A WSKey (Web Service Key) is the license key that allows you to run your instance of EZproxy. A WSKey is required for all versions of EZproxy 6.0 and later, as the license keys from previous versions of EZproxy will not work with EZproxy 6.0.

Hosted vs. standalone

If you subscribe to Stand-alone EZproxy, you will need to obtain your WSKey prior to installing EZproxy. OCLC manage WSKeys on behalf of all Hosted EZproxy subscribers.

WSKeys and your EZproxy annual subscription

In order to obtain a WSKey for Stand-alone EZproxy, you must have a current annual subscription. If you purchased a license prior to January 2013, you will need to update the annual subscription model. To do this, you can request a quote, and you will be provided with a quote and information about how to subscribe. If you are uncertain if your subscription is current, please email orders@oclc.org.

When your Stand-alone EZproxy order is complete, you will receive instructions to retrieve your WSKey along with your other welcome information. If you purchase multiple subscriptions, you will receive one WSKey per subscription.

Your EZproxy WSKey

When your Stand-alone EZproxy order is complete, you will receive instructions to retrieve your WSKey along with your other welcome information. If you are having trouble locating your institution’s WSKey, please contact OCLC Support.

Stand-alone customers may use the "reissue" feature in WSKey Management if you believe your EZproxy WSKey has been compromised. After obtaining the new WSKey, follow the appropriate install instructions for your operating system to add it to your server.

Retrieve your WSKey

WSKey information is stored in OCLC’s WSKey Management. See the Developer Network FAQs for more information about how to log in. If you are having trouble locating your institution's WSKey, please contact OCLC Support.

WSKeys for test EZproxy servers

EZproxy subscribers do not need to request a separate WSKey to install EZproxy on a test server. Subscribers may reuse their production WSKey to install EZproxy on a test server without impacting their production server in any way. If you are not a current subscriber and wish to obtain a trial WSKey, please complete the EZproxy Trial Request Form.