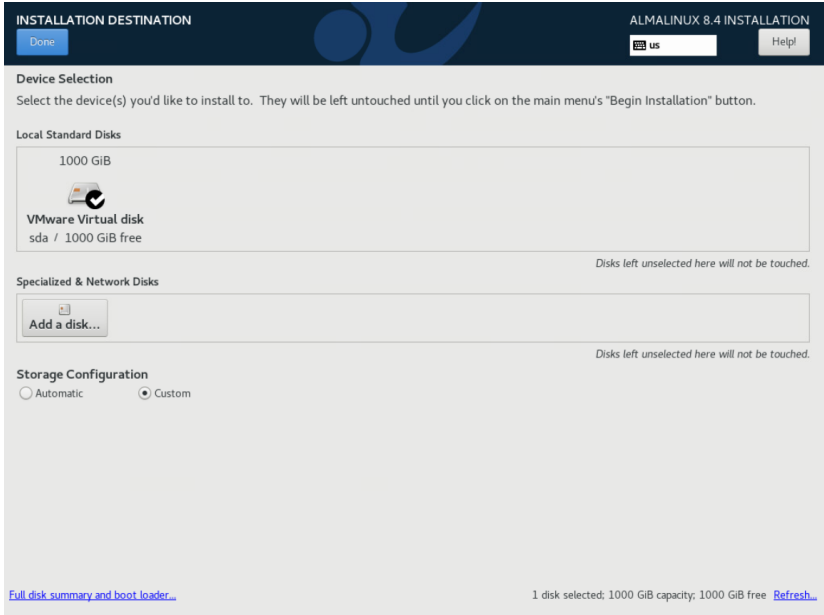
3. In **SOFTWARE SELECTION**, keep the default selection for **Base Environment Type** : **Server With GUI**.

4. In the AlmaLinux installation screen, select **Network & Host Name**.

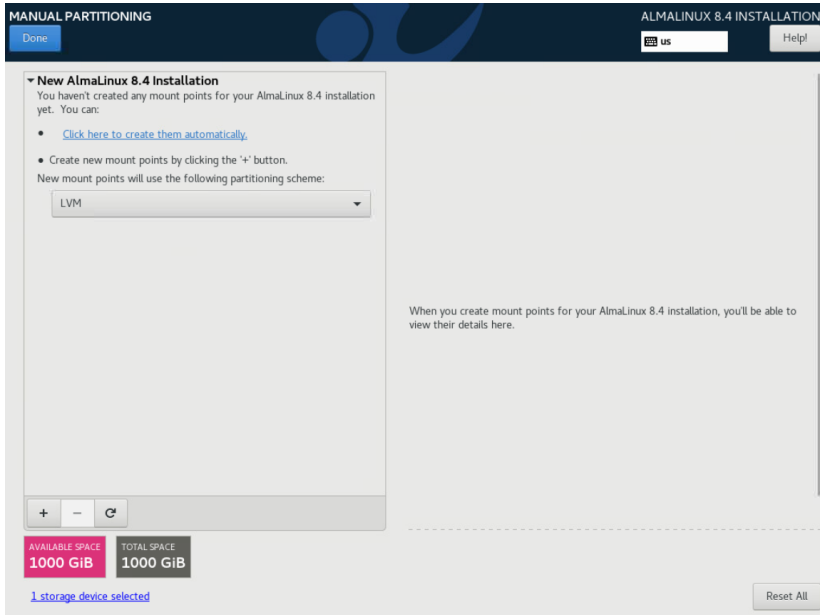


- Turn the network **ON**.
- Select **Configure**.
- In the **General** tab, select **Connect automatically with priority**.
- In the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Method > Manual**.
- In the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Add** to add your network IP address, Netmask, Gateway, and DNS servers.
- Select **Save**.
- In **Host Name**, type a name for this server.
- Select **Apply**.
- Select **Done**.

5. In **INSTALLATION DESTINATION**, start manual partitioning:
 - a. Select the hard disk.
 - b. Select **Select Storage Configuration, Custom**.
 - c. Select **Done**.



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



After creating the automatic partitions, you need to modify the partition manually in the next steps.

7. Modify the **/home** partition.

- a. Select the **/home** partition.
- b. Under **Desired Capacity**, set the size of the home partition (**/home**) to **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.

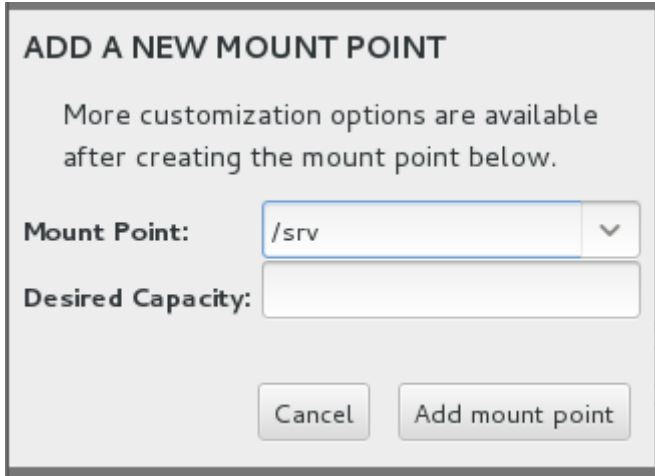
Mount Point: ▼

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.



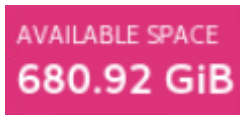
ADD A NEW MOUNT POINT

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

Mount Point: ▼

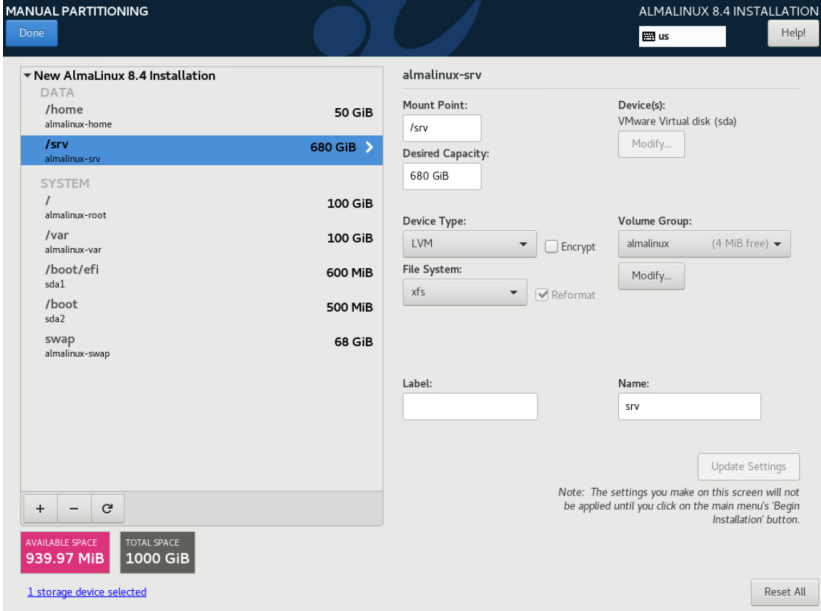
Desired Capacity:

- b. In **Mount Point**, type `/srv`
 - c. Under **Desired Capacity**, use nearly all the available server space (indicated in the pink box) for the `/srv` partition by typing, for example, **680 GiB**.



- d. Select **Add mount point**.
13. Select **Done**.

14. Check that the partitions are defined as follows (note that `/srv` has a different value):



MANUAL PARTITIONING ALMALINUX 8.4 INSTALLATION

Done us Help

New AlmaLinux 8.4 Installation

| Category | Mount Point | Size |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| DATA | | 50 GIB |
| | /home | almalinux-home |
| | /srv | almalinux-srv 680 GIB |
| SYSTEM | | 100 GIB |
| | / | almalinux-root |
| | /var | almalinux-var |
| | /boot/efi | sda1 |
| | /boot | sda2 |
| | swap | almalinux-swap |

AVAILABLE SPACE: 939.97 MiB TOTAL SPACE: 1000 GiB

1 storage device selected

almalinux-srv

Mount Point: /srv Device(s): VMware Virtual disk (sda)

Desired Capacity: 680 GiB

Device Type: LVM Encrypt Volume Group: almalinux (4 MiB free)

File System: xfs Reformat

Label: Name: srv

Update Settings

Note: The settings you make on this screen will not be applied until you click on the main menu's 'Begin Installation' button.

Reset All

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

6.3.1 Setting the root password

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

- ▶ 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 Finalizing the installation

- ▶ 1. Select **USER CREATION**.

2. Create an account with the following properties:
 - User name: **radarop**
 - Password: [**choose password or use the default password xxxxxx**]
Vaisala recommends using a non-default password.
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.
4. Select **Begin Installation**.
The installation will continue for a few minutes.
5. When prompted, select **Reboot System**.
6. Select **LICENSE INFORMATION**.
7. Accept the license agreement.
8. Select **Done**.
9. Select **FINISH CONFIGURATION**.

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

6.4 Verify or override the FQDN of your server

You must determine or set the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IRIS Focus server before installing the software. The FQDN must be the name that external clients will use when connecting to your IRIS Focus server. The installation assumes that this is correctly reported by the hostname command.

For example, if the final URL will be *https://my-iris-focus.company.com/*, then the hostname command must report *iris-focus.company.com* as follows:

```
[root@my-iris-focus ~]# hostname --fqdn
my-iris-focus.company.com
[root@my-iris-focus ~]#
```

If your server does not report the correct host name, you can export an environment command to indicate what the correct host name should be. For example, if the output above had been "my-iris" and the correct value should have been "my-iris-focus.company.com", you should run the following command:

```
{code:sh}
export HOST_FQDN=my-iris-focus.company.com
```

6.5 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
  installer
  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 AlmaLinux server and prepare the files for installation.

- ▶ 1. Reboot the system.
- 2. Log in to the server 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 AlmaLinux server:

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

- 8. Change to the `/srv/Focus_install/installer` directory, and join the `.tar` file parts:

```
cd /srv/Focus_install/installer
cat IRIS_Focus_7_0_Installer_part_* >> IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

- 9. To make sure that the file is now correct, run the following two commands and check that you get the same output:

```
md5sum IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
cat IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar.md5
```

- 10. Extract the installation files into the default release directory:

```
tar -xvf IRIS_Focus_7_1_Installer.tar
```

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

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

- a. Join the file parts:

```
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
```

12. Run the IRIS Focus installation scripts:



<root application URL> in the installation command example below corresponds to the hostname. If the hostname changes, you also need to change the `security.cors.origin.whitelist` parameter value in the `vsoweb-override.ini` file, and restart the application.

The `cors-origin-whitelist (-cow)` switch determines the value of the `Access-Control-Allow-Origin` header. It must have the same value as the root application URL. The default value is the installation machine name.


