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Subject: License Borrowing Enabled by Default

Affected Software: FactoryCAD, Jack, I-Deas, NX Nastran, NX, Tecnomatix and
: TC Visualization

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Effective May 2, 2017, all *license* files generated for customers with products that support *borrowing* and utilize the common *licensing* vendor daemon (ugslmd) will have *borrowing* enabled by default. In the past, a special '*borrowing*' product had to be added to the software configuration to enable the *license borrowing* capability. This is no longer a requirement and any *license* file generated will include the *BORROW* keyword on the INCREMENT lines for those products.

The following product lines are affected:

Product Line	Max. Borrow	Borrow Product
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FactoryCAD	336 (14)	FC21001
Jack	336 (14)	JK21001
I-Deas	2880 (120)	NX21001
Nastran	2880 (120)	NX21001
NX	2880 (120)	NX21001
Tecnomatix Quality	2160 (90)	VS21001
Vis (stand alone)	336 (14)	VS21001

The Max *Borrow* is the value supplied in the *BORROW=* keyword on the *license* file. It is set by product management and defines the maximum number of hours (days) a *license* can be *borrowed*. The product or the common *licensing* toolkit include a *borrowing* function to *borrow* and return *licenses*. *License borrowing* is only supported on Windows and is the capability to check out a *license* from the *license* server to a mobile workstation, disconnect from the network, and continue to use the software with the *borrowed license*. The *license* pool on the server will be reduced by the number of *borrowed licenses*. When returned or the *borrow* time expires, the *licenses* will return to the server and no longer be available on the mobile workstation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What happens if I already have a *borrow* product on my software

configuration?

A: Nothing. Your *license* file will continue to have the *BORROW* keywords included. You do not need to remove the product from your configuration.

Q: Can I *borrow* a *license* for less than the maximum *borrow* time?

A: Yes, you can *borrow* a *license* for any number of days from 1 to the maximum.

Q: Can I return a *license* early?

A: Yes. You must be connected to the *license* server and use the *borrow* utility to return a *borrowed license*.

Q: What happens if I am disconnected from the network and my *borrow* time expires?

A: The *license* is automatically recovered on the *license* server and erased on the mobile device.

Q: Can I *borrow* a stand-alone node locked *license*?

A: No, this *license* does not require a *license* server so it cannot be *borrowed*.

Q: Can I *borrow* a token?

A: No, products with token based *licensing* do not support the *borrowing* of the token.

Q: Will I automatically get a new *license* file after May 2?

A: No, you must call your CAA and request a new *license* file to get the *borrowing* enabled. However, if there is a new product version release, a new *license* file is generated and sent to all customers with maintenance. This new *license* will include *borrowing* for all products.

Q: What happens if I am paying maintenance on the *borrow* product?

A: Effective May 2, the *borrow* product will now have a \$0 maintenance associated with the product.

Q: How does the *license* file change?

A: Each INCREMENT line for products that support *borrowing* will include the following keyword: *BORROW=xxx*, where *xxx* is the maximum *borrow* time in hours (See table above). In addition, there will be a single new INCREMENT line with a feature called "*borrowing*".

Q: To what product version does this change apply?

A: It is not version specific for the affected products. Any version that supports *borrowing* will have *borrowing* enabled.

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