.net Licensing Manual

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1. Device Information

Licensing is initiated from getting unique machine information.

C# standard library supports functions to get device information of the local computer.

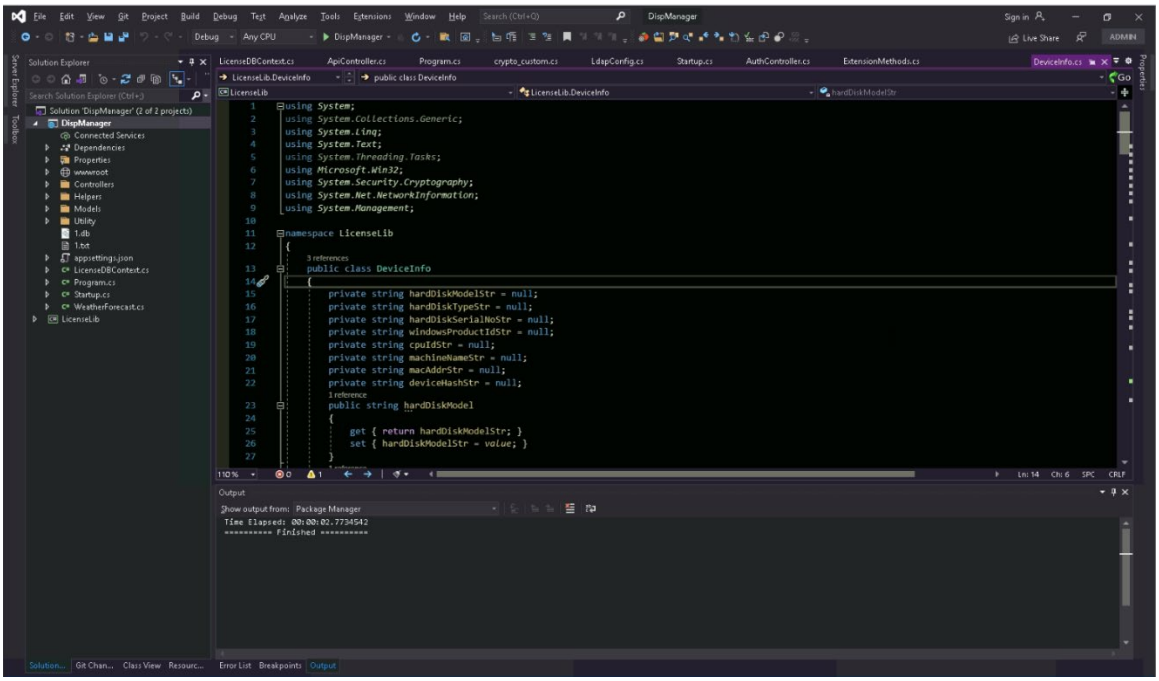
Device information is composed of the following information.

Hard Disk Serial Number
Windows Product Id
CPU id
Computer Name
MAC address

Computer Name could be changed by a user and MAC address could be updated if the NIC is changed.

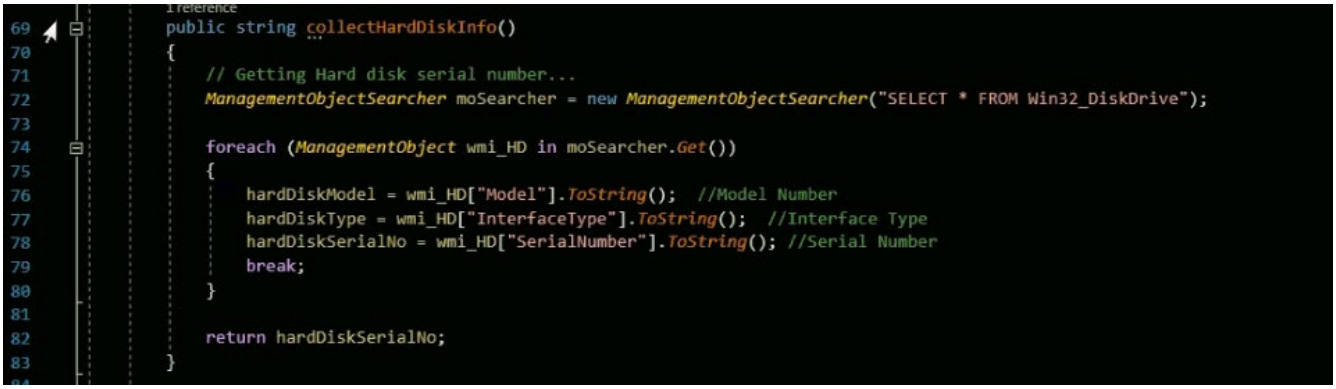
So we barred “Computer Name”, “MAC address” from composition of Device information.

Source file that gets device information is “DeviceInfo.cs”.



1) Hard disk serial number

We can get hard disk serial number from ManagementObjectSearcher. We implemented it as “collectHardDiskInfo()” function



```
1 reference
public string collectHardDiskInfo()
{
    // Getting Hard disk serial number...
    ManagementObjectSearcher moSearcher = new ManagementObjectSearcher("SELECT * FROM Win32_DiskDrive");

    foreach (ManagementObject wmi_HD in moSearcher.Get())
    {
        hardDiskModel = wmi_HD["Model"].ToString();  //Model Number
        hardDiskType = wmi_HD["InterfaceType"].ToString();  //Interface Type
        hardDiskSerialNo = wmi_HD["SerialNumber"].ToString(); //Serial Number
        break;
    }

    return hardDiskSerialNo;
}
```

Here variable “hardDiskSerialNo” is actually getter/setter but is regarded as a variable. This is the string that represents hard disk serial number.

Ex. “ WJB08LPZ”

2) Windows Product Id

Windows Product Id is read-only under the provision of installation.

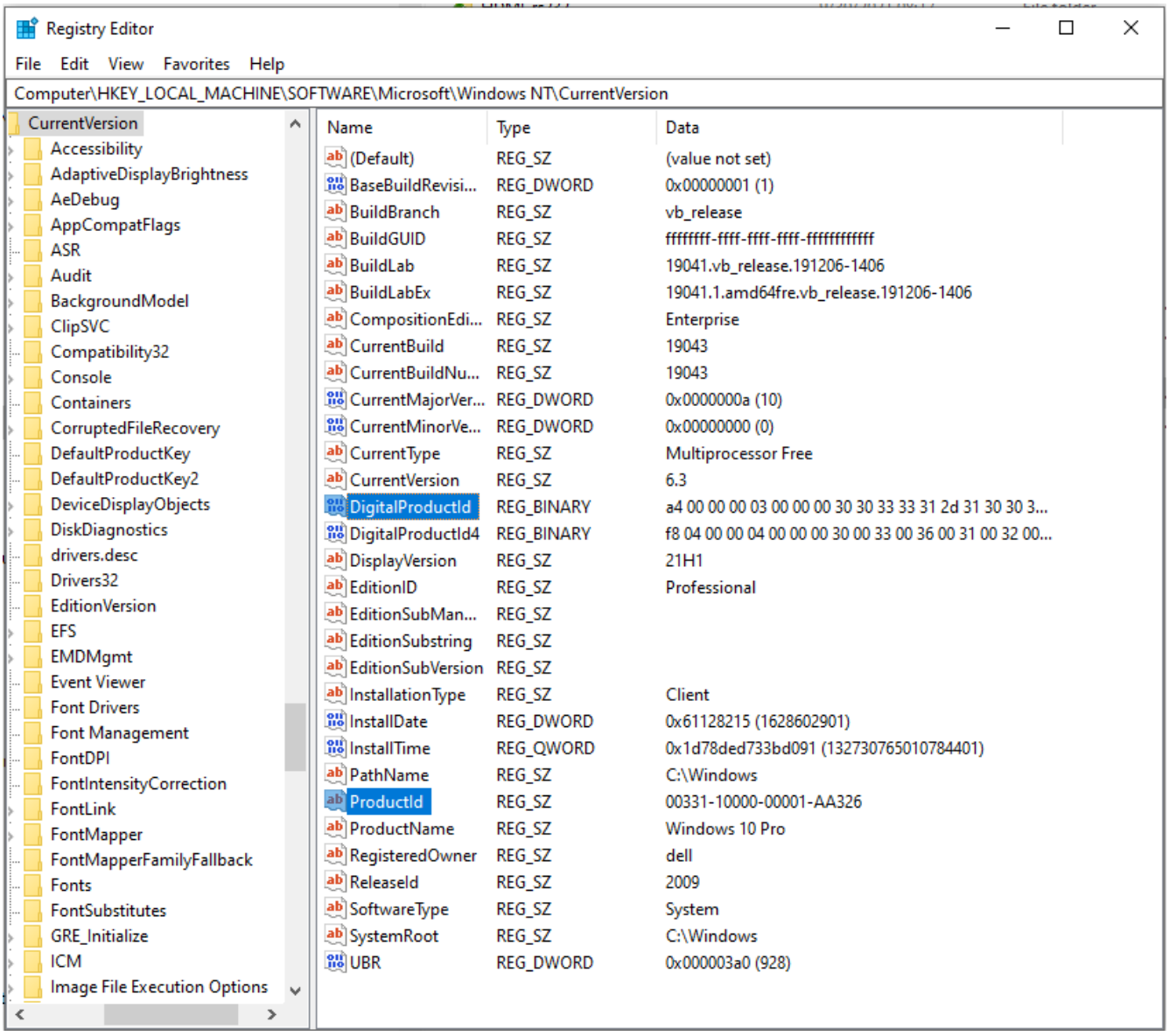
It can be retrieved from the registry key.

“HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/SOFTWARE/Microsoft/Windows NT/CurrentVersion”

This registry key has 2 values for windows product id.

“DigitalProductId”: It is a stored hex value of windows product id.

“ProductId”: It is a stored string value of windows product id.

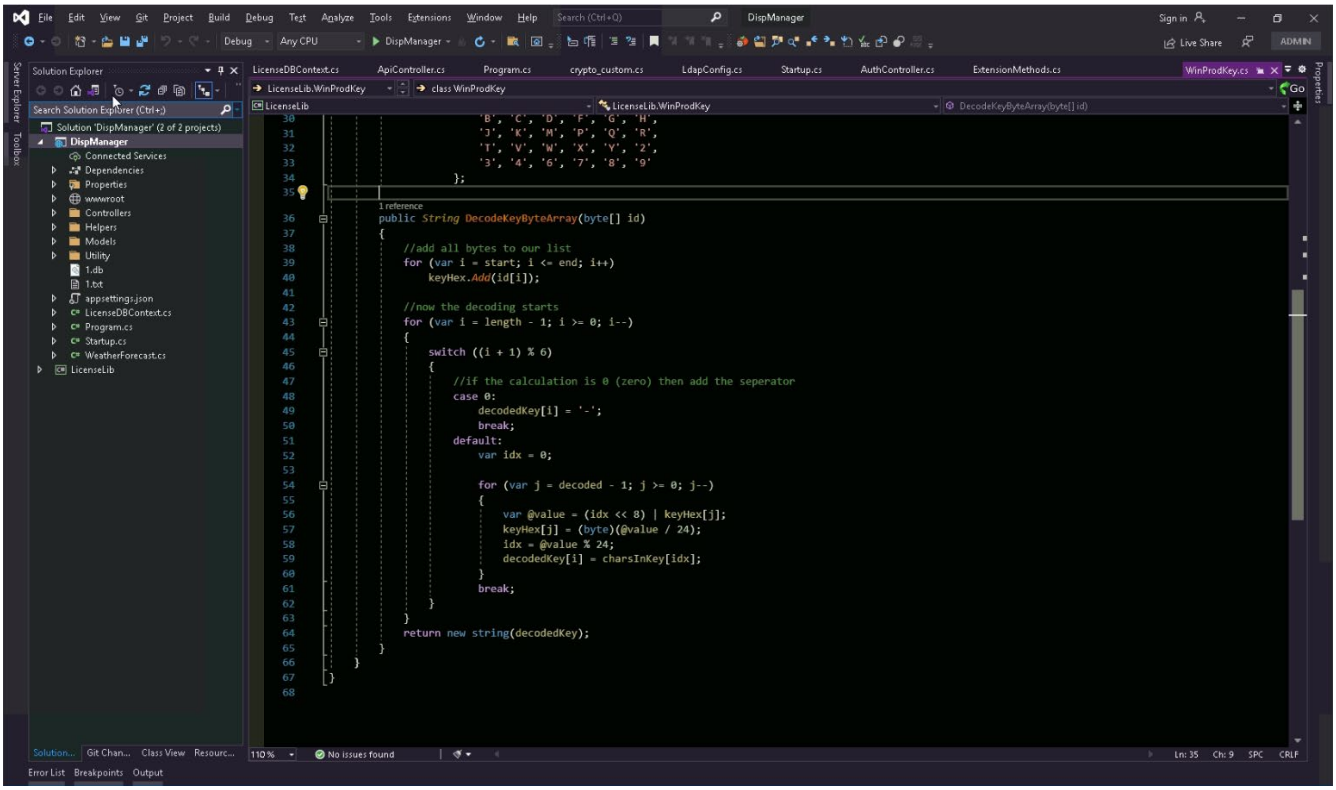


We can use either of both items for windows product id so that we used “DigitalProductId”.

It is hex-format string so that it should be converted to string format.

Conversion is done by “WinProdKey” class.

This class has a member function “DecodeKeyByteArray()” that converts hex-format string to string format.



```
                'B', 'C', 'D', 'F', 'G', 'H',
                'J', 'K', 'M', 'P', 'Q', 'R',
                'T', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z',
                '3', '4', '6', '7', '8', '9'
            };

        1 reference
        public String DecodeKeyByteArray(byte[] id)
        {
            //add all bytes to our list
            for (var i = start; i <= end; i++)
                keyHex.Add(id[i]);

            //now the decoding starts
            for (var i = length - 1; i >= 0; i--)
            {
                switch ((i + 1) % 6)
                {
                    //if the calculation is 0 (zero) then add the seperator
                    case 0:
                        decodedKey[i] = '-';
                        break;
                    default:
                        var idx = 0;

                        for (var j = decoded - 1; j >= 0; j--)
                        {
                            var @value = (idx << 8) | keyHex[j];
                            keyHex[j] = (byte)(@value / 24);
                            idx = @value % 24;
                            decodedKey[i] = charsInKey[idx];
                        }
                        break;
                }
            }
            return new string(decodedKey);
        }
    }
}
```

“DeviceInfo” class has a member function to retrieve “Windows Product Id”.

```
public string collectWindowProdId()
{
    // Getting Windows Product Key...
    byte[] id = null;
    RegistryKey localKey;
    if (Environment.Is64BitOperatingSystem)
        localKey = RegistryKey.OpenBaseKey(RegistryHive.LocalMachine, RegistryView.Registry64);
    else
        localKey = RegistryKey.OpenBaseKey(RegistryHive.LocalMachine, RegistryView.Registry32);

    var regKey = localKey.OpenSubKey(@"SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion", false);

    String strProdId = null, strWinProdKey = null;
    if (regKey != null)
    {
        id = regKey.GetValue("DigitalProductId") as byte[];

        strProdId = regKey.GetValue("ProductId") as String;
    }

    if (id != null)
    {
        WinProdKey pKey = new WinProdKey();
        strWinProdKey = pKey.DecodeKeyByteArray(id);
    }

    windowProductId = (strWinProdKey == null) ? "" : strWinProdKey;
    return windowProductId;
}
```

Here variable “windowProductId” is actually getter/setter but is regarded as a variable. This is the string that represents windows product id.