```
cd /srv/Focus_install/installer
./rsw-installer --offline --gis-db-dump\
/srv/Focus_install/vaisala-iris-maps-v2 --terrain-dir\
/srv/Focus_install/vaisala-iris-terrain-v2\
--radar -s <hostname or IP of IRIS Analysis socket server>\
--lightning -cow <root application URL>
```

13. Reboot the system with the following command to cleanly bring up the services:

```
reboot
```

6.5.1 Installation and configuration command options

Table 9 Installation command options

| Option | Description |
|--|--|
| <code>--admin-password</code> | Assign a non-default admin password |
| <code>--admin-user</code> | Assign a non-default admin user |
| <code>-c --config-dir</code> | Configuration directory |
| <code>-cow</code> | <p>The <code>cors-origin-whitelist</code> (<code>-cow</code>) switch determines the value of the <code>Access-Control-Allow-Origin</code> header. It must have the same value as the root application URL. In the installation command, <code><root application URL></code> corresponds to the hostname. The default value is the installation machine name.</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p> If the hostname changes, you also need to change the <code>security.cors.origin.whitelist</code> parameter value in the <code>vsoweb-override.ini</code> file, and restart the application.</p> </div> |
| <code>--deactivate-admin</code> | Deactivate the admin account after running this script. Not needed for standard installations. |
| <code>-d --dry-run</code> | List the steps that will be run (without running them) |
| <code>-g --geoserver-config-url</code> | GeoServer configuration endpoint (default: http://localhost:34180/geoserver) |
| <code>-gis-db-dump</code> | Location of map files |
| <code>-h</code> or <code>--help</code> | Show help information |
| <code>--lightning</code> | Allow configuration for lightning provider |
| <code>--no-prompt</code> | Fails (exits) on error without user confirmation |
| <code>--offline</code> | Disable online AlmaLinux base repository and require a local AlmaLinux base repository |
| <code>--online</code> | Allow online AlmaLinux base repository |
| <code>--pg-data-dir</code> | Use an alternative Postgres data directory location |
| <code>--radar</code> | Allow configuration for radar provider |
| <code>-s</code> | Socket server host |

| Option | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| --skip-geoserver-installation | Do not install map server |
| --skip-geoserver-site-configuration | |
| --skip-os-version-check | Force the installation on a AlmaLinux version other than directly supported |
| --skip-terrain | Do not install terrain detail to the map server |
| --terrain-dir | Location of terrain files |
| --tlp TLP_ADDRESS | Address of the Total Lightning Processor |
| --wms -w | Basemap WMS address (default: /wms) |

6.6 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-7.x.x.tar` and `README.txt` from the USB stick to a temporary directory.
- 3. Extract the tar file:

```
tar -xvf Vaisala_IRIS_installer-7.x.x.tar
```

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

6.7 Installing IRIS Focus components

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

For the list of IRIS Focus services and users, see [IRIS Focus services and users \(page 150\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Make sure you have an AlmaLinux 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 AlmaLinux ISO image. This was downloaded previously or provided on a USB stick.

Although AlmaLinux is already set up, the IRIS Focus installer relies on some packages that are provided by the AlmaLinux repository.

4. Log in to the server 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 when it will be connected to an IRIS Analysis system and running a local map server to provide map tiles:

```
./rsw-installer --offline --gis-db-dump [maps directory] --terrain-dir [terrain directory] -s [socket server hostname] --radar --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 AlmaLinux 8.4 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.

6.8 Installing Storm Intensity layer

To add the **Lightning Storm Intensity** WMS layer to IRIS Focus, run the following command immediately after the initial installation of IRIS Focus:

```
/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/bin/configure-map -u /wms --add-ltz-wms admin <admin password>
```

The `configure-map` script resets all the map layers, so that if you have installed any third-party WMS layers, they are deleted. Therefore, it is easiest to install the **Lightning Storm Intensity** layer right after installation with this script. However, if you choose to add this layer after having already added third party WMS layers and you want to keep them, use the following command instead of the `configure-map` script:

```
rsw-layer-add --layername "Lightning Storm Intensity" --layerurl /ltzwms \
--layer
"futurelightning:storm_intensity,futurelightning:storm_centroid_path_10min_all"
\
-o 120 -rr 600 -c -m "storm,density" \
-s "http://localhost:9973/geoserver/www/strike-intensity-tracking.sld" \
--uiheight 70 -d -r admin -p <admin password>
```

6.9 Security notes



Follow the industry security standards while deploying IRIS Focus into an internal network. Only allow access to ports 80 and 443 from the Internet.

6.9.1 SELinux

If IRIS Analysis is not required to be installed on the same Focus server, then SELinux may be left enabled (as is the default behaviour in AlmaLinux).

6.9.2 Running OS hardening scripts

IRIS Focus includes a small set of example scripts to help secure the AlmaLinux operating system. You may run these "OS hardening scripts" after reviewing and/or modifying the specific items found in the associated security-scripts directory.

Table 10 Hardened areas

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

| Hardened area |
|--|
| 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, hfsplus, 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.

3. Reboot the server.

6.10 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.

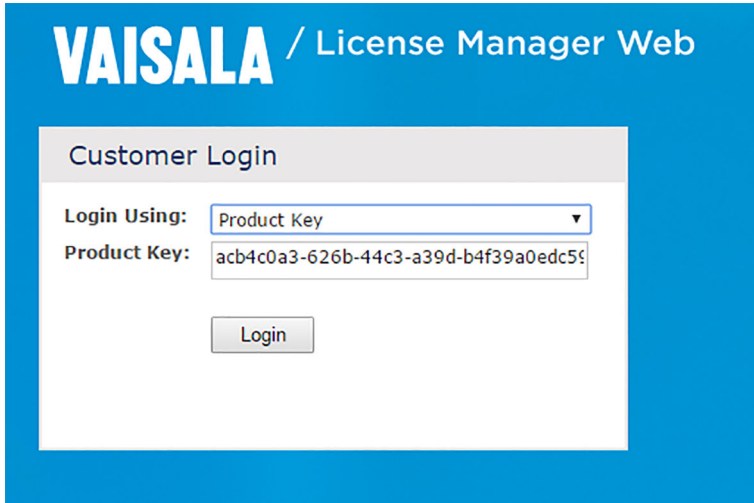
6.10.1 Activating license – online



If you are using a USB license key, first insert the USB drive in the server for the license to work. See [Using the USB license key \(page 50\)](#).

1. Log in to the server 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.

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



- Enter your product key and select **Login**.
- 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 | | | | |
| <pre>*E WLynnChM4bu27hvFNEW.3y22HdpWYJWd8R0f6WTUhl0Bh6iAFHDqjmiBnkgz_rLwdrmmOALF2fnAeoRgS9a0LA_pI0L Ok5TR79ouP3EAWWt7leoW45kqSkN9oIQ7z2H35Sd3ZrJpJwGeeRnEz8OGvfo# "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. Restart the `vaisala-radar-sw-webapp` service by typing:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radar-sw-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**

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

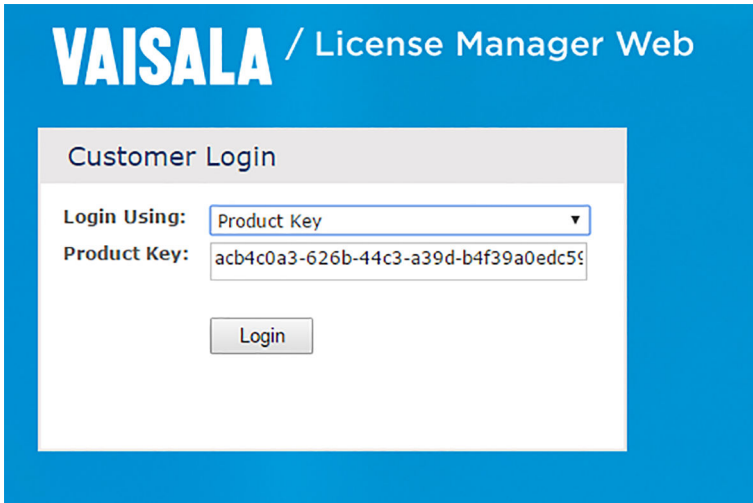
6.10.2 Activating license - offline

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 [Using the USB license key \(page 50\)](#).

- ▶ 1. Run `rsw-show-machine-code > [filename]` command on the IRIS Focus server to get the product key specific to the server hardware.
This stores the product key 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 Key** in the **Login Using** field.



4. Enter your product key 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:

6. Select **Generate**.

A popup window with the license string opens.

License Certificate

Contact: Customer: Valsala Oyj - 327799

List of Activations

| Product Key | Name | AID | Quantity | Remaining Quantity |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 31e6b594-9499-4c3a-859a-43ceeb6aba62 | IR15 2.0 | 3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d | 1 | 0 |

License String

```

"E
WL_YnnOmM4bu27hvFNEW_3y22kDpWYJ.Wd9R0f6WTUhtvL_0Bh6AFHDjmiBnkgz_rLwdmimOALF2fnAepRgS9a0LA.p0L
Ok5TR79ouP3EAWWt7IeoW45iqSKN9oIQ7z2H358d3ZjPjWgseRnEz80Gv6# "IRIS_Focus" version "", expires Midnight
of Jan 1, 2011, exclusive##AID=3e667d27-dfc3-454d-afcb-3c6cb668f90d

```

↵

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

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

6.11 Using the USB license key

The IRIS Focus license key can be provided on a USB drive. With the USB drive, you can transfer the license from one server to another.

After installing IRIS Focus, activate the license by linking the USB drive to the license file provided by Vaisala as described below.

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

If you transfer the license to another server, perform the activation procedure on the new server.

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

```
# rsw-install-license /srv/focus_license.txt
```

3. Restart the IRIS Focus web application:

```
systemctl restart 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).

6.12 Configuring licensing based on the number of radars

IRIS_Focus_Light_WR and *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar* licenses are valid for a defined number of weather radars. If you have more radars in the network than licenses, you need to define which radars the licenses are applied to. To do this, configure the *vsoweb-override.ini* file.



CAUTION! If you have more radars in the network than licenses, and you have not configured the list of radars to apply the licenses to, the system will not display any radar data.

- ▶ 1. Go to the file */etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini*.

2. Create a list of radars in numbered order.

The format of the list entries is `radar.list.N`, where N is an integer.

Example: If you have two licenses and three radars called "MyRadarA", "MyRadarB", and "MyRadarC", and you want the license to apply to "MyRadarA" and "MyRadarC", list the radars as follows:

```
radar.list.1 = MyRadarA
```

```
radar.list.2 = MyRadarC
```

```
radar.list.3 = MyRadarB
```

6.13 Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus

6.13.1 Setting or changing the socket server



In order for IRIS Focus to configure the radar centers correctly, you need to have at least one PPI product in the socket server.

If needed, set or change the socket server:

1. Update the `vsoweb-override.ini` file with the following command:

```
/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/bin/configure-vsoweb-ini -i  
<socket_server_host_name>
```

2. Type the following command:

```
rsw-basemap-site-setup --socket-server <socket_server_host_name>
```

3. Restart the `vaisala-radarsw-webapp` service by typing:

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

6.13.2 Activating the socket server in IRIS Radar

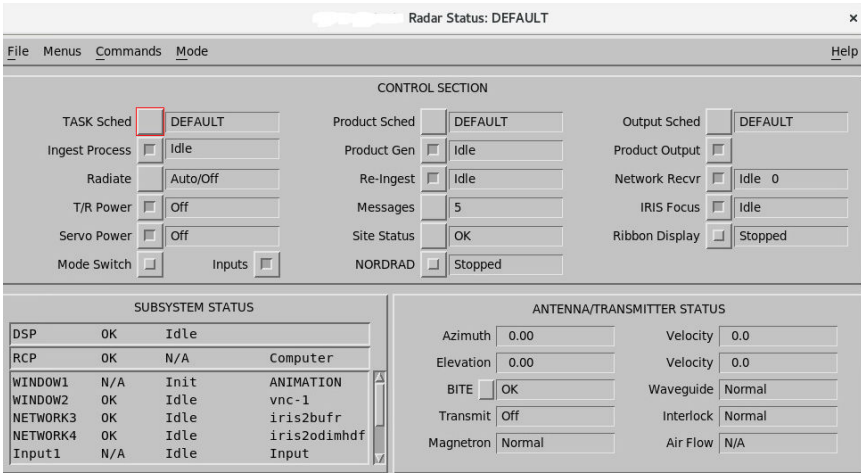


Figure 18 IRIS Radar status menu

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 (M211317EN)*.

- ▶ 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**.

6.13.3 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.

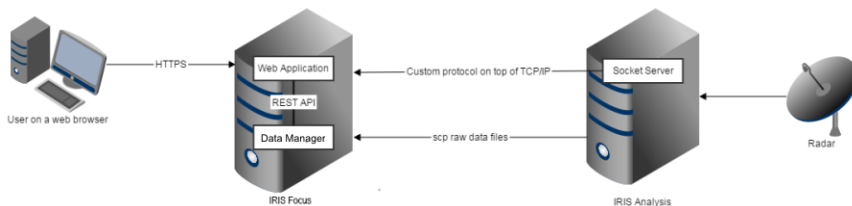


Figure 19 Radar data delivery paths

More information

- [Data Manager \(page 138\)](#)
- [Data Manager does not work as expected \(page 163\)](#)

6.13.3.1 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 "Help" button in the top right corner. The window contains the following settings:

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 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 | /radardminput |
| Recipient host name | [target-hostname] |

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

6. Restart IRIS:

- a. Log in to the server as **root**.

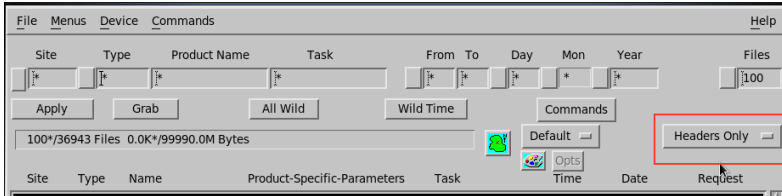
```
#su  
#<type password>
```

- b. Type:

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

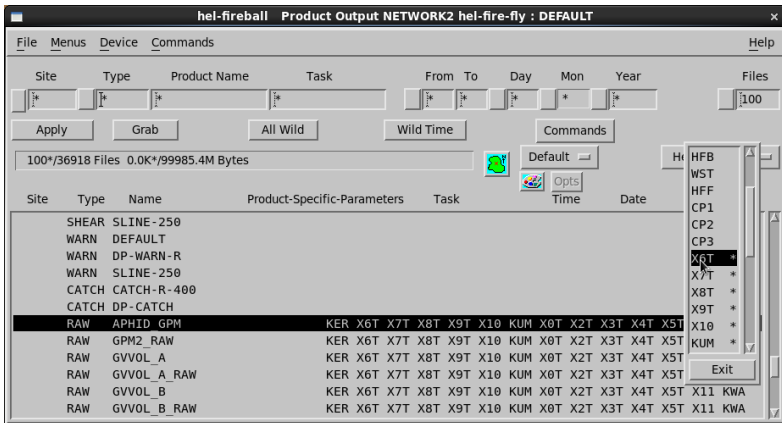
7. In the terminal window, type: **iris &**

- 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**.

6.13.3.2 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 `authorized_keys` file already exists, type:

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

Append the key you copied earlier to the file.

- c. 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
```

- 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.

6.14 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 did not include the `--lightning` option when running `./rsw-installer`. Otherwise, you can skip to section [Configuring the TLP for IRIS Focus \(page 93\)](#).

1. 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
```

2. Restart the Web application by typing:

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

3. Configure the firewall.

The **Total Lightning Processor** connects to the Kafka data broker on port **9094** 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 **9094**:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4"
source address="10.55.11.2/32" port protocol="tcp" port="9094" accept'

firewall-cmd --reload
```

4. 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 \(page 93\)](#) to start the flow of lightning data from the TLP to IRIS Focus.

6.15 VHF or high data rate adjustments

If your TLP system will be providing lightning data at very high data rates, the lightning cache size of the lightning-websocket service should be increased. If you expect that your lightning data may exceed more than 100 000 events a day, you should increase the lightning cache size as indicated in section [Increasing buffer capacity for lightning data \(page 112\)](#).

6.16 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.

In the following procedure, you need the directory `/opt/vai/tlp/etc`. If it does not exist, install it:

- ▶ 1. Log in to your TLP system as **root** user, or use the **su** or **sudo** command to gain root access.
- 2. Run the command:

```
dnf install -y vaisala-tlp-to-kafka
```

6.16.1 Verifying the installation of vaisala-tlp-to-kafka package

Before configuring a TLP system to send information to the Kafka data broker running on IRIS Focus, verify that the necessary software packages have been installed.

- ▶ 1. Log into your TLP system using the **root** user account.
- 2. Run the following command to make sure the necessary software packages are installed:

```
rpm -q vaisala-tlp-to-kafka || dnf install -y vaisala-tlp-to-kafka
```

6.16.2 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. Log into your TLP system using the **vops** user account.
- 2. Go to the `regstatd2.cfg` file in the `/opt/vai/tlp/etc` directory.

3. Edit the file to set the `updateIntervalMinutes` parameter to 10 minutes by typing:

```
updateIntervalMinutes 10
```

4. Stop the `regstatd2` service by typing:

```
lpstart stop regstatd2
```

5. Start the `regstatd2` service again by typing:

```
lpstart start regstatd2
```

6.16.3 Adding the `tlp-to-kafka` service

This instruction applies to TLP 1.2.7.



In IRIS Focus 7, the access to the Kafka cluster is on a different port than it was in Focus 6. Access now requires an authentication token. The details are described in [step 5](#).

The steps below require that the `vaisala-tlp-to-kafka` package is installed on your TLP system. If this package is missing, you can install it by logging in as the `root` user and running:

```
dnf install -y vaisala-tlp-to-kafka
```

- ▶ 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 `t1p-to-kafka.cfg` file in the `/opt/vai/t1p/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"`.
- You can use any shared memory queue of lightning data as the source for IRIS Focus. For example, if your TLP system is producing solutions from both VHF and LF based lightning sensors you can use the standard VHF event queue `"smq://sdata3d"`, the standard VHF flash queue `"smq://fdata3d"`, a merged data set `"smq://tldata or smq://wmdata"`, or some customer filtered queue. If you choose a data set that includes VHF data, you will need the `IRIS_VHF_LGT` feature enabled in your IRIS Focus license. Depending on your use cases for IRIS Focus, there may be limited use of the forwarding all of the raw VHF data points available in the `"smq://sdata3d"` shared memory queue as there can be many VHF event points for each lightning discharge.
- If you have the **Lightning Threat Zone** feature licensed, make sure that the lightning data source you select includes LF or VLF data. The **Lightning Threat Zone** engine ignores all VHF lightning events in the data stream and only uses the LF and VLF events that it sees in the data stream.

To set the value, type:

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

For example:

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

5. Access to the Kafka cluster requires an authentication token. The authentication token is randomly generated during the IRIS Focus 7 installation, and it is used in the password field.
 - a. To find the value of this token, run the following command as **root** on the IRIS Focus system (in the example output below, the token is **L5KpD55KqxI7kGUuM0mQrmCh9QqONKI4**)

```
[root@iris-focus ~]# grep kafka.*ScramLoginModule /etc/vaisala/
focus/k8s/vaisala-focus.yaml | head -1
      config:
org.apache.kafka.common.security.scram.ScramLoginModule required
username="focus-kafka" password="L5KpD55KqxI7kGUuM0mQrmCh9QqONKI4";
[root@iris-focus ~]#
```

- b. When you have identified the fully qualified domain name and the authentication token for the IRIS Focus connection, go to the `/opt/vai/tlp/etc` directory on the TLP system, locate the `kafka-producers.properties` file there, and change the lines as follows:

```
bootstrap.servers=helsinki.rd.vaisala.com:9094
security.protocol=SASL_PLAINTEXT
sasl.mechanism=SCRAM-SHA-512
sasl.jaas.config=org.apache.kafka.common.security.scram.ScramLoginModule
required \
  username="focus-kafka" \
  password="L5KpD55KqxI7kGUuM0mQrmCh9QqONKI4";

# How many acknowledgements are required before considering the request
complete

acks=all
```

This example assumes that the fully qualified domain name of the IRIS Focus server is *helsinki.rd.vaisala.com* and that the randomly generated authentication token generated on the IRIS Focus server is **L5KpD55KqxI7kGUuM0mQrmCh9QqONKI4**. Make the appropriate substitutions for your installation.

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.

6.17 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**



Vaisala recommends changing the passwords after the installation.

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.

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 AlmaLinux is installed on the server.

Use the following partitioning:

Table 11 Vaisala-recommended disk partitioning

| Partition | Size |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| /home | 50 GB |
| /boot | 500 MB |
| /var | 100 GB |
| / | 100 GB |
| swap | size of RAM + 2 GB |
| /usr/iris_data | 200 GB |
| /srv | 100% of the remaining disk space |

Partitions `/srv` and `/usr/iris_data` are data 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 [Installing IRIS Analysis \(page 99\)](#).
3. Install IRIS Focus:
 - a. If needed, download the installation packages, and verify MD5 hashes. See [Downloading installation packages \(page 30\)](#).
 - b. Install IRIS Focus 7.0. See [Installing IRIS Focus from a USB stick \(page 72\)](#).
 - c. Install the IRIS Focus components. See [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 76\)](#).
4. Configure IRIS Analysis for IRIS Focus. See [Configuring IRIS for IRIS Focus in one-server installation \(page 102\)](#).
5. Verify IRIS Focus installation. See [Verifying IRIS Focus installation \(page 60\)](#).
6. Activate the IRIS Focus license. See [Activating license – online \(page 46\)](#), [Activating license – offline \(page 48\)](#), or [Using the USB license key \(page 50\)](#).

7.1 Installing IRIS Analysis

When installing IRIS Analysis, you need to be logged in to the server as **root**.

7.1.1 Mounting the USB stick

The IRIS / RDA software is delivered on a USB stick.

- ▶ 1. Install the USB stick in the USB port of the server.
- 2. Verify that the USB stick is recognized by typing:

```
# lsblk
```

If you do not see the USB stick listed, try the following:

- Disconnect other USB devices.
- Try other USB ports.
- Reboot the server, and try inserting the USB stick again.
- Reboot the server, and wipe the first megabyte with **mkusb**.

7.1.1.1 Mounting IRIS RDA Media Manually

If the IRIS/RDA software does not mount automatically, you must mount it manually.

- ▶ 1. Create a mount point (directory).
 - If you are using a DVD, create a mount point at */media/dvd*:

```
# mkdir -p /media/dvd
# mount /dev/cdrom /media/dvd
```

- If you are using a USB drive, create a mount point at */media/usb* where X is the drive number and can be a, b, or c:

```
# mkdir /media/usb
# mount /dev/sdX /media/usb
```



If you do not know what the USB drive number is on your system, type # **lsblk** to list the block devices on your system. It is usually the last one on the list.

- 2. Verify the mount point is present by typing: # **lsblk**

7.1.2 Running Sigconfig

1. Change to the directory where IRIS/RDA media is mounted.

For example, if you automatically mounted your disc the mount point is: `/run/media/root/irisrda_X.XX.X`. Example:

```
# cd /run/media/root/irisrda_9.1.0
```

2. To list the files and verify `sigconfig` is present, type: `# ls`

Check that you see `sigconfig` on the top directory.

- Use the `sigconfig` command with the desired options to run the `sigconfig` script and install the IRIS / RDA software (see table below for options):

```
# ./sigconfig arg1 arg2 arg3 argn
```



To see a help menu of command line arguments, type `sigconfig` with no arguments: `# ./sigconfig`

Table 12 Sigconfig installation examples

| Installation Setup | Command |
|--|---|
| IRIS on AlmaLinux 8.4 | <pre># ./sigconfig -iris</pre> <p>Optionally, specify the install directory from the command line option using <code>-instdir</code> argument followed by the directory path.</p> |
| RVP900 on AlmaLinux 8.4 (auto start on system reboot) | <pre># ./sigconfig -rvp900</pre> |
| Dual system (IRIS, RVP900, RCP8) on AlmaLinux 8.4 (auto start on system reboot) Use this option for Vaisala weather radar servers. | <pre># ./sigconfig -rvp900 -rcp8 -iris -</pre> |
| RVP, and RCP on AlmaLinux 8.4 (no auto start on system reboot) | <pre># ./sigconfig -rda</pre> <p>Since there is no auto start for the services for this install option, start the service manually.</p> |
| | <p>On AlmaLinux 8.4, to start the service for <code>rvp900</code>, or <code>rcp8</code>, type: <code># systemctl start rvp900</code></p> |
| | <p>On AlmaLinux 8.4, use the service command. For example, to start RVP9, type: <code># service rvp900 start</code></p> |

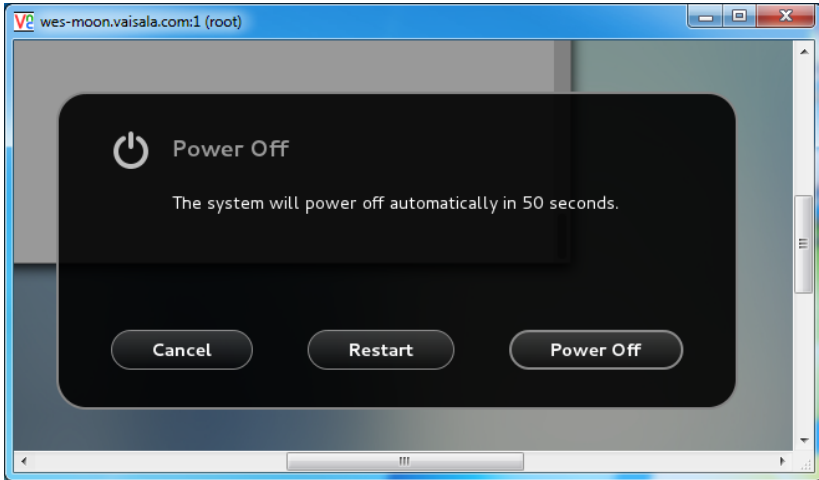
When the installation is complete, you are prompted to remove the installation media and reboot the server.

