
Subject: Re: project license

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On Apr 23, 1:57 pm, nata <bernat.puigdomen...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi gurus,

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> Anybody knows how to put a license in a IDL project ? I want to write
> a license for my project (only available for X days). Is it possible?

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> Thanks

I agree with David; the amount of work you put into the licensing should be proportional to the risk that someone is going to steal the program.

I've never really liked date-based licenses, but I've tried the following approaches for this type of thing, each with their own set of disadvantages:

- using a hardware ID, such as a MAC address or hard drive serial number, and requesting permission to execute over the web. This can be circumvented but at least you will be able to tell if it has by the web server logs.

- using an encrypted key to allow execution and/or store encrypted information about the number of days left. (See the TEA package in the ITT user contrib site)

- using a hardware dongle to allow execution and provide time limits.

The hardware dongle requires a DLM to implement, but makes it simple to manage licenses. The cost of the dongles can be in the \$20 range, so this assumes your software is worth at least this much.

If you have actually developed a 'killer app', then you might want to talk to ITT. They may have options you can use to license runtime versions of the code.

Good Luck..