3) CPU id

CPU id is a string representing the unique CPU identifier.

“DeviceInfo” class has a member function to retrieve the CPU id.

```
1 reference
public string collectCPUId()
{
    // Get CPU id..

    ManagementClass managClass = new ManagementClass("win32_processor");
    ManagementObjectCollection managCollec = managClass.GetInstances();

    string cpuInfo = null;
    foreach (ManagementObject managObj in managCollec)
    {
        cpuInfo = managObj.Properties["processorID"].Value.ToString();
        break;
    }
    cpuId = (cpuInfo == null) ? "" : cpuInfo;
    return cpuId;
}
```

Here variable “cpuId” is actually getter/setter but is regarded as a variable. This is the string that represents CPU id.

4) Computer Name

Computer Name could be changed by a user so that we don’t use it for device information(See section 6)). However, we describe how to get Computer Name. It’s simple. “DeviceInfo” class has a member function to retrieve Computer Name as a string.

```
1 reference
public string collectComputerName()
{
    machineName = Environment.MachineName;
    return machineName;
}
```

Here variable “machineName” is actually getter/setter but is regarded as a variable. This is the string that represents Computer Name.

5) MAC address

MAC address is a physical address of NIC. A computer might have several NICs or a user can substitute it by another one so that it could be changed anytime. So we barred it(see section 6)) from getting device information but we now describe how to get it.

“DeviceInfo” class has a member function to get it.

```
1 reference
public string collectMACAddr()
{
    var macAddrInfo =
    (
        from nic in NetworkInterface.GetAllNetworkInterfaces()
        where nic.OperationalStatus == OperationalStatus.Up
        select nic.GetPhysicalAddress().ToString()
    ).FirstOrDefault();

    macAddr = macAddrInfo;
    return macAddr;
}
```

Here variable “macAddr” is actually getter/setter but is regarded as a variable. This is the string that represents MAC address of the first NIC installed on the computer motherboard.

6) Device Information String

We can now get hardware information for the local computer. Now we might get device information by calculating hash string of all hardware information.

At first, we collect all strings from hardware information. As mentioned above, Computer Name and MAC address are not used for device id string.

- *How to bar hardware information from composition of device id string:*

Now as you can see at the picture below, computer name and mac address are barred from composition of the basic string for device id string.

Function getHashStringFromInfo() in DeviceInfo.cs of LicenseLib is the one of getting device id string.

The first parameter “strHdSn” is the hard disk serial number string.

The second parameter “strWinProdId” is the windows product id string.

The third parameter “strCPUId” is the CPU id string.

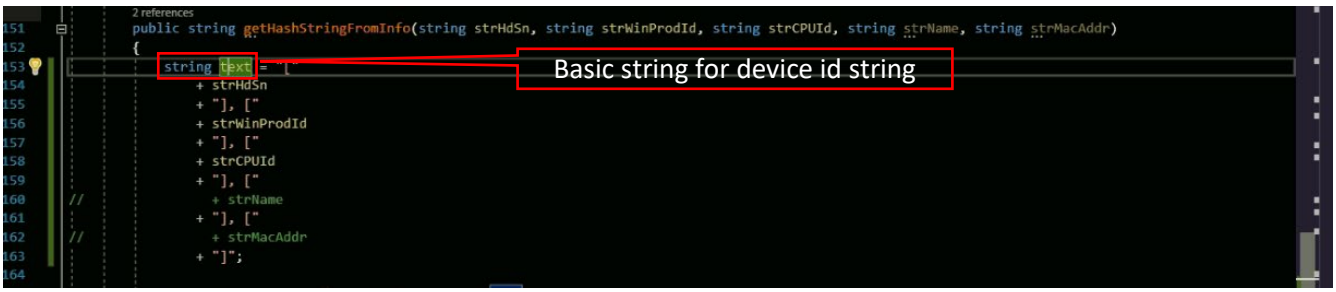
The fourth parameter “strName” is the Computer Name.

The fifth parameter “strMacAddr” is the MAC address of the first NIC installed on the computer.

If you want to except “hard disk serial number”, then please comment or remove the line 154. The parameter “strHdSn” is excepted from making “text”.

Then “hard disk serial number” is barred from composing of device id string.

Windows Product Id is at the line 156 as well, CPU id is at the line 158, Computer Name is at the line 160, MAC address is at the line 162.



After getting basic string for device id string, we can make device id string from the variable “text”.(See the line 153 at the picture above)

We might use MD5 or SHA256 in this function.

```
2 references
public string getHashStringFromInfo(string strHdSn, string strWinProdId, string strCPUId, string strName, string strMacAddr)
{
    string text = "[" + strHdSn + "], [" + strWinProdId + "], [" +
        strCPUId + "], [" +
        /*collectComputerName()*/"" + "], [" + /*collectMACAddr()*/"" + "]";

    byte[] bytes = Encoding.Unicode.GetBytes(text);

    using (System.Security.Cryptography.MD5 md5 = System.Security.Cryptography.MD5.Create())
    {
        byte[] hashBytes = md5.ComputeHash(bytes);

        // Convert the byte array to hexadecimal string
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        for (int i = 0; i < hashBytes.Length; i++)
        {
            sb.Append(hashBytes[i].ToString("X2"));
        }
        return sb.ToString();
    }

    using (SHA256Managed hashstring = new SHA256Managed())
    {
        byte[] hash = hashstring.ComputeHash(bytes);
        string hashString = string.Empty;
        foreach (byte x in hash)
        {
            hashString += String.Format("{0:x2}", x);
        }

        return hashString;
    }
}
```

We calculate hash string by MD5 library.

If you want to use hash algorithm SHA256, then please remove the code for MD5 as below.

```
2 references
public string getHashStringFromInfo(string strHdSn, string strWinProdId, string strCPUId, string strName, string strMacAddr)
{
    string text = "[" + strHdSn + "], [" + strWinProdId + "], [" +
        strCPUId + "], [" +
        /*collectComputerName()*/"" + "], [" + /*collectMACAddr()*/"" + "]";

    byte[] bytes = Encoding.Unicode.GetBytes(text);

    using (SHA256Managed hashstring = new SHA256Managed())
    {
        byte[] hash = hashstring.ComputeHash(bytes);
        string hashString = string.Empty;
        foreach (byte x in hash)
        {
            hashString += String.Format("{0:x2}", x);
        }

        return hashString;
    }
}
```

We finally store device information in the variable “deviceHash”.

```
1 reference
public string collectHashString()
{
    deviceHash = getHashStringFromInfo(collectHardDiskInfo(), collectWindowProdId(), collectCPUId(), collectComputerName(), collectMACAddr());
    return deviceHash;
}
```