- Change directory to the root home directory and eject the media.

```
# cd ~
#eject
```

- Remove the media from either the USB port or the DVD drive

6. Reboot the computer:



- a. Select the root button in the top right corner of the window.
- b. Select **Power Off**.
- c. Select **Restart**.

7.2 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.

7.2.1 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 |

- Device type:** Network
- Filename format:** Native
- Target directory:** */srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input*
- User name:** radardminput
- Host name: 127.0.0.1
- Select **File > Close**.
- Select **File > Save**.
- Select **File > Exit**.

6. Restart IRIS:

- a. Log in to the server as
- root**
- .

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

- b. Type:

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

7. Allow access to the Data Manager input directory:

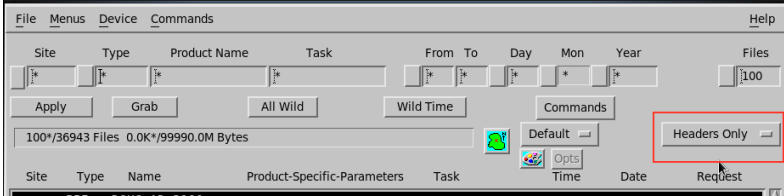
- a. Log in to the server as
- root**
- .

- b. Type:

```
chmod 777 /srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input/
```

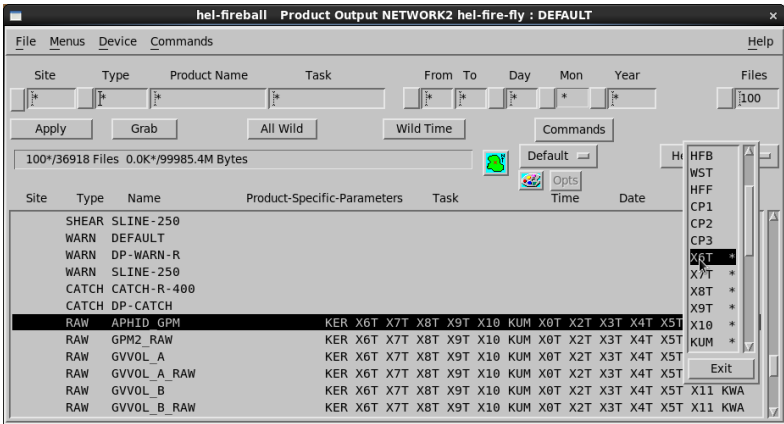
This setting allows members of the **radarsw** group to copy RAW files into this directory.

- 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**.

7.3 Enabling a graphical desktop environment

IRIS Focus does not include any graphical applications. For security and performance reasons it is preferred to run IRIS Focus in the text based multi-user mode. This reduces the number of running services.

IRIS Analysis, on the other hand, does include graphical applications that require a graphical desktop environment when run locally. If you intend to run graphical applications directly on the system where IRIS Analysis is installed and the system is currently operating in a text based multi-user mode, you will need to switch to graphical mode.

- ▶ 1. To determine whether the graphical environment is active or inactive, run the following command:

```
[root@fire-test-iris ~]# systemctl is-active graphical.target
inactive
[root@fire-test-iris ~]#
```

- 2. To activate the graphical desktop environment, use the following command:

```
[root@fire-test-iris ~]# systemctl isolate graphical
[root@fire-test-iris ~]#
```

- 3. To make the graphical desktop environment the default when the system is started, use the following command:

```
[root@fire-test-iris ~]# systemctl set-default graphical
[root@fire-test-iris ~]#
```

- 4. If you need to disable and stop the graphical desktop environment, use the following commands to switch back to the text based multi-user mode:

```
[root@fire-test-iris ~]# systemctl set-default multi-user
[root@fire-test-iris ~]# systemctl isolate multi-user
[root@fire-test-iris ~]#
```

8. Configuration

8.1 Configuring vsoweb-override.ini file

Use this procedure to change the following settings:

```
radar.enabled = true/false
```

```
lightning.enabled = true/false
```

```
iris.socket.server.host
```

```
security.cors.origin.whitelist
```

- ▶ 1. Go to the `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration` directory.
2. To update any entry in the `vsoweb-override.ini` file, use the command:

```
configure-vsoweb-ini
```

Example:

```
$/usr/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/bin/configure-vsoweb-ini --radar false --  
lightning true --cors-origin-whitelist localhost --iris_host  
iris_server.mydomain.com
```

8.2 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. Restart the `vaisala-radarsw-webapp` service by typing:

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

8.3 Configuring nowcast



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

If you have a license for the nowcast service, you can enable the IRIS Focus web application to make nowcast projections available in the web interface.

To do this, you may need to make changes to the `vsoweb-override.ini` file found in the `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration` directory.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the server as **root**.
2. Edit `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`.
3. In the `[NOWCAST]` section of the `vsoweb-override.ini` file, check that the nowcast server is enabled:

```
nowcast.mvf.run = true
```

4. Check the nowcast server URL:

```
nowcast.http.server.url = http://localhost:31000/focus-nowcast/api/v2/mvf/
```

5. If you made any changes to the `vsoweb-override.ini` configuration file, you must restart the web application.

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

8.4 Running nowcasting on a different server

Making use of the nowcasting, the load on your nowcast service may cause performance issues: IRIS Focus may become slower in returning results to users.

You can compensate for this by moving nowcasting to a separate server.

On the new (blank AlmaLinux, non-Focus) machine that will have the nowcast server on it, do the following steps:

- ▶ 1. Setup firewall rules first.

- Set `ALLOW_IP` to IP address of machine that needs to access nowcast, or set to nothing to allow all machines access:

```
declare ALLOW_IP=""
declare -i ALLOW_PORT=31004
if systemctl status firewalld && /dev/null && (( ALLOW_PORT > 0 )); then
if [ "${ALLOW_IP}" != "" ]; then
```

- Limit access to just the machine specified:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family=
\"ipv4\" source address=\"${ALLOW_IP}/32\" port protocol=\"tcp\" port=\"${
ALLOW_PORT}\" accept" else
```

- Allow everyone access instead:

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port="${ALLOW_PORT}/tcp"
fi
fi
firewall-cmd --reload
```

- scp the `cloud-nowcast-service.tar` from the *<Focus installation files dir>/k8s/images* to the nowcast server machine:

```
scp root@<Focus_machine>:/Focus_installation_files/k8s/images/cloud-
nowcast-service.tar .
```

- Load and create nowcast container:

```
podman image load < cloud-nowcast-service.tar
podman run --name nowcast -d -p 31004:31004 com.vaisala.fire/cloud-nowcast-
service:7.x.x /app/bin/nowcast-server 31004
```

where `x.x` is the number of the version/patch.

- Check that you can reach nowcast on local server:

```
curl --request POST http://localhost:31004/focus-nowcast/api/v2/health;
echo
```

You should see the following output:

```
{"status":"UP"}
```

8. To manage with **systemd**, use these commands:

```
podman generate systemd --new --name vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast >| /etc/
systemd/system/vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast.service
chmod 644 /etc/systemd/system/vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast.service
systemctl enable --now vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast
systemctl status vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast
```

9. Any time firewall rules are changed, you need to restart the nowcast service with the following command:

```
systemctl restart vaisala-radar-sw-nowcast
```

- a. Example on restarting without system control:

```
podman stop nowcast
podman start nowcast
```

10. To view the log, use the following command:

```
podman logs nowcast
```

11. On the IRIS-Focus machine, check that you can reach nowcast from remote server:

```
curl --request POST http://<nowcast_machine>:31004/focus-nowcast/api/v2/
health; echo
```

You should see the following output:

```
{"status":"UP"}
```

12. Change the line in *vsoweb-override.ini* (use the hostname where the nowcast is):
 nowcast.http.server.url = http://<Focus_machine>:31004/focus-nowcast/api/v2/mvf/
 13. Restart the webapp with this command:

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

8.5 Increasing buffer capacity for lightning data

The **lightning-websocket** service provides lightning events to the web browser. For performance reasons, the lightning events are kept in a cache so that data may quickly be provided to end users. The factory default configuration sets the size of this cache so that it can hold up to 700,000 events. This is typically a large enough number to provide up to a week's worth of historical data for high precision lightning networks that use LF signal processing to detect the electrical discharge of each lightning event.

VHF lightning detection networks detect events related to the channel that the electrical discharge of a lightning event flows through, rather than the the single discharge that flows through the channel. VHF lightning detection networks typically provide several events for each discharge and produce a lot of lightning data. If you connect IRIS Focus to a lightning data feed containing events produced by a VHF lightning detection network, the default cache size of 700,000 events will probably be too small. In that case, increase the size of the cache.



Increasing the cache size causes an increase of the memory requirements on your server, and causes a longer initialization time of the **lightning-websocket** service, as it loads its cache from the Kafka cluster at the startup. You may need to add or allocate more RAM to the system if you increase the cache size to a very large size.

- ▶ 1. Go to the *vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml* file in the */etc/vaisala/focus/k8s* directory.

The size of the cache is controlled by two parameters (the example shows the default values):

```
# Internal lightning cache configuration, total capacity is count * size
lightning.cache.buf.count = 701
lightning.cache.buf.size = 1000
```

- 2. To increase the cache size from 700,000 to 10,000,000, change the **lightning.cache.buf.count** parameter to 10001 using a text editor:

```
# Internal lightning cache configuration, total capacity is count * size
lightning.cache.buf.count = 10001
lightning.cache.buf.size = 1000
```

Alternatively, you can change the size from the command line:

```
sed -e 's,^\( lightning.cache.buf.count\).*,\1 = 10001,' -i /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml
```

- To stop the `lightning-websocket` service and apply the changes, run the following commands:

```
kubectl delete --namespace vaisala-focus-lightning deployment/lightning-
websocket
kubectl apply -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml
```



Kubernetes will start the `lightning-websocket` service when the `vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml` file is applied.

8.6 Configuring alert notifications

IRIS Focus can send notifications to users when weather alerts are triggered. In addition, IRIS Focus can send notifications about technical alerts to users with `administrator` role.

Configure the email and SMS settings for the system so that it can send notifications.

For SMS gateway, IRIS Focus supports MessageBird (<https://www.messagebird.com>.) IRIS Focus also supports email-to-text services.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus web application as `administrator`.
- 2. Select **Admin > System > Notification settings**.
- 3. Fill in the required parameters for email and SMS notification message service.
- 4. To test the email and SMS service, enter the address or phone number in the **Email verification** or **SMS verification** field, and select **Send**.

You must save your settings before sending the test message.

8.6.1 Editing default messages for weather alerts

Write the default content for the notification messages that users receive when weather alerts are triggered. When users set notifications for their own areas of interest, they can either use the default content or replace it with their own message text.

