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Overview

The OEM licensing scheme restricts access to IDOL by applying ACI encryption to all requests, so that only the OEM application, which knows the encryption keys, can communicate with IDOL. This enables Micro Focus to provide a single license with no host or port restrictions that the OEM can distribute with all copies of their software. Even though the OEM license can be used to start IDOL on any machine, end users (customers of the OEM) cannot abuse this license because they do not have the encryption keys required to communicate with IDOL.

NOTE: You can also operate ACI servers with an Enterprise OEM license. The Enterprise OEM license uses License Server to provide a standard license, and also includes an embedded OEM encryption key that allows optional ACI request encryption, without any additional configuration in your ACI components. When you use encryption for a request, it acts like OEM encryption (with an encrypted request and unencrypted response).

This option provides a way for you to migrate an OEM system to the standard licensing model without requiring you to immediately change existing applications that use OEM encryption.

Restrictions

- Unlike a standard License Server-based license, there are no host, IP, MAC address or port restrictions on the OEM license.
- ACI communication is possible only between the OEM application and the IDOL component, or between the IDOL components that share the OEM license. This is enforced by using ACI encryption.
- Index and service port actions are not restricted by any form of encryption.

Setting Up Licensing

All ACI communication actions sent to IDOL components in an OEM-licensed environment must be ACI encrypted. IDOL components access the `licensekey.dat` file to determine the encryption keys required to decode encrypted action.

NOTE: You must not use the `CommsEncryptionType` and `CommsEncryptionTEAKeys` (deprecated) configuration parameters to encrypt ACI communications because the key would be publicly available.

To set up licensing in an OEM environment

- Encrypt ACI communications between IDOL components and the front-end application by making the appropriate API call in your application and passing in the OEM encryption keys that were provided to you. For example:

In the C API, you could make the following call:

```
const char* szKeys = "MjR8CJUGcb4RbRdNDKbK9RXX3pEswAiZ";  
aciInitEncryption(TRUE, "TEA", szKeys);
```

where the value of `szKeys` is the encryption key provided with the license.

In the Java API, you could make the following call:

```
BteaEncryptionCodec encryptionCodec = new BteaEncryptionCodec(  
    "MjR8CJUGcb4RbRdNDKbK9RXX3pEswAiZ");  
aciServerDetails.setEncryptionCodec(encryptionCodec);
```

- Redistribute the `licensekey.dat` file with your application by copying it to the working directory of each IDOL component. The IDOL components will then read the license from the `licensekey.dat` instead of the `[License]` section of the component's configuration file.

The `licensekey.dat` file is generated by Micro Focus and provided to you along with your license.

- Unlike standard ACI encryption, the ACI responses from the IDOL component are not encrypted by default. You can optionally encrypt the response returned by an IDOL component by setting the `EncryptResponse` action parameter to `True` in the ACI action you run. However, in most cases Micro Focus recommends that you use SSL/TLS for secure communications.