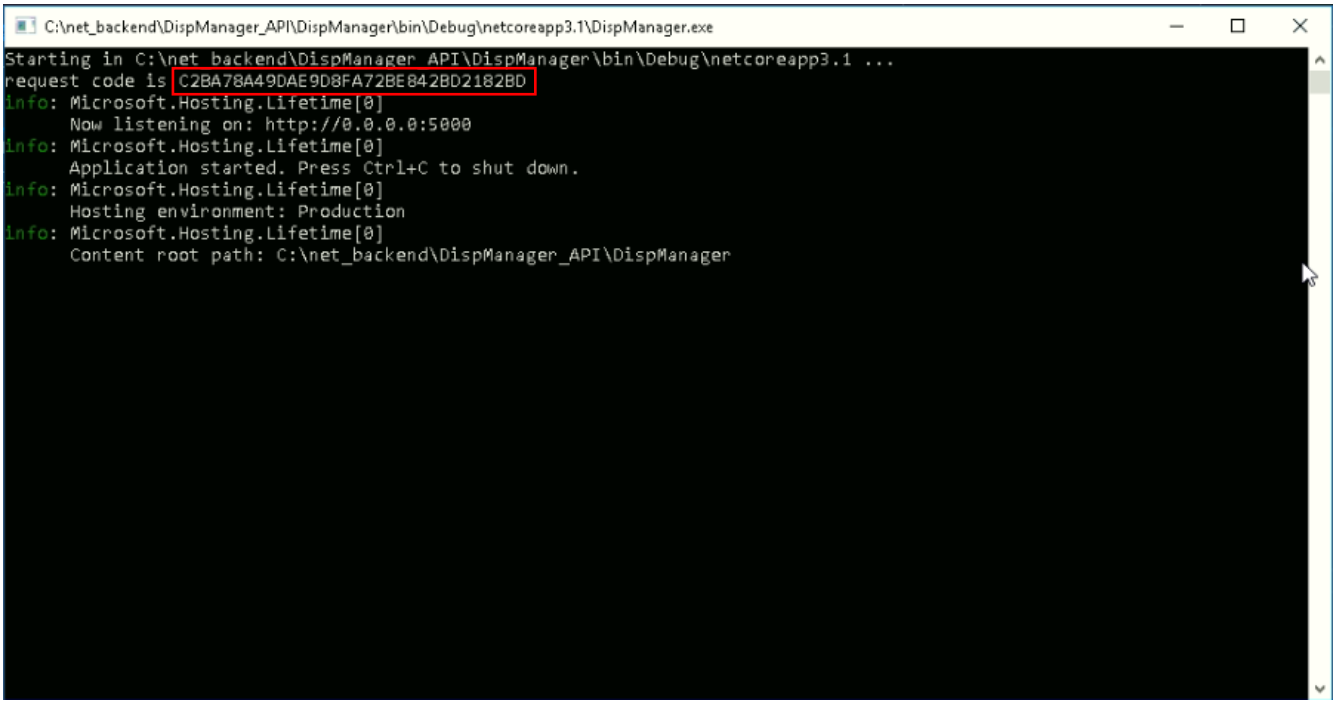
“DeviceInfo” class constructor calls “getHashStringFromInfo()” function and stores the string in the variable.

```
1 reference
public DeviceInfo()
{
    collectHashString();
}
```

Variable “deviceHash” is actually getter/setter but is regarded as a variable. This is the string that represents device information of the local computer.

The variable of the DeviceInfo class stores the device id string for the machine.

If you run .net app, you can see the request code like this.



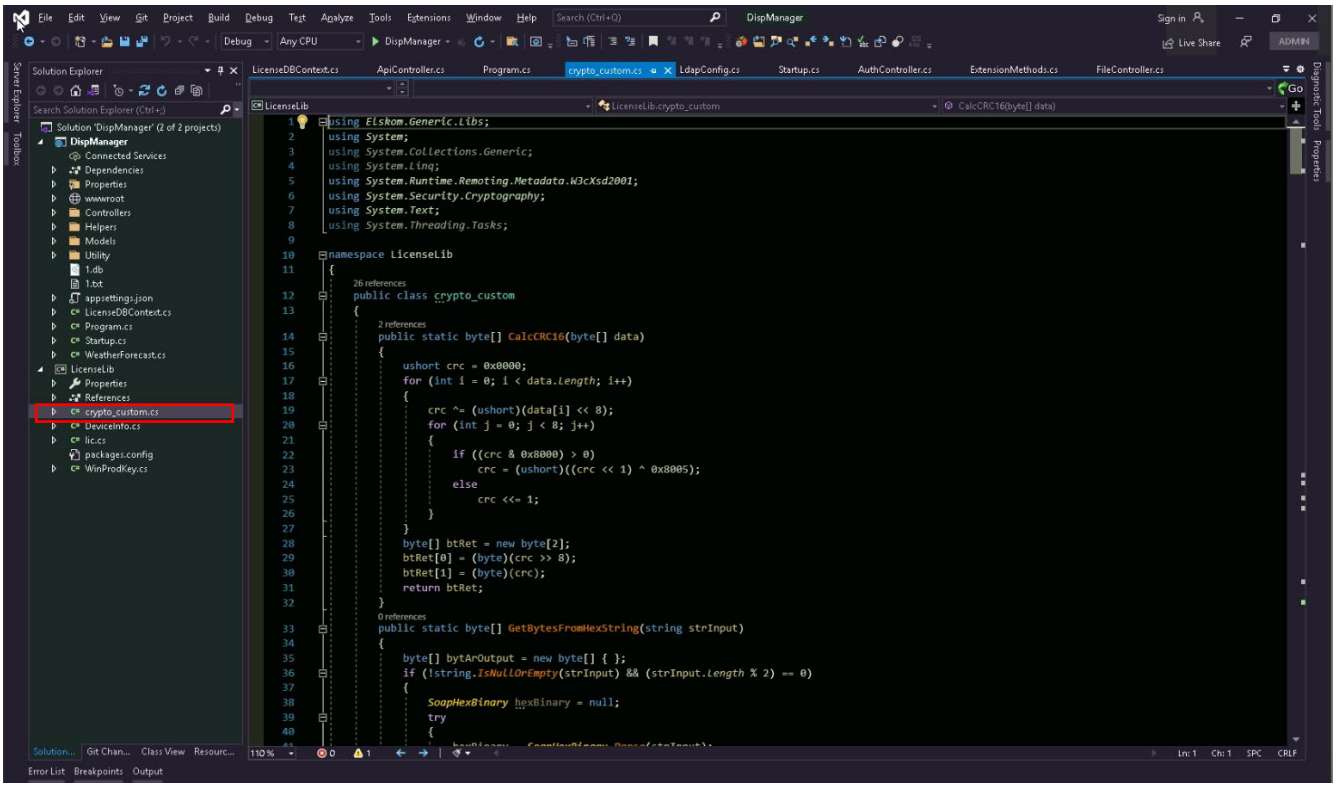
This is the device information we got.

We coded it in .net project as

2. Licensing algorithm

Licensing algorithm is similar to Cpp project.

Basic functions are defined in “crypto_custom” class of LicenseLib project.



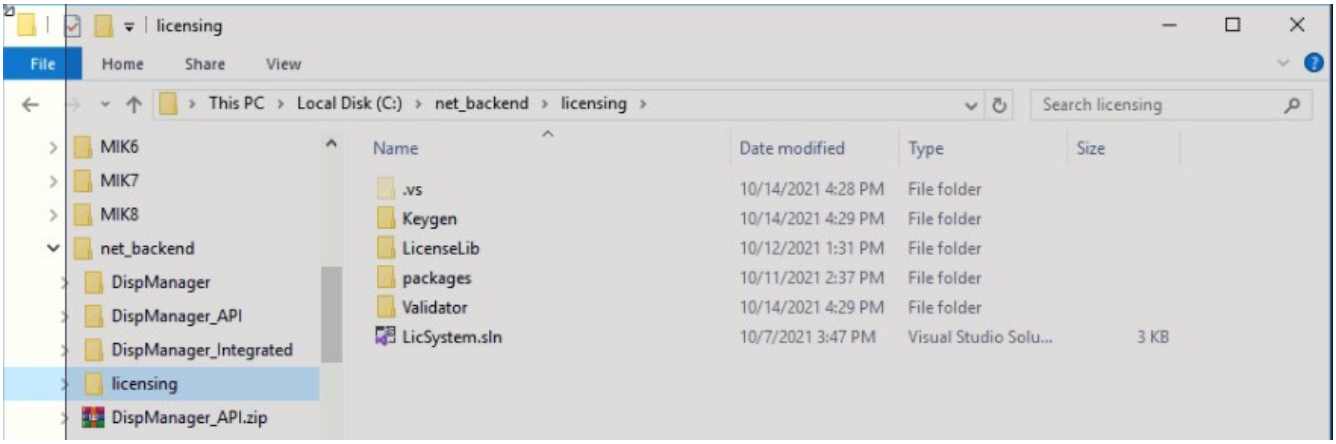
```
using Elskom.Generic.Libs;
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Metadata.W3cXsd2001;
using System.Security.Cryptography;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

namespace LicenseLib
{
    26 references
    public class crypto_custom
    {
        2 references
        public static byte[] CalcCRC16(byte[] data)
        {
            ushort crc = 0x0000;
            for (int i = 0; i < data.Length; i++)
            {
                crc ^= (ushort)(data[i] << 8);
                for (int j = 0; j < 8; j++)
                {
                    if ((crc & 0x8000) > 0)
                        crc = (ushort)((crc << 1) ^ 0x8005);
                    else
                        crc <<= 1;
                }
            }
            byte[] btRet = new byte[2];
            btRet[0] = (byte)(crc >> 8);
            btRet[1] = (byte)(crc);
            return btRet;
        }
        0 references
        public static byte[] GetBytesFromHexString(string strInput)
        {
            byte[] bytArOutput = new byte[] { };
            if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(strInput) && (strInput.Length % 2) == 0)
            {
                SoapHexBinary hexBinary = null;
                try
                {
```