Select whether users by default receive a notification when the alert is cleared. Users can change this in their personal settings.



If some recipients' phones do not support HTML formatting, use the plain-text email message fields.




Depending on the service provider, SMS messages that exceed the limit of 160 characters may get broken up into multiple messages.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
- 2. Select **Admin > System > Weather alert default messages**.
- 3. Fill in the email and SMS fields.

You can select macros that will fill in the message with predefined values when the message is sent. The content can be, for example, the name of the area of interest and severity of the alert.

Table 13 Email message field

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Email to | <p>Default: the address set for the user account of the user who created the area of interest.</p> <p>If the user only has the focus user role, then only the user can receive the notification. If the user has the poweruser role, the user can add other recipients.</p> |
| Email subject | <p>You can use macros to fill in information, such as the severity of the alert and the name of the area of interest.</p> |
| Email text (HTML) | <p>The content of the email. You can use macros to fill in information.</p> |
| Email text (plain text) | <p>The content of the email. You can use macros to fill in information.</p> <p>Use this field if the recipients' devices do not support HTML.</p> <div data-bbox="580 735 960 954" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> If you are using an email-to-SMS service, and some recipients' phones do not support HTML formatting, use the SMS message fields instead of the email message fields.</p> </div> |
| Email subject when cleared | <p>The subject of the email that is sent when the alert is cleared. You can use macros to fill in information.</p> |
| Email text when cleared (HTML) | <p>The content of the email that is sent when the alert is cleared. You can use macros to fill in information.</p> |


| Field | Description |
|---|--|
| Email text when cleared (plain text) | <p>The content of the email that is sent when the alert is cleared. You can use macros to fill in information.</p> <p>Use this field if the recipients' devices do not support HTML.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>If you are using an email-to-SMS service, and some recipients' phones do not support HTML formatting, use the SMS message fields instead of the email message fields.</p> </div> |

Table 14 SMS message fields

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------|--|
| Send to | <p>Default: the number set for the user account of the user who created the area of interest.</p> <p>If the user only has the focus user role, then only the user can receive the notification. If the user has the poweruser role, the user can add other recipients.</p> |
| SMS text | <p>You can use macros to fill in information, such as the severity of the alert, and the name of the area of interest.</p> <p>Character limit: 160</p> <p>Messages that exceed the character limit (160 characters) will be broken up into multiple messages.</p> |
| SMS text when cleared | <p>The content of the SMS that is sent when the alert is cleared. You can use macros to fill in information.</p> |

8.6.2 Editing messages for technical alerts

You can configure IRIS Focus to send notifications about technical alerts to users with **administrator** role. Technical alerts include, for example, alerts about dataflow problems.

You can view information about the technical alerts in the **Alert history** view, if you have a **focus** user role.

Set the content of the notification messages:

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
- 2. Select **Admin > System > Technical alert default messages**.
- 3. Fill in the required parameters for email and SMS notification messages.

If you want to receive notifications, they must be enabled in your personal **Preferences**

8.7 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.



The alerts that are erased from the database during the clean-up are also deleted from the **Alert history** table. This means that if an alert has persisted for a long period time, and the housekeeping has erased alerts from that period, you will only see the latest timestamps for the alert.

- ▶ 1. Log in to the server 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
```

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Restart the web application.

8.8 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:

- Log in to the server as **root**.
- Go to the `vsoweb-override.ini` file in the `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration` directory.
- Set the `HYBRID_PRODUCT_TIMES` parameter to **false**:

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

- 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.

8.9 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.

8.9.1 Exporting images as .png files

Use this procedure to export images as .png files.

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 |  For security reasons, Vaisala recommends that you configure a specific user for exporting images. |
| password | IRIS Focus password for the user. |
| time | Time, in ISO-8601 format: 2021-06-18T17:55:23.000Z |
| 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.

8.9.2 Exporting images as .geotiff files

You can also export images as geoTIFF files.

The procedure is otherwise similar to [Exporting images as .shp files \(page 121\)](#), but to configure your web server to access the IRIS Focus image export service, use the following command:

```
@Request: POST <server-name>/focus-webapp/api/v2/image-export/geotiff
@Produces: "image/tiff"
```

The image is exported as a *.tiff* file.

Note that you can use the sample Python script shown in [Exporting images as .shp files \(page 121\)](#) to grab geotiff files by setting the TYPE to "geotiff".

8.9.3 Exporting images as .shp files

Use this procedure to export images as shape files (.shp). The output is a zip file containing all the files for the shape file.

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 <server-name>/focus-webapp/api/v2/image-export/shp
@Produces: "application/octet-stream"
```

The image is exported as a zip file.

5. Configure the following parameters:

| Parameter | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| username | <p>A valid IRIS Focus username.</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">  <p>For security reasons and for smooth user experience, Vaisala recommends that you configure a specific user for exporting images. If you are using the username of an active user, and that user is logged when a scheduled export takes place, the user will get logged out, because a user cannot be logged in from two machines at the same time.</p> </div> |
| password | IRIS Focus password for the user. |
| time | Time, in ISO-8601 format: 2021-06-18T17:55:23.000Z |
| savedViewName | The name of the saved view you created. |
| savedViewUser | Optional value. Used if you configure a specific user for exporting images (recommended). |

6. Instead of steps 4 and 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/python3
from requests.sessions import Session
from datetime import datetime, timedelta

# Change to host name of IRIS Focus if run externally
APP_URL = "https://localhost"

# User account to login with to render image
USERNAME = "image-export"
PASSWORD = "USER_PASSWORD"

# Name of saved view and user account that created the saved view
VIEW = "SAVED_VIEW_NAME"
VIEW_USER = "USER_THAT_SAVED_VIEW"

# You can change these values
OUTPUT_DIR = '.' # Directory to write output file to
FILE_BASE_NAME = "image-export" # Name of file sans extension
SSL_VERIFY = False # Set to True if you have a valid certificate
TYPE = "shp" # Can be "shp" or "geotiff"

# Example of backing up 5 minutes from "now" (no data at time causes
# 404)
TIME = datetime.utcnow() - timedelta(days=0, hours=0, minutes=5)

def main():
    ext = ".tiff"
    if TYPE == "shp":
        ext = ".zip"
    file_path = OUTPUT_DIR + "/" + FILE_BASE_NAME + ext
```

```

session = Session()
time_str = TIME.isoformat()
url = APP_URL + "/focus-webapp/api/v2/image-export/" + TYPE
req_params = {"username": USERNAME, "password": PASSWORD,
              "time": time_str,
              "savedViewName": VIEW, "savedViewUser": VIEW_USER}
res = session.post(url, params=req_params, verify=SSL_VERIFY)
print('{0} response status: {1}'.format(time_str, res.status_code))
if res.status_code == 200:
    with open(file_path, 'wb') as f:
        f.write(res.content)
    print('Created file: {0}'.format(file_path))

