

Release Notes

LanLicenser 4.1



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Overview of LanLicenser 4.1

This document summarizes what is new in LanLicenser 4.1 and how it is deployed.

Introduction

ABC Enterprise Systems aim is to continually improve the performance, security, and stability of LanLicenser. As part of this effort, we develop updates, fixes, and other improvements that address issues reported by our customers and partners. To make it easier for customers to get these updates and enhancements, we have combined them into a single installation package, and make that package available for existing LanLicenser v4.0 SP2 and new customers.

LanLicenser 4.1 is available from the '*Support Center*' section on our website: www.lanlicenser.com. The download size is around 89 Megabytes (MB).

What's new in LanLicensor 4.1?

LanLicensor 4.1 includes new functionality, updates and hot fixes, including:

- **Hardware Inventory**
Keep a watchful eye on your hardware and precisely plan hardware upgrades. LanLicensor 4.1 incorporates a powerful hardware scanning component that gathers in-depth hardware information for all your Microsoft Windows Workstations and Servers. Not only does it gather CPU, memory, disk drive and many other hardware details, but also detects any hardware that has been changed or removed using our proprietary 'Change-Tracking Mechanism'.
- **Full SQL Server 2008 Support**
LanLicensor 4.1 fully integrates with Microsoft's latest industry standard database server. Both the LanLicensor main Site and Software Metering servers can now be installed to all versions of SQL Server 2008, including SQL Server 2008 Express Edition.
- **Improved 64-bit Integration**
As well as offering enhanced User Interface stability for Microsoft Windows 64-bit operating systems, LanLicensor 4.1 now monitors any and all 64-bit applications that are executed on your Client Workstations.
- **Enhanced Inactivity Monitoring**
Inactivity monitoring is now fully functional across multiple Windows sessions, improving on LanLicensor's already in-depth inactivity detection.
- **Compatible and Certified for Windows 7**
The LanLicensor 4.1 Client agent has passed all Microsoft-designed tests for compatibility and reliability on Windows 7.
- **Enhanced Offline Restrictions**
LanLicensor 4.1 now offers the ability to restrict applications from running if the Client is disconnected from the main site Server.
- **Shortcut Hiding**
Only show shortcuts for programs that are allowed to be run by the end user! LanLicensor 4.1 now offers functionality to hide ALL shortcuts (using our fully configurable user, group and computer restrictions) in order to improve the end user experience.
- **Updated Software Identification Database**
LanLicensor's proprietary Software Identification database has now been updated to enhance the product registration experience.

- **Improved Report Wizard and more Reports**
Improvements to the Report Wizard have increased its speed and efficiency and there are now a number of new Reports.
- **Increased Stability, Performance and Security**
LanLicenser 4.1 now offers a more robust end user experience with numerous bug fixes and performance improvements. The MMC user interface has been tuned to increase stability and Database efficiency has also been improved.

Please contact support@lanlicenser.com if you require any further information on specific fixes or improvements

Deploying LanLicensor 4.1

If you already have LanLicensor 4.0 with SP2 installed and wish to upgrade your installation then please go to page 5 of this guide.

Step 1: Once you have downloaded LanLicensor 4.1, copy the package locally to the machine you wish to install LanLicensor 4.1 to.

Step 2: Run LanLicensor4_1.exe and complete the extraction process. Once the extraction is complete, the LanLicensor 4.1 installer will be launched.

Note: If the LanLicensor 4.1 Installer is not automatically launched please run autorun.exe from the folder chosen during the extraction process

Step 3: Please refer to the 'LanLicensor 4.1 Evaluators Guide' (if doing an evaluation of LanLicensor) or the 'LanLicensor 4.1 Installation Guide' (if performing an installation to a live environment).

Both guides can be obtained from our website: www.lanlicensor.com

Upgrading From LanLicensor 4.0

Upgrading from LanLicensor 4.0 SP2 to LanLicensor 4.1 is fully supported.

Can I upgrade to LanLicensor 4.1?

In order to determine if you can upgrade to LanLicensor 4.1, you need to determine the build number of your current LanLicensor installation. To determine your specific build number:

1. Open the LanLicensor MMC Administration Program.
2. Right click on the 'ABC LanLicensor' node and select 'About LanLicensor...'
3. Make a note of the 'Version and Build number'

Only version '4,00,703' and above can be upgraded to LanLicensor v4.1. If the version is lower than '4,00,703' then you must first apply Service Pack 2 (SP2) before upgrading. SP2 can be downloaded from www.lanlicensor.com.

Upgrading to LanLicensor 4.1

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The original installation files used when LanLicensor 4.0 was first installed will be required for LanLicensor 4.1 to be installed correctly. If you do not have the original LanLicensor installation files available, please contact support@lanlicensor.com.*

Step 1: Once you have downloaded LanLicensor 4.1, copy the package locally to the LanLicensor 4.0 Site Server machine.

Step 2: Run LanLicensor4_1.exe and complete the extraction process. Once the extraction is complete, the LanLicensor 4.1 installer will be launched.

Note: If the LanLicensor 4.1 installer is not automatically launched please run autorun.exe from the folder chosen during the extraction process

Step 3: Proceed through the LanLicensor 4.1 upgrade wizard.

Step 4: Once it is complete, click 'Finish'

Upgrading the Software Metering Server and Client(s).

The Software Metering Server (SWMS) and client agent(s) will normally upgrade automatically - there is no user involvement required during this process. By default, the SWMS should upgrade within 5 minutes and the client(s) within four hours. If you wish to check how long the client should take, please follow the steps below:

1. Open the LanLicenser MMC Administration Program.
2. Expand the 'Components' node
3. Right-click on the 'Clients' node and select 'Properties'
4. Select the 'Timings' tab.

The 'Check local environment every:' value is the one that will tell you how often the LanLicenser client will check to see if it is required to upgrade.

Please note: If you have previously manually installed any Software Metering Servers then the Site Server may not have sufficient privileges to upgrade them automatically. To upgrade your SWMS(s) manually, logon to your SWMS machine and run 'setup.exe' from the LicSvr folder located in the LanLicenser share on your upgraded Site Server machine and follow the InstallShield Wizard instructions.

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