> This is mysterious, because the license.dat file is here on my machine,
> and this machine doesn't need to contact another machine for IDL to
> run. So it's not clear to me how there couldn't be a "server response"
> if there's no external server to speak of.
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> I admit I'm not an expert on the licensing mechanism, so please let me
> know if there is anything I can clarify.
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Even though the license is local to your machine, I believe that you
still need to run the license server on the machine and connect to it
just like you would connect to some other machine across the network. I
remember doing this same thing a few times when the licenses weren't
working out. Usually, it was just a simple matter of firing up the
license manager daemon and connecting.

Try that and see what happens.

-Mike