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/python3
/path/to/script/image-export.py >> /path/to/log/export.log 2>&1

```

This executes the `image-export.py` script every 15 minutes and creates a single ZIP file containing the shape file components.

9. System administration

9.1 User roles

A user's access to IRIS Focus features depends on the roles assigned to the user. For example, the administration features are available to user accounts with the **administrator** role. A user may have several user roles, and when they log in, they have the features of all their roles available.

User roles can be divided into two categories:

- **Focus** roles are needed for full-scale remote sensing data visualization. Logging in with a **Focus** role reserves a seat from the license seat pool.
- **System** roles are needed for system purposes. They do not reserve seats from the pool, and they do not offer the full-scale features. For full-scale features, the user also needs a **Focus** role.

Focus roles

Focus roles reserve a **Focus** seat from the license seat pool when logging in.

Table 15 Focus roles

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Focus Weather Radar</p> <p>In the Add user screen, this role is called focus-radar.</p> | <p>Can access the full IRIS Focus feature set for visualizing weather radar data, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configuring product generation • Using data analysis tools, like Tracking tool • Creating personal areas of interest and monitoring these areas for weather events created by poweruser |
| <p>Focus Lightning</p> <p>In the Add user screen, this role is called focus-lightning.</p> | <p>Can access the full IRIS Focus feature set for visualizing lighting data, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configuring product generation • Using data analysis tools, like Tracking tool • Creating personal areas of interest and monitoring these areas for weather events created by poweruser |

IRIS Focus Light

A user without a **focus** role enters the *IRIS Focus Light* view when logging in.

IRIS Focus Light view consists of a predefined map view with limited features. The following features are available:

- View one predefined weather product at a time (a non-live radar product, or a lightning product)
- See areas of interest with active alerts highlighted in the alert severity color when viewing current data

- View WMS map layers
- View the animation timeline
- View the cursor tool
- Edit color scales
- Change radar site
- Select map features
- Use the **Ruler Tool**
- Change user preferences

IRIS Focus Light view has 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 licence is missing, users cannot log in. This could happen, for example, if the USB license key has been removed or if this is a new installation, not from the factory, that requires an e-mail be sent to Vaisala to retrieve the license.

Seat allocation and restrictions

A user with a **Focus Lightning** role reserves one of the *IRIS_Focus_Lightning* seats associated with the license.

A user with a **Focus Weather Radar** role reserves one of the *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar* seats associated with the license.

When the user logs out, the seat is released.

If a user with one of the **Focus** roles (**Focus Lightning** or **Focus Weather Radar**) logs in and there are no seats available, the user is directed to the *IRIS Focus Light* view. When an *IRIS Focus* license is available, the user is provided with an opportunity to switch to the full-scale *IRIS Focus* view.

The user is also directed to the *IRIS Focus Light* view in a situation where the user has both **Focus Lightning** and **Focus Weather Radar** roles, and the system has run out of free *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Lightning* or *IRIS_Focus_Weather_Radar* seats. In other words, both seats have to be available for this user to see the full-scale *IRIS Focus*.

System roles

System roles are needed for various system management tasks and functionalities. System roles do not reserve a **Focus** seat from the seat pool.

When logging in, a user that has one or more of these roles, but no **Focus** role, enters the *IRIS Focus Light* view.

Table 16 System roles

| Role | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| administrator | <p>Can access all administration features, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User and licensing management • Map management and configuration • Alert notification settings (email and SMS) • Dataflow monitoring <p>Users with an administrator role must belong to the root organization.</p> |
| poweruser | <p>Can access poweruser features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can create new weather events • Can create places of interest that are visible to all users in an organization, and adding weather events to monitor on these areas. • Can set up and manage pre-defined composites. • Can configure MVFs to be used in nowcasting. • Can select an organization-level map projection. <p>All poweruser tasks are described in chapter <i>Poweruser tasks</i> in <i>IRIS Focus User Guide</i>.</p> |
| user | <p>Can access various features of the base software. This role must be assigned as an additional role to every user account with focus, poweruser, or kiosk role.</p> |
| kiosk | <p>Identical to the User role with the exception that an account with the Kiosk role will not be automatically logged out after a period of inactivity.</p> |

Considerations for assigning user roles

- **user** role should be assigned to every user account, even if they also have other roles.
- To create users that always enter the *IRIS Focus Light* view (so-called "Light users"), only assign system roles to these users. Do not assign Focus roles to them.
- Users with the **poweruser** role also need a **focus** role to access the full set of IRIS Focus features.
- To avoid reserving a **focus** license when performing administration tasks, the default **administrator** account does not have the **focus** role.
- To see both weather radar and lightning data, a user must have both **Focus Lightning** and **Focus Weather Radar** roles.

More information

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)
- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

9.1.1 Managing user accounts

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
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 the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
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).

| 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 |

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:

focus

kiosk

poweruser

user

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 to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
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. Log in to the server 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 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**.

9.3.1 Adding and editing map layers

- ▶ 1. Log in to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
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
 - c. If you want to use a dark version of the layer with the dark mode map, create a separate dark layer with the same name, and append "**_dark**" at the end of the name. This name will be automatically requested when the user selects the dark map mode in the **Map Features** panel.

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 tool** 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 \(page 174\)](#)

9.3.2 Adding 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 in to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
2. Select **Admin > Map > Map Layers**.
3. Select **Add New Layer**.

4. In **Map Layer Information**, enter the following values on the layer properties:
 - a. **URL:** /lightning
 - b. **Layer:** lightning:ltg_combined_25
 - c. **Transparent:** Checkbox selected
 - d. **Usable in map cursor tool:** Checkbox selected
 - e. **SLD URL:** https://storm.vaisala.com/geolegends/ltg_combined_25.sld
 - f. **Name:** ltg_combined_25.ltg_types

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Map Layer' dialog box with the following configuration:

Map Layer Information

- Title: Lightning
- Type: wms
- URL: /lightning
- Layer: lightning:ltg_combined_25
- Base layer:
- Transparent:
- Request as tiles:
- MIME type: image/png
- Default opacity: 100 %

Layer querying settings

- Usable in map cursor tool:

Below the settings is a table with columns: Order, Name, Value path, Unit, and Actions. The table is currently empty, displaying 'No data'.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are input fields for Name, Value path, and Unit, each with an information icon (i). The 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are located at the bottom right.

Edit Map Layer

Supported Coordinate Reference Systems

Search

| Selected | EPSG Code | Name |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EPSG:2163 | US National Atlas Equal Area |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EPSG:3857 | Popular Visualisation CRS / Mercator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EPSG:4326 | WGS84 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EPSG:900913 | Spherical Mercator / Google |

Time Support

Time parameter supported

Realtme offset seconds in the past

Refresh rate seconds

Layer Style

Append SLD to request

SLD URL

Name

Width of legend requested in pixels

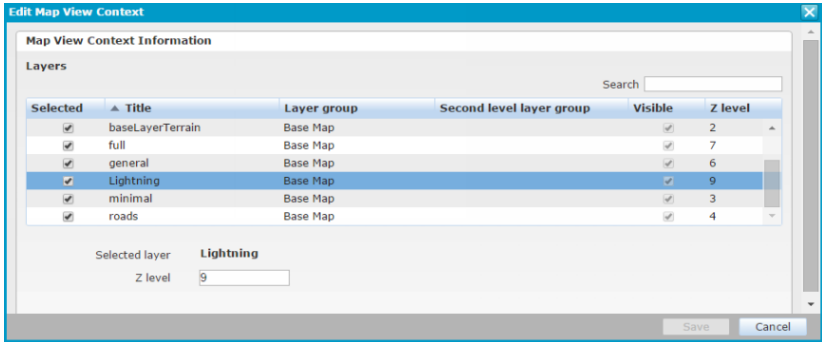
Height of legend requested in pixels

Height of legend in pixels

Copyright

5. Select **Save**.
6. Select **Map > Map View Contexts**
7. Edit the default map context **TheMap**.

- Select the newly created lightning layer and set its **Z level** higher than all base map layers in the map context.



In the web application, the new layer is listed in the product selection list.

More information

- [GLD360 lightning layer \(page 26\)](#)

9.3.3 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.

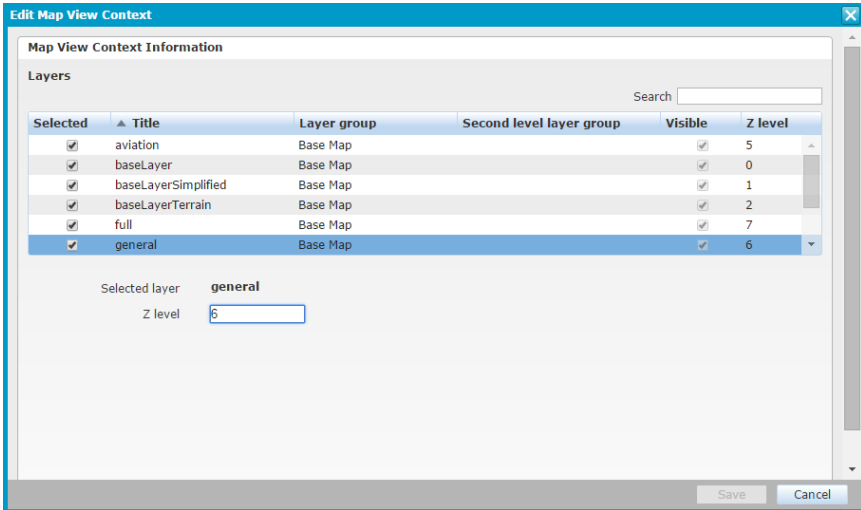


Figure 20 Editing the Map Context

9.3.4 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 \(page 131\)](#).

- ▶ 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 `scp` 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 \(page 22\)](#)

9.4 Data Manager

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

More information

- [Data Manager disk space requirements \(page 18\)](#)
- [Setting up Data Manager \(page 53\)](#)
- [Setting-up dataflow alerts \(page 138\)](#)
- [Viewing dataflow alerts \(page 140\)](#)
- [On-demand radar products \(page 24\)](#)

9.4.1 Setting-up dataflow alerts

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

- ▶ 1. Run the radar system for some time to allow the Data Manager database to populate.
2. Log in to IRIS Focus as **admin**.

3. Select **Admin > Data Manager > Dataflow Alerts**.

The **Dataflow Alerts** page opens.

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User | Map | System | **Data Manager**

Dataflow Alerts ? Help

Filter Show
All Alerts

| Task | Enabled Alerts | Task Interval | Alert Trigger Time |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| All | 6 tasks | Refresh | <input type="text"/> Apply all |
| Site_2 | 3 tasks | | |
| PPI1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 15 min | <input type="text" value="10"/> min |
| PPI2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 15 min | <input type="text" value="10"/> min |
| PPI3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 15 min | <input type="text" value="10"/> min |
| Site_8 | 3 tasks | | |
| PPI1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 min | <input type="text" value="0"/> min |
| PPI2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 min | <input type="text" value="0"/> min |
| PPI3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 min | <input type="text" value="0"/> min |

[Save](#)

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 **Dataflow 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, use the input filed at the top of the **Alert trigger time** column 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 \(page 138\)](#)

9.4.2 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.
3. Dataflow alerts are available to view in the **Alert history** area.

More information

- [Data Manager \(page 138\)](#)

9.4.3 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 to the server as **root**.
2. Open the file `/etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus.yaml` in your favourite editor, for example vi or emacs, and edit the necessary parameters under `datamanager`:

```

volumedir:maxSizeMB: 66850
fixedDelay:          ms: 60000
fixedRate:           ms: 3600000
  
```

- 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`

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

- 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.

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

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

- After making any changes, run:

```
kubectl apply -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus.yaml
kubectl get all -n vaisala-focus | grep pod/data-manager (this will show
you the correct name for the next step)
kubectl delete pod <pod name> -n vaisala-focus (example pod name:
data-manager-service-5c9cd95ccb-b8str)
```

9.4.4 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.

9.5 Creating alert message log files

You can configure the system to create and send log files that contain information about each triggered alert. You can use these files, for example, in your message distribution systems to send alerts through channels not covered by the alert notification system.

The log files contain single-line JSON messages for each alert. The logs are created hourly. Messages are logged to an open log file as they appear. A delayed message may appear in a later log file.

You can customize the service: for example, how often new log files are created or whether empty log files are created.

By default, the log files are stored in the `/srv/pv/log/alerts` directory.



There is no automated clean up of log files.



The service attempts to backfill using Kafka's group ID. You can take the service down for several minutes, and when you bring it back, it recovers any log messages that appeared during the outage and appends them to the active log file.

- ▶ 1. To enable the service, run the following command:

```
install -D -d /srv/pv/log/alerts  
kubectl create -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-alert-logger.yaml
```

2. To customize the service, modify the configuration file:

```
vi /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-alert-logger.yaml
```

3. To disable the service, run the following command:

```
kubectrl delete -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-alert-logger.yaml
rm -fr /srv/pv/log/alerts # This is optional if you want to clear all
alert files
```

9.6 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. Install a copy of your certificate *pem* file under the `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates` directory.

Give the file a name to match the host name that your users will use. Example: if your users connect to `https://focus.acme.com/`, use *focus.acme.com.pem* as the name for the pem file. IMPORTANT:



CAUTION! Do NOT replace or remove the *localhost.pem* file in the directory, as this is required for inter-service connections.

Use the following command:

```
install -m 400 -o haproxy -g root focus.acme.com.pem /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates/focus.acme.com.pem
```

4. *Optional:* If you have other files related to the *pem* file that you want to keep organized, you can install them in the same directory. This is optional, as haproxy should ignore them. For example, if you have a *crt* and *key* file that correspond to your *pem* file, you can install copies of them:

```
install -m 400 -o haproxy -g root focus.acme.com.crt /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates/focus.acme.com.crt
install -m 400 -o haproxy -g root focus.acme.com.key /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/certificates/focus.acme.com.key
```



```
bind focus.acme.com:443 ssl crt /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/
certificates/focus.acme.com.pem no-ssl3 ciphers EDH+aRSA+AESGCM:EDH
+aRSA+AES:DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA:EECDH+aRSA+AESGCM:EECDH+aRSA+AES:ECDHE-RSA-
AES256-SHA:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:RSA+AESGCM:RSA+AES+SHA:DES-CBC3-SHA:-
DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:!aNULL:!eNULL:!LOW:!MD5:!EXP:!PSK:!DSS:!RC4:!SEED:!
ECDSA:!ADH:!IDEA
bind localhost:443 ssl crt /etc/vaisala/radarsw/webapp-proxy/
certificates/localhost.pem no-ssl3 ciphers EDH+aRSA+AESGCM:EDH+aRSA
+AES:DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA:EECDH+aRSA+AESGCM:EECDH+aRSA+AES:ECDHE-RSA-
AES256-SHA:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:RSA+AESGCM:RSA+AES+SHA:DES-CBC3-SHA:-
DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:!aNULL:!eNULL:!LOW:!MD5:!EXP:!PSK:!DSS:!RC4:!SEED:!
ECDSA:!ADH:!IDEA
```

6. Save your changes and restart the haproxy service:

```
systemctl restart haproxy
```



The *haproxy.cfg* file contains security and service mappings specific to each release of IRIS Focus. When you upgrade IRIS Focus to a newer release, you will likely need repeat steps 5 and 6 to enable your certificate.

More information

- [Web application \(page 27\)](#)
- [Certificates \(page 161\)](#)

9.7 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
```

9.7.1 Making a manual back-up

- ▶ 1. Log in to the server 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
```

9.8 Restoring from backup

- ▶ 1. Log in to the server 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. Stop all services which might access the database.

```
kubectl delete -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus.yaml
```

5. (Optional) Run the backup script:

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

Database backups for the wx and vsp databases will be in `/srv/vaisala/radarsw/backup/database`. Move a copy to a remote host if reinstalling or otherwise reimaging the machine.

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

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

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

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

- Recreate an empty wx database:

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

- Recreate an empty vsp database:

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

- Copy your database 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 -d vsp_v1 -U vsp_user -h localhost  
gzip --decompress --to-stdout /radarsw-database-wx-2019-10-12T07-54-50.gz  
| psql -d wxdb2 -U wxuser -h localhost
```

- Restart services which might use database.

```
kubectl apply -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus.yaml
```

- Start the IRIS Focus web application:

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

- Start the Monit service:

```
systemctl start monit.service
```

9.9 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.

9.10 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

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

9.11 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. Install IRIS Focus using the instructions in this guide.
3. Reactivate the license.

Depending upon whether or not your server is connected to the internet, see:

- [Activating license – online \(page 46\)](#)
- [Activating license – offline \(page 48\)](#)

10. IRIS Focus services and users

The following tables list the IRIS Focus users and IRIS Focus services running on **systemd**, **Docker**, and **Kubernetes**.

