
Subject: Re: some users will be harmed by the new licensing policy in IDL 8.6

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It might also be worth noting that the `lmgr()` function has been decimated, presumably related to the change in licensing model.

From IDL 8.5 online help:

```
Result = LMGR( [, /DEMO | , /EMBEDDED | , /RUNTIME | , /STUDENT | , /TRIAL | , /VM] [,  
EXPIRE_DATE=variable] [, /FORCE_DEMO] [, INSTALL_NUM=variable] [, LMHOSTID=variable]  
[, SITE_NOTICE=variable])
```

and from IDL 8.6:

```
Result = LMGR( [/RUNTIME | , /VM])
```

One of my applications uses the `LMHOSTID` return variable to check it's being run by a registered user... which is no longer possible in 8.6. It was a neat way of finding out the MAC address of the host, and I'm sure I wasn't the only one using it....

looking for a solution,

Will.