Basic functions are CRC16, SHA256, RSA2048, Blowfish, Base64.

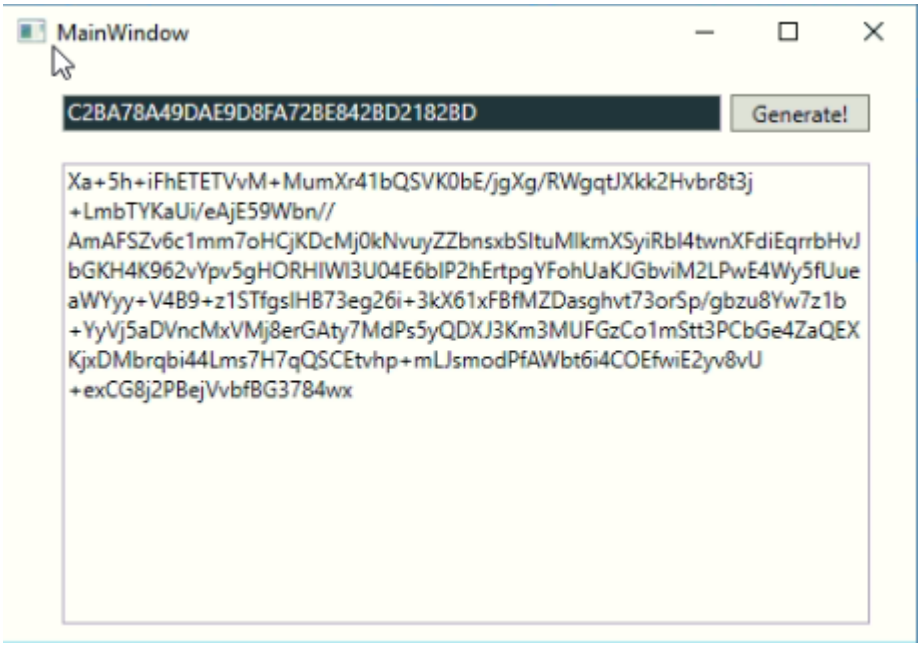
This library is used for both of generation of activation code and validation of activation code, i.e. it is used in keygen.exe and .net app.

1) Generation of activation code

Generation of the activation code is done in keygen.exe. This application is built from the project “Keygen”.

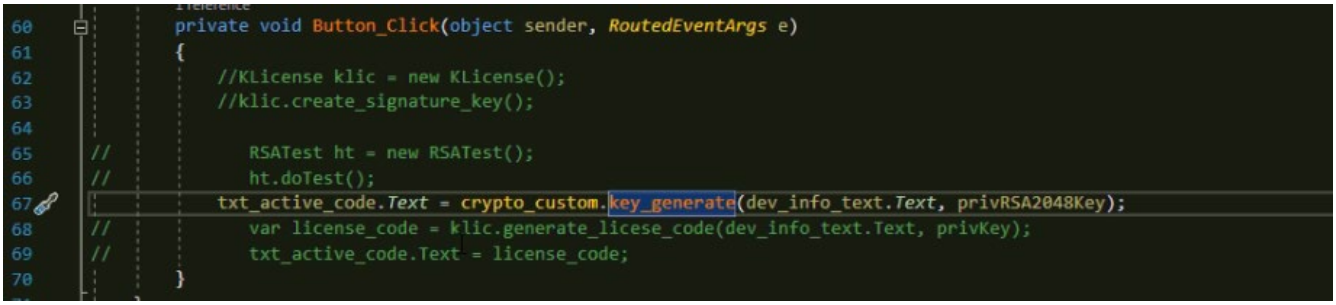


If you open the solution “LicSystem.sln”, you will see the project “Keygen”, “LicenseLib” and “Validator”. “Keygen” project makes keygen.exe to generate an activation key. The picture below shows the running result of keygen.exe



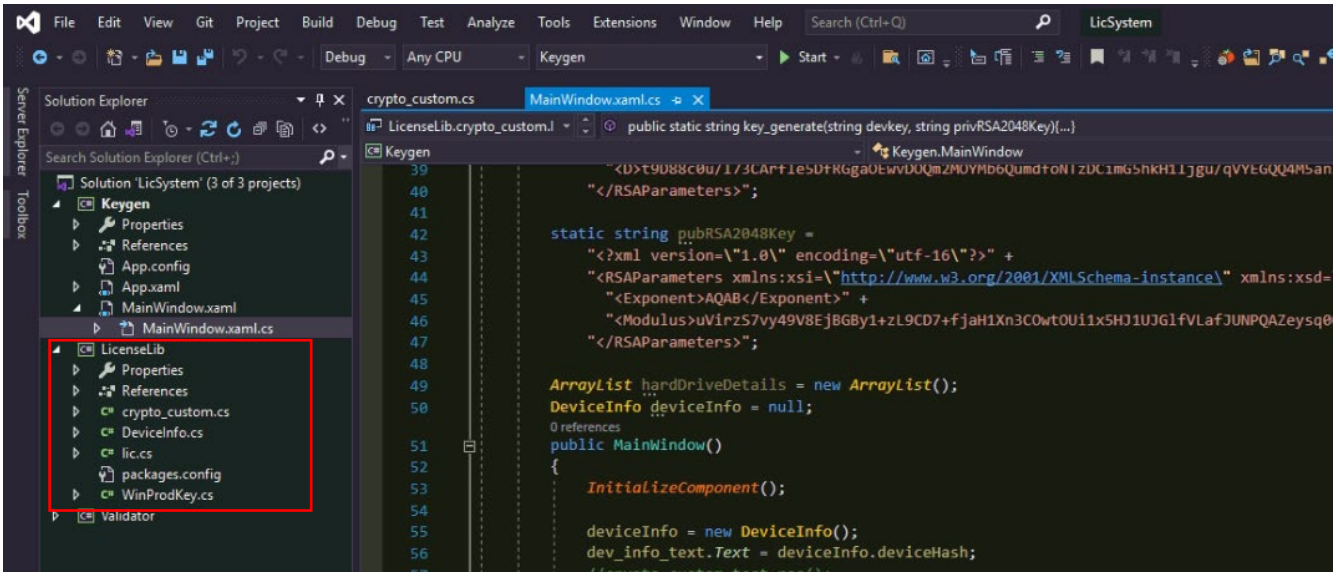
The project “Keygen” is very simple project which makes activation code based on the project “LicenseLib”.