Table 17 IRIS Focus users

| User | Description |
|---------------|---|
| radaradminput | Restricted user account for running the Data Manager input service. |
| radarop | Non-root user account typically included. |
| radarweb | Restricted user account for running the IRIS Focus web application. |
| warnreader | Restricted user account for running the warn reader service. |

Table 18 IRIS Focus **systemd** services

| Service | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| chronyd | Maintains time synchronization. |
| containerd | Service required to run container based services. |
| docker | Engine for running services in Docker compatible images. |
| microk8s | Collection of systemd services to run a Kubernetes cluster. |
| monit | Monitoring tool for Unix systems and processes. |
| nfs-server | Provides NFS abstraction to directories on file system |
| HAProxy | Encodes outgoing traffic with HTTPS encryption. |
| vaisala-radar-sw-webapp | IRIS Focus web application. |
| vaisala-radar-sw-usbdaemon | System service to read Sentinel license key on systems using the USB license key. |

Table 19 IRIS Focus **Docker** services

| Service | Description |
|---------|---|
| postgis | Postgresql database server with GIS extensions. |

| Service | Description |
|-----------|--|
| redis | A data structure store for shared information. |
| kafka | Kafka data broker service for lightning |
| zookeeper | A manager service required by kafka data brokers |
| postgis95 | Database service required by the geoserver container |
| geoserver | GeoServer service that provides map tile images for IRIS Focus |

Table 20 IRIS Focus Kubernetes services

| Namespace | Name | Description |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|
| vaisala-focus | authentication-service | Authenticates requests for services. |
| vaisala-focus | data-manager-service | Handles requests for radar data. |
| vaisala-focus | documentation-service | Handles requests for static documents. |
| vaisala-focus | licensing-service | Determines whether a feature is licensed or not. |
| vaisala-focus | notification-service | Provides external notifications via email and SMS. |
| vaisala-focus | nowcast-service | Provides nowcasting information to IRIS Focus |
| vaisala-focus | router-service | Used to route traffic between outside world and Kubernetes services. |
| vaisala-focus-data-access | input-service | Injects radar data from IRIS Analysis into Data Manager |
| vaisala-focus-data-access | warn-reader | Injects warn products from IRIS Analysis into IRIS Focus |
| vaisala-focus-lightning | lightning-websocket | Provides WebSocket service for external browsers displaying real-time lightning data. |
| vaisala-focus-logging | alert-logger | Optional. Records JSON alert records posted to Kafka broker to rolling files. |
| vaisala-focus-logging | grafana-service | Provides a tool to view Kubernetes metrics and logs. |

| Namespace | Name | Description |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>vaisala-focus-logging</code> | <code>loki-service</code> | Stores logs and provides viewer. |
| <code>vaisala-focus-logging</code> | <code>prometheus-service</code> | Event monitoring end alert tool. |
| <code>vaisala-focus-logging</code> | <code>promtail-daemonset</code> | Provides log information to the grafana service |
| <code>vaisala-focus-logging</code> | <code>zipkin-service</code> | Distributed tracing system used for troubleshooting latency issues. |

10.1 systemd

`systemd` and is an AlmaLinux component that manages system services.

Several of the services that were running under `systemd` in earlier IRIS Focus releases, are now run as Docker or Kubernetes services.

More information

- [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 43\)](#)

10.1.1 GeoServer

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

The GeoServer service is provided by the `geoserver` and `postgis95` docker containers.

10.1.2 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`.

10.1.3 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 \(page 161\)](#)

10.1.4 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`.

10.2 Kubernetes

Starting from IRIS Focus 7.0, several services in IRIS Focus run on Kubernetes.

10.2.1 Managing Kubernetes services

These are the common use cases when managing Kubernetes services in IRIS Focus:

- Viewing service state (k9s or kubectl)
- Restart services (k9s or kubectl)
- Configuring services (kubectl)
- Remove and install services (kubectl)
- Viewing service logs (k9s or kubectl)

There are several command line tools that are used to manage Kubernetes services. These tools can be used in a local terminal window or remotely over an SSH connection.

Table 21 Command line tools

| Command line tool | Purpose |
|-------------------|--|
| k9s | An interactive command line tool used to manage the containers running in a Kubernetes cluster |
| kubectl | A command line tool to manage the containers running in a Kubernetes cluster |
| microk8s | A command line tool specific to managing the microk8s implementation of Kubernetes |

10.2.1.1 Viewing service state in Kubernetes

The k9s utility can be used to quickly show the status of services running in the Kubernetes cluster.

- ▶ 1. To start the k9s utility, log in as the **root** user and run this command:

```
k9s
```

You should see a screen that you can navigate with the arrow keys that list the IRIS Focus containers running in the Kubernetes cluster. They should all be “blue” and in the READY state as shown below.

```

Context: microk8s
Cluster: microk8s-cluster
User: admin
V0s Rev: v0.24.14 #v0.25.18
X0s Rev: v1.21.12-346937f1915b5b6
L0s: 85
M0s: 67s

Pod(s) (all) [20]
NAMESPACE      NAME                                PF  READY  RESTARTS  STATUS  CPU  MEM  UCPU/R  UCRU/L  MMEM/R  MMEM/L  IP                NODE                                AGE
kubernetes     calico-kube-controllers-f1f56d92w2ch  1/1  0  Running  22  29  0  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  172.24.169.179  hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
kubernetes     kube-system                          1/1  0  Running  4  26  4  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.119   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
kubernetes     kube-system                          1/1  0  Running  1  15  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.132   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
kubernetes     kube-system                          1/1  0  Running  1  13  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.111   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  metrics-server-882f840b-4d5dv        1/1  0  Running  2  258  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.138   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  authentication-service-6960593b-1f586 1/1  0  Running  2  258  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.142   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  authentication-service-6960593b-1f586 1/1  0  Running  1  3  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.153   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  data-manager-service-1994838834-wm7tl 1/1  0  Running  2  258  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.142   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  documentation-service-656076d656-ferbe 1/1  0  Running  1  3  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.145   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  licensing-service-7bc785c7f7-vbubll   1/1  0  Running  2  425  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.144   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  notification-service-199024f6d6-f6b97 1/1  0  Running  4  252  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.144   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  nmcas1-service-748091fd64-x11p       1/1  0  Running  2  135  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.139   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  nmcas1-service-6783b76f6b-7x0m       1/1  0  Running  1  48  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.137   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-data-access            1/1  0  Running  1  17  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.140   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-data-access            1/1  0  Running  1  16  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.146   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-lighting                1/1  0  Running  4  665  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.141   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-lighting                1/1  0  Running  1  37  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.136   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-lighting                1/1  0  Running  2  37  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.136   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-lighting                1/1  0  Running  7  153  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.147   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-lighting                1/1  0  Running  5  33  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.133   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
vaissala-focus  vaissala-focus-lighting                1/1  0  Running  1  248  n/a  n/a  n/a  n/a  10.1.162.135   hel-fire-oneclick-phil  3418h
    
```

- 2. To exit out of k9s, press **CTRL+C**.

10.2.1.2 Restarting a service running in Kubernetes

If you need to restart a service that runs on Kubernetes, do the following:

- ▶ 1. Log in as the **root** user and run k9s to bring up the status overview.
- 2. Switch to the **Pods** view if necessary (most likely you will already be in **Pods** view).
- 3. Press the “0” key to show ALL the containers.
- 4. Use the up and down arrow keys to highlight the service you want to restart.
- 5. Press **CTRL+D** to delete the current instance of the service.

As soon as you delete the service, the Kubernetes cluster should detect that it is missing one of the required services and start up a new instance for you.

6. Alternatively, you can use the **kubectl** command to restart a service if you know the namespace and name of the service you want to restart.

For example, if you would like to restart the `nowcast-service` that runs in the `vaisala-focus` namespace, you can run the following commands to determine the full address of the Kubernetes pod running the `nowcast-service`:

```
kubectl get --namespace vaisala-focus pods | grep nowcast-service
```

You will see the following output:

```
nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-wg8ld    1/1    Running
0                                  2m51s
```

7. Once you know the full address of the pod (`nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-wg8ld`), you can restart it by using this command:

```
kubectl delete --namespace vaisala-focus pod/nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-wg8ld
```

You will see the following output:

```
pod "nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-wg8ld" deleted
```

8. You can then verify that a new instance was (or is being) created using the **kubectl** command. For example, we ran the **kubectl** command below quickly enough to see that Kubernetes had started a new instance of the `nowcast-service` (`nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-r8lph`) and was terminating the old instance (`nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-wg8ld`):

```
kubectl get --namespace vaisala-focus pods | grep nowcast-service
```

You will see the following output:

```
nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-wg8ld    1/1    Terminating
0                                  4m12s
nowcast-service-748d9dfd4-r8lph    1/1    Running
0                                  23s
```

10.2.1.3 Configuring Kubernetes services

There are several YAML configuration files found under the `/etc/vaisala/focus/k8s` directory that are used to configure groups of services that run on an IRIS Focus server. You do not typically need to modify the configuration found in these files.

- ▶ 1. If you receive instructions from Vaisala to make changes, use the **kubectl** command to apply your changes to the running Kubernetes cluster.

For example, if you have made modifications to the *vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml* file that configures the services related to sending lightning data to the web browser, you would run the following command to apply your changes to the Kubernetes cluster:

```
kubectl apply -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml
```



Applying changes to the Kubernetes cluster will often only update the configmap objects in the cluster. The services that read their configuration values from these Kubernetes configmap objects will need to be restarted.

10.2.1.4 Removing and installing Kubernetes services

There are several YAML configuration files found under the */etc/vaisala/focus/k8s* directory that are used to configure groups of services that run on an IRIS Focus server.

- ▶ 1. For example, to remove the services related to sending lightning data to the web browser, you can run this command:

```
kubectl delete -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml
```

2. If you change your mind and want to restore the services related to sending lightning data to the web browser, you can run this command:

```
kubectl apply -f /etc/vaisala/focus/k8s/vaisala-focus-lightning.yaml
```

Typically, we do not recommend doing this in normal operations as it is more severe than restarting an individual service. However, this may be necessary when troubleshooting or when major changes have been made to one of the YAML configuration files.

10.2.1.5 Viewing logs from Kubernetes services

The k9s tool makes it easy to view the latest logs from Kubernetes services.

2. While k9s is very handy for a quick look, you can also use the **kubect1** command.

The **kubect1** command is particularly useful when you want to post process the logs with a grep. To use the **kubect1** command, you need to know the namespace of the service deployment.

As an example, the following command will monitor the log output of the nowcast-service running in the vaisala-focus namespace:

```
kubect1 logs --tail=20 -f --namespace vaisala-focus deployment/nowcast-service
```

You will see the following output:

```
[INFO]: Header Method String: POST Method: POST Version: 11 Data From
Target: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/health Target String: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/
health
[INFO]: Processing 0 bytes of posted data from request: /focus-
nowcast/api/v2/health
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: POST Method: POST Version: 11 Data From
Target: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/health Target String: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/
health
[INFO]: Processing 0 bytes of posted data from request: /focus-
nowcast/api/v2/health
[INFO]: Header Method String: POST Method: POST Version: 11 Data From
Target: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/health Target String: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/
health
[INFO]: Processing 0 bytes of posted data from request: /focus-
nowcast/api/v2/health
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: POST Method: POST Version: 11 Data From
Target: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/health Target String: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/
```

```

health
[INFO]: Processing 0 bytes of posted data from request: /focus-
nowcast/api/v2/health
[INFO]: Header Method String: POST Method: POST Version: 11 Data From
Target: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/health Target String: /focus-nowcast/api/v2/
health
[INFO]: Processing 0 bytes of posted data from request: /focus-
nowcast/api/v2/health
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
[INFO]: Header Method String: GET Method: GET Version: 11 Data From
Target: /metrics Target String: /metrics
^C

```

3. To get a listing of the many **kubectl logs** command options, you can run it using the **-help** parameter:

```
kubectl logs --help
```

10.2.2 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.

The service runs on Kubernetes and is called **lightning-websocket**.

10.2.3 Nowcasting service

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

Starting from IRIS Focus release 7.0, the nowcasting service runs under Kubernetes.

