Subject: Creating machine-specific, licensed IDL software
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I'm contemplating creating commercial software that will be licensed
for use on specific machines. In an effort not to re-invent the wheel,
can anyone provide a good recommendation for how to implement such a
system.

I'd like my program to be able to check either a MAC address or
something similar that's machine-specific. I want to avoid having a
system where the program needs to 'phone home' on every load to check
on a license validity using the internet.

Of course, I'd like to be able to do this in a way that's cross-
platform, but I'd gladly settle for writing different methods for
different platforms.

If I'm distributing code that will execute on the IDL VM, perhaps
there's a way to specify a given machine's installation in a non-
transferrable way?

Thanks!
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