If a provider clicks the button “Generate!”, then Button_Click() is called as below.



```
60          private void Button_Click(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
61          {
62              //KLicense klic = new KLicense();
63              //klic.create_signature_key();
64
65  //              RSATest ht = new RSATest();
66  //              ht.doTest();
67              txt_active_code.Text = crypto_custom.key_generate(dev_info_text.Text, privRSA2048Key);
68  //              var license_code = klic.generate_licese_code(dev_info_text.Text, privKey);
69  //              txt_active_code.Text = license_code;
70          }
```

Here calls the key_generate() function of the class “crypto_custom”. This class is the one of “LicenseLib” project.

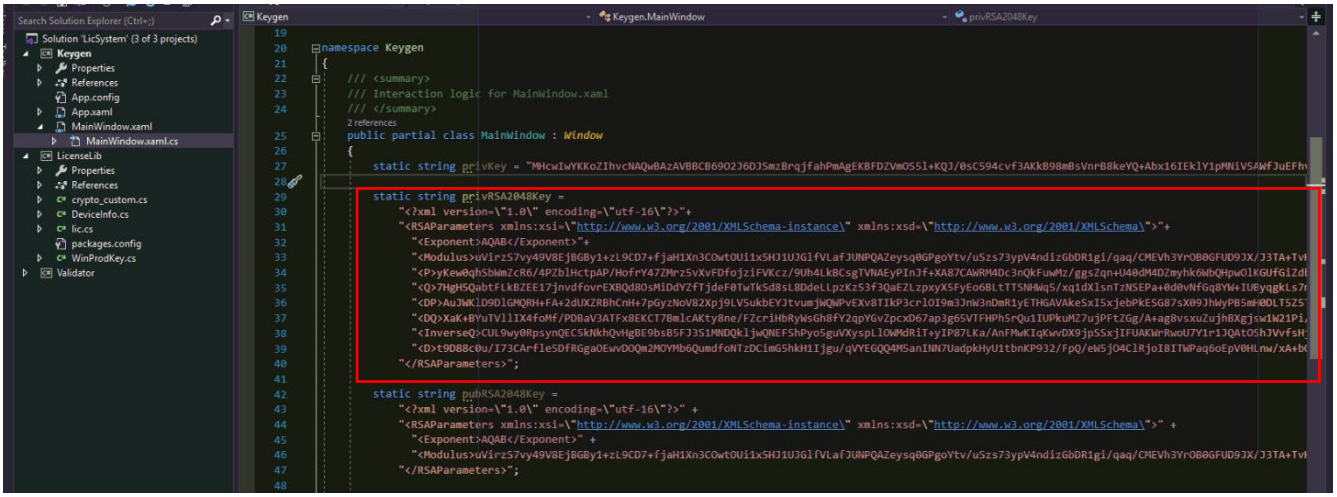


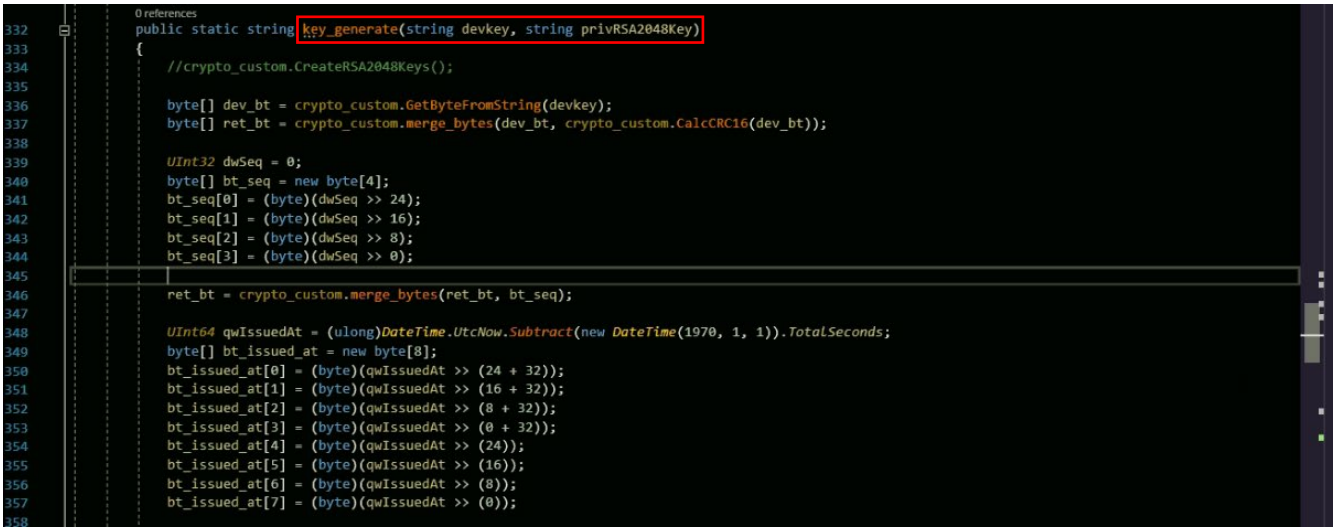
In crypto_custom.cs file, there is a class “crypto_custom” which manages encode/decode actions.

This class has the function to generate activation code and check activation code as well.

To generate activation code, are needed request code(device information) and RSA2048 private key.

This private key is the one that only a provider can have in keygen.exe. Project “Keygen” will use “LicenseLib”, and “Keygen” has private key in its project code.





- *key_generate()*

Generation of activation code is done by 3 steps.

Construction of information bytes
Generating RSA2048-signature
Blowfish and base64 encoding

- Composition of information bytes

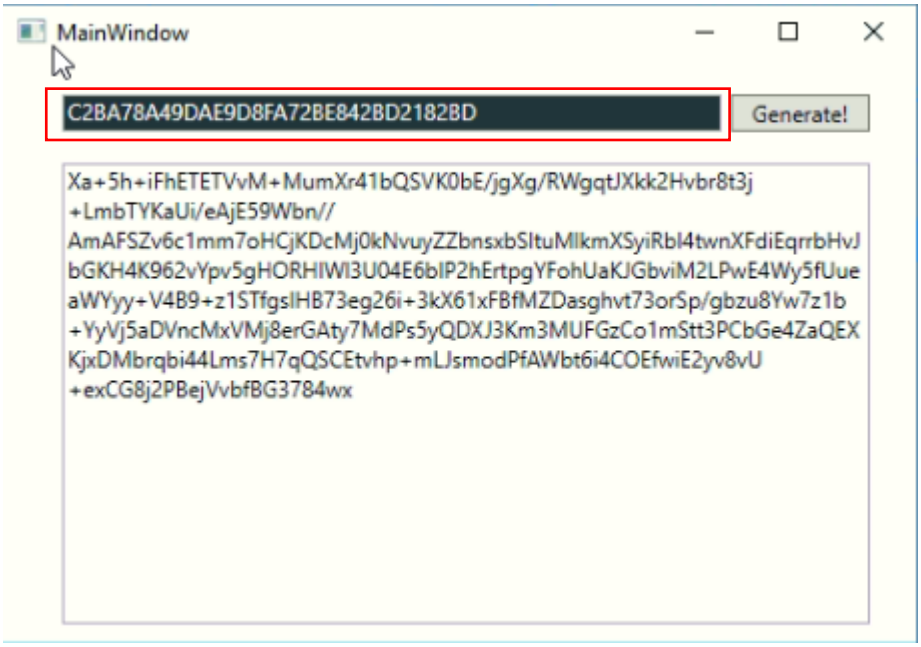
It is composed of the following data sequence.

Dev info	CRC16	sequence	Issued at	period	flag	padding
32(bytes)	2	4	8	4	4	2

Total length of information bytes is 56.

The length should be multiple of 4 because blowfish algorithm requires it.

Device information is described in previous section. Provider inputs device id string in the text box of Keygen.exe



It is MD5 string so that 32 bytes.

```
0 references
public static string key_generate(string devkey, string privRSA2048Key)
{
    //crypto_custom.CreateRSA2048Keys();

    byte[] dev_bt = crypto_custom.GetByteFromString(devkey);
    byte[] ret_bt = crypto_custom.merge_bytes(dev_bt, crypto_custom.CalcCRC16(dev_bt));
```

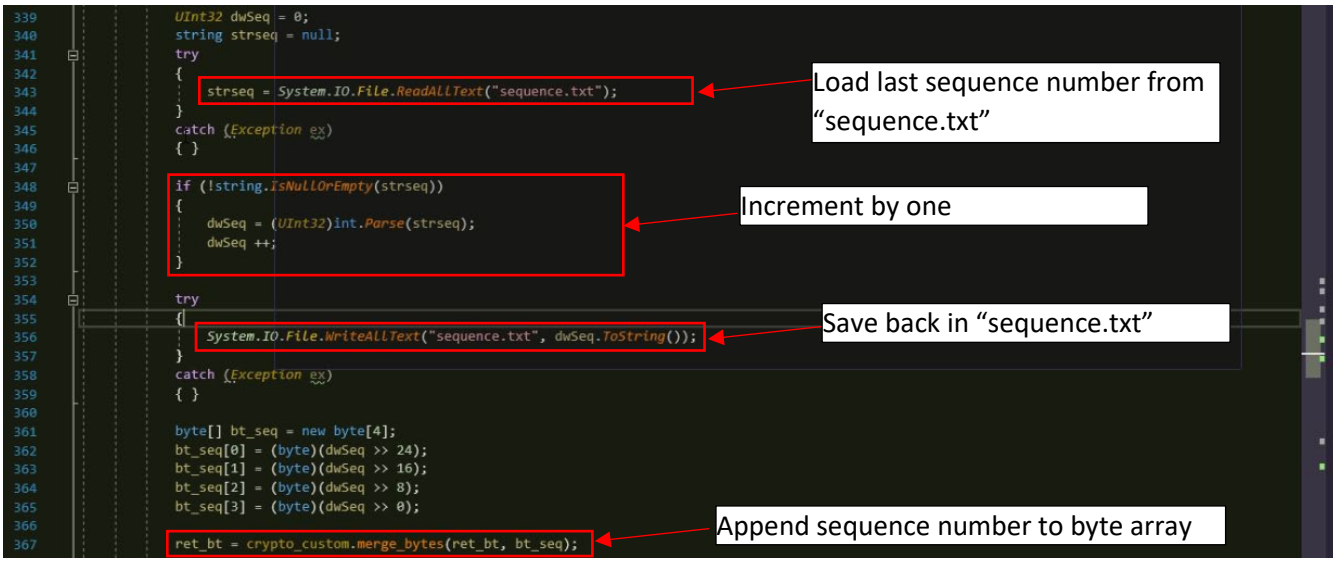
CRC16 is calculated for device information and it is appended to information bytes.

```
0 references
public static string key_generate(string devkey, string privRSA2048Key)
{
    //crypto_custom.CreateRSA2048Keys();

    byte[] dev_bt = crypto_custom.GetByteFromString(devkey);
    byte[] ret_bt = crypto_custom.merge_bytes(dev_bt, crypto_custom.CalcCRC16(dev_bt));
```

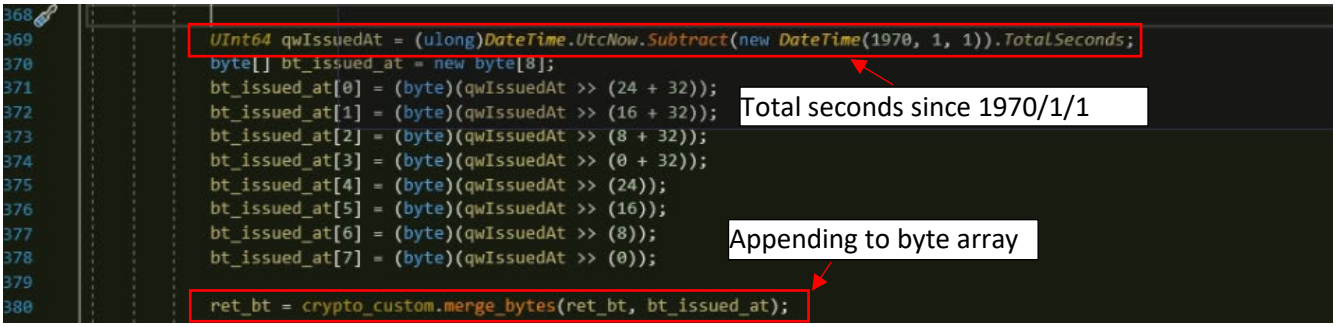
Sequence is the incrementing 4-byte number of the activation code. Whenever a provider makes activation code, “sequence” is incremented by one. For example, “sequence” 45 means that a provider made activation codes 44 times by the keygen.exe, and the current activation number to make is 45th one. Now we set it always to be 0.

The last sequence number is saved in the file “sequence.txt” in the same directory as the keygen.exe file.

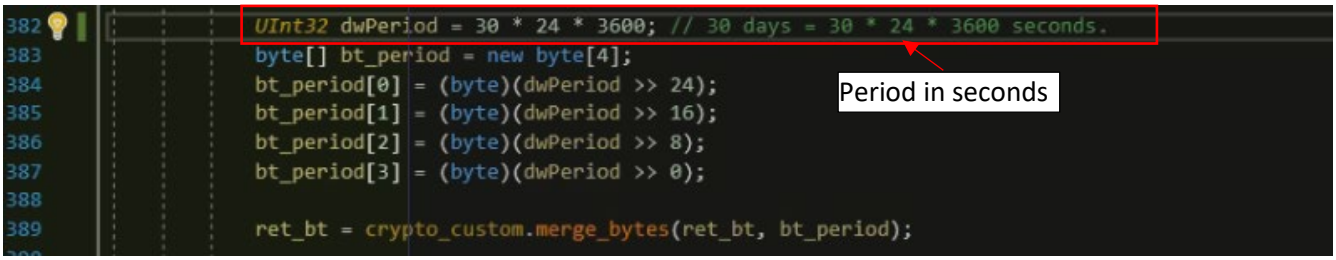
Whenever you make activation code, keygen.exe read last sequence number from “sequence.txt” and increment by one, saves it back in “sequence.txt” file.



“Issued at” is total seconds elapsed since 1970/1/1 00:00:00. We calculate the total seconds between 1970/1/1 00:00:00 and now to append to byte array. It is 8-byte number.



“period” is the expiration period since “Issued at” timestamp. It is 4-byte number which is total seconds of the expiration period. In the following code, period is 30 days.



If you want to change the period as 1 year, then please change the code as

```
dwPeriod = 365 * 24 * 3600;
```

“flag” is the 4-byte number that represents the additional information of the license. Here we use 3.

```
391             UInt32 dwFlag = 3;
392             byte[] bt_flag = new byte[4];
393             bt_flag[0] = (byte)(dwFlag >> 24);
394             bt_flag[1] = (byte)(dwFlag >> 16);
395             bt_flag[2] = (byte)(dwFlag >> 8);
396             bt_flag[3] = (byte)(dwFlag >> 0);
397
398             ret_bt = crypto_custom.merge_bytes(ret_bt, bt_flag);
```

And here is the code for 4-byte-aligning byte size. To encrypt by blowfish, the size of data should be multiple of 4. So if the size of byte array is not multiple of 4, we add zeroes to be multiple of 4.

```
399             int nrem = (ret_bt.Length % 4);
400             if (nrem != 0)
401             {
402                 byte[] btzero = new byte[4 - nrem];
403                 int ti;
404                 for (ti = 0; ti < 4 - nrem; ti++)
405                     btzero[ti] = 0;
406
407                 ret_bt = crypto_custom.merge_bytes(ret_bt, btzero);
408             }
```

We calculate RSA2048 signature of the byte array.

```
410             byte[] rsaSignature = crypto_custom.RSA2048Signature(ret_bt, privRSA2048Key);
411
412             ret_bt = crypto_custom.merge_bytes(ret_bt, rsaSignature);
```

We append this signature to the information byte array. The length of the RSA2048 signature is 256 and total length of information bytes is 56 so that the byte array will be 312 bytes.