10.3 Docker

Starting from IRIS Focus 7.0, several services in IRIS Focus run on Docker.

10.3.1 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, **lightning-websocket**) can access it.

The Kafka data broker service is provided by the **kafka** docker container.

10.3.2 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.

The Kafka manager service is provided by the `zookeeper` docker container.

10.4 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 AlmaLinux, services are stopped, started, and restarted with the **`systemctl stop / start / restart [servicename]`** command.

To use the **`systemctl`** command, you must be a 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`**

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 \(page 27\)](#)
- [HAProxy \(page 152\)](#)

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 \(page 27\)](#)
- [Installing a CA certificate \(page 143\)](#)

11.3 Security settings



Please follow industry security standards while deploying IRIS Focus into an internal network. Care should be taken to allow access to only ports 80 and 443 from the internet.

The IRIS Focus server has a pre-configured firewall.

Ports for SSH access (22), HTTP (80), HTTPS (443), and Kafka (9094) 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 AlmaLinux 8.4 firewall system.



Port 9094 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 \(page 92\)](#) for details on configuring the `firewalld` rule so that only the TLP system is allowed access to this port.

More information

- [Installing IRIS Focus components \(page 43\)](#)

11.4 Removal of X Window System

For customer convenience, Vaisala ships IRIS Focus with a graphical desktop environment installed. IRIS Focus does not require a graphical desktop environment to run. Having a graphical desktop environment and the X server in particular is sometimes regarded as a security concern.

Use the following commands to configure the system to run in console mode and remove the X server and graphical desktop environment:

```
systemctl set-default multi-user
systemctl isolate multi-user
dnf remove --noauto xorg-x11*
```



CAUTION! Do not do this if you are running applications other than IRIS Focus on the same system that do require a graphical environment such as IRIS Analysis.

12. Troubleshooting

12.1 Sending logs to Technical support

When you contact [Technical support \(page 189\)](#), be ready to send IRIS Focus logs to the technical support personnel. For retrieving logs, do the following steps:

1. Log into the IRIS Focus server as **root**.
2. Run the command:

```
rsw-tar-logs
```

3. Send the resulting tar file in /tmp to Vaisala for analysis.
The file should be in the form *rsw-tar-logs-**<date>**-**<time>**.tar*, for example:
rsw-tar-logs-2022-04-28-16-28-51.tar.

12.2 Notification sound is not played when an alert is triggered

Some web browsers (for example, Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome) by default block sounds on web pages until the user interacts with the page. Thus, in some cases, the web page may not play the alert notification sounds in IRIS Focus. This may occur, for example, if a user automatically logs into IRIS Focus by clicking the browser reload button while logged in. When the user has logged into IRIS Focus through the normal login, this issue should not occur.

To make sure users hear the sound notifications right away when alerts are triggered, enable the web browser to play sounds by default.

12.3 Slowness in system with a high volume of lightning data

When heavy lightning occurs for a long period of time, and it is visualized with the **TimeSpan** product, the number of lightning icons on the map can increase dramatically. This may cause a performance degradation in the client (browser) of IRIS Focus. This may happen, for example, when the time frame for **TimeSpan** is very long.

To fix the performance issue, shorten the time frame for viewing the data, or zoom in on the map to show fewer icons.

12.4 Data Manager does not work as expected

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

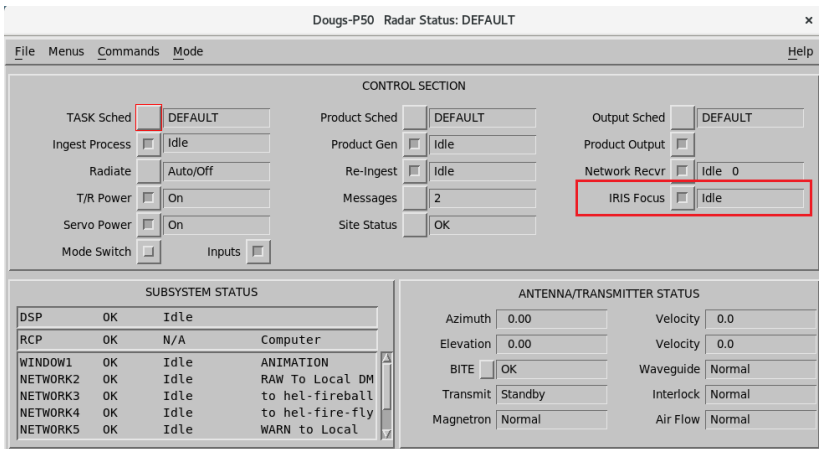
In some cases, IRIS Focus may be unable to request IRIS Analysis products from the IRIS Analysis server through the socket server or IRIS Analysis may be unable to send RAW products to IRIS Focus. In such cases, try the following solutions.

- 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 products/hour * 24 hours * 10 days).
 - RAW products are only needed for the IRIS Focus Data Manager
- 3. In the IRIS Analysis **Radar Status** menu, make sure **IRIS Focus** is toggled on.

The toggle button turns on/off the socket server.



- 4. 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.

5. To check the delivery of **RAW** files, make sure Data Manager `radarinput` is setup correctly on the IRIS Focus server:
 - a. On the IRIS Analysis server, login as `root`.
 - b. Type: `-- ssh radardminput@the-focus-machine-hostname.com date`
 - c. Make sure the data and time are returned from the IRIS Focus machine without having to type a password.
 - d. Check the security keys and permissions:
 - `/var/lib/radardminput/.ssh/authorized_keys` must be correct
 - Permissions must be set to `chmod 644 ./authorized_keys`
6. Reboot the IRIS Analysis and/or the IRIS Focus servers.

More information

- [Setting up Data Manager \(page 53\)](#)

12.5 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.

12.6 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. Log in to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
 - c. Select **Admin > System > Licensing Management**.
2. Check that MVF is configured for your site.
3. Log in to the server as **root**.
4. Go to `/etc/vaisala/radarsw/configuration/vsoweb-override.ini`.
5. 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`).

6. Restart the `vaisala-radarsw-webapp` service by typing:

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

7. Restart the Nowcasting service using the instruction in [Restarting a service running in Kubernetes \(page 154\)](#).
8. 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)
```

More information

- [IRIS Focus licensing \(page 12\)](#)

12.7 No connection/data from the TLP

If there are problems in the TLP data connection, try the following troubleshooting procedures.

1. Check the status of the IRIS Focus related services.
 - a. Log in to IRIS Focus as the **root** user.
 - b. Check the status of the services related to the incoming TLP lightning data with the following commands:

```
kubectl get --namespace vaisala-focus-lightning deployments/lightning-
websocket
docker ps --filter name=kafka --filter name=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 **tlp-to-kafka** service is running:

```
lpstart details tlp-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 9094:

```
netstat -tnap | grep 9094
```

You should see the Kafka process listening on port 9094, and an established connection to port 9094 with the IP address of your TLP system.

- b. If you do not see an established connection from the TLP system, verify that the **tlp-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 30100.

```
netstat -tnap | grep 30100
```

You should see the **vaisala-iris-lightning-ws** service listening on port 30100, and an established connection to port 30100 with the proxied IP address **127.0.0.1** for each user connected to the IRIS Focus web application.

12.8 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.

12.9 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 /srv/container/mnt/kafka
```

12.10 GLD360 lightning layer empty

If you have subscribed to Vaisala 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 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.

12.11 GLD360 lightning layer missing

If you have subscribed to Vaisala 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:

Type:

URL:

Layer:

Base layer:

Transparent:

Request as tiles:

MIME type:

Default opacity:

Layer querying settings

Usable in map cursor tool:

Add query parameter:

| Order | Name | Value path | Unit | Actions |
|---------|------|------------|------|---------|
| No data | | | | |

Name:

Value path:

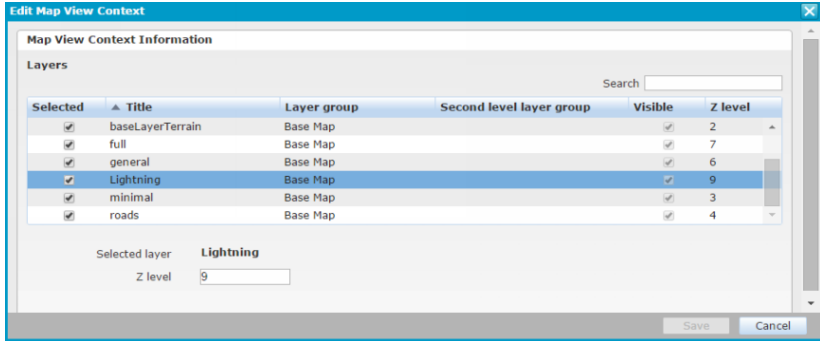
Unit:

Save Cancel

- a. **URL:** /lightning
 - b. **Layer:** lightning:ltg_combined_25
 - c. **Transparent:** Checkbox selected
 - d. **SLD URL:** https://tsm.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.

12.12 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 to the IRIS Focus web application as **administrator**.
3. Check that the `image-export` user password matches the password listed in `vsoweb-override.ini`.

12.13 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-radar-sw-webapp'
```

More information

- [Technical support \(page 189\)](#)

12.14 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 `Postgres` 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 \(page 43\)](#)

Appendix A. File locations


Table 22 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> <p>GeoServer database settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>logback.xml</i> <p>Logging level settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>radar_centers.properties</i> <p>List of stored radar site center points.</p> | <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> | Kafka configuration file for the <code>vaisala-radarsw-webapp</code> <code>systemd</code> service. |
| <i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/iris-lightning-ws.kafka.properties</i> | The configuration file used by the <code>vaisala-radarsw-webapp</code> service when configured to connect to a Kafka data broker for its lightning 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>lightning-websocket</code> service is configured in simulation mode. |
| <i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/regionstatus.simu.properties</i> | Used to configure how simulated lightning events are produced when the <code>vaisala-radarsw-webapp</code> service is configured in simulation mode. |
| <i>/etc/vaisala/lightning/regionstatus.template.json</i> | Template network health report used when the <code>vaisala-radarsw-webapp</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. |

| File or directory | Description |
|---|---|
| <i>/var/lib/radardm</i> | Home directory of the <i>radardm</i> user. |
| <i>/var/lib/radardminput</i> | Home directory of the <i>radardminput</i> user. |
| <i>/srv/vaisala/radarsw/datamanager/input</i> | Files sent from an IRIS Analysis server 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 23 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 \(page 131\)](#)

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 ( $\text{mgt} \times \text{mean\_motion}$ ) 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 parameters 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:31000/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 you can monitor for weather events. If the system detects a weather event within 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

See [weather event](#).

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.

k9s

An easy to use tool for exploring and controlling a Kubernetes cluster.

Kubernetes (k8s)

General name for managing a collection of containers (services) running on a computer (conductor of the programs running on the computer).

lightning strike

In IRIS Focus, a *lightning strike* refers to either a flash or a lightning stroke, depending on the configuration of the TLP.

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.

microk8s

The implementation of Kubernetes run on IRIS Focus.

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

See [pulse repetition frequency \(PRF\)](#).

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.

pulse repetition frequency (PRF)

Number of pulses transmitted per second. When measuring PRF, a *pulse* contains transmit, receive, and dead time phases. PRF affects *range folding* and *velocity folding* detection. In Vaisala IRIS products, PRF limits the area displayed in radar images and the maximum measurable wind speed.

radar 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**.

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.

TLP

See [Total Lightning Processor](#).

Total Lightning Processor

Total Lightning Processor (TLP) is the central processor of a Vaisala Lightning Detection System, which uses multiple, remote sensors to detect lightning. Each sensor sends its data to the central processor.

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.

weather event

A user-defined set of weather-related criteria. When an event occurs on the map, it is shown as an icon. When an event occurs within an area of interest, it triggers an alert.

weather product

Weather products are raw signal data from the TLP or from a radar receiver that are processed to provide information about current weather conditions. Weather products are displayed as layers in IRIS Focus.

WMS

Web Map Service protocol

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