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

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 19 Jan 2017 22:27:39 GMT

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On Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 11:24:26 PM UTC+1, wallabadah wrote:

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

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> From IDL 8.5 online help:

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

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> and from IDL 8.6:

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> 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....

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> looking for a solution,

>

> Will.

Hi Will,

thanks for reporting this. I was doing the same exact thing: using lmgr to check the mac address and validating that.

Noooooooo!

Why remove the function if it is not used by IDL licensing software? We had access to it and we used it for our own licensing!

Great!

I'll write tech support.

H.