We do blowfish-encrypt for this byte array with the encryption key of device id string bytes.

```
410             byte[] rsaSignature                A2048Signature(ret_bt,
411
412             ret_bt = crypto_custom.merge_bytes(ret_bt, rsaSignature);
413             byte[] blf_enc = crypto_custom.BlowfishEncrypt(ret_bt, dev_bt);
414             return crypto_custom.Base64Encode(blf_enc);
```

Total byte array

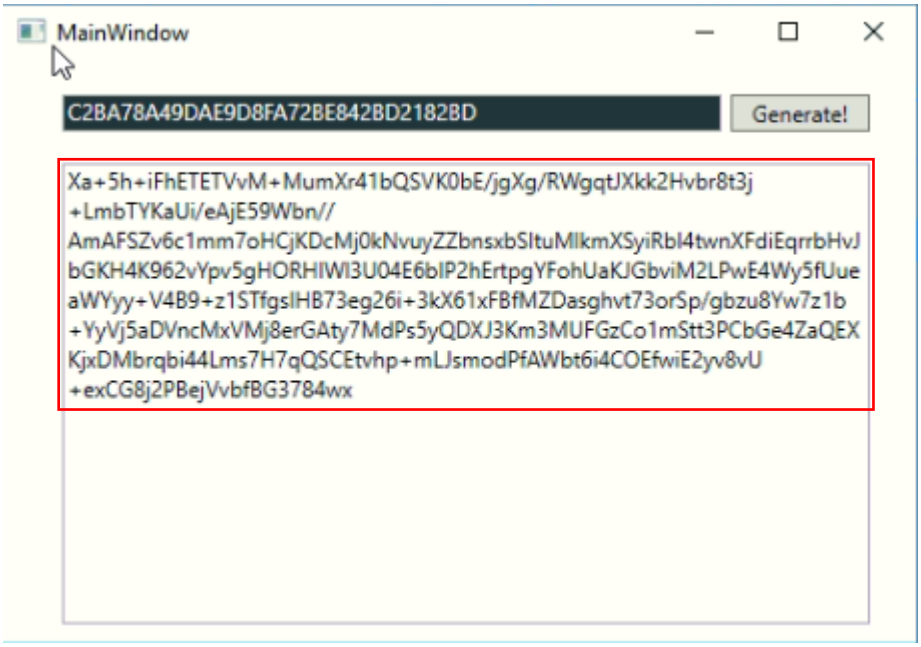
Device id string bytes

Finally we get activation code string by encoding from Base64.

Total steps are as follows.

Device id string							
Device id byte array(32 bytes)							
Dev info	CRC16	sequence	Issued at	period	flag	padding	RSA2048 signature
32(bytes)	2	4	8	4	4	2	256
Blowfish encrypt(312 bytes: key => Dev info)							
Base64 encode							

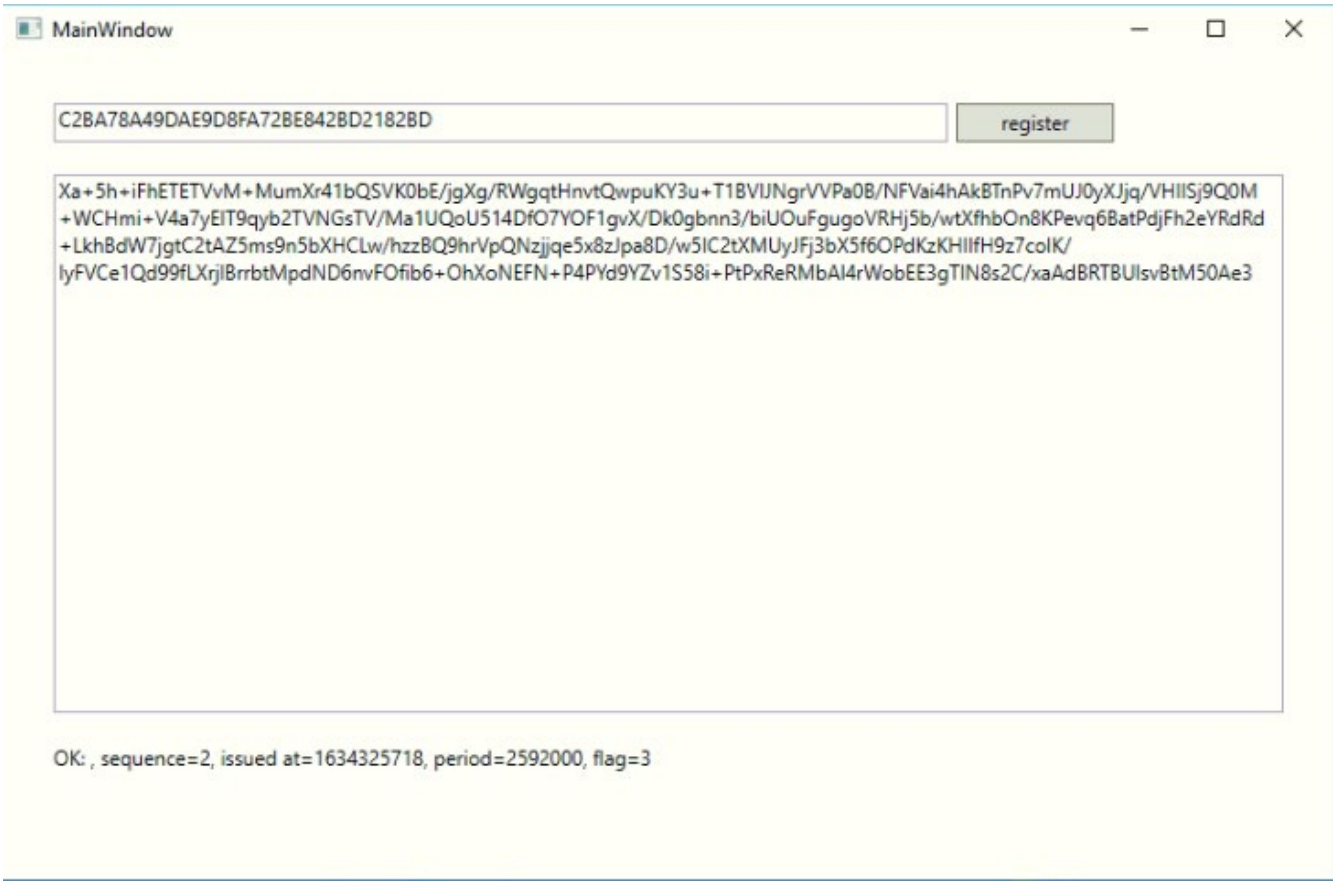
The function key_generate() returns activation code string and it is shown in textbox of keygen.exe.



2) Validation tool of activation code

In the solution “LicSystem.sln”, there is a project “Validator”. This project is to check the validity of the activation code for request code(device id string).

“Validator.exe” is the application of the project “Validator”.



This project is simple one that uses crypto_custom class of “LicenseLib”.

If user click “register”, then it checks validity of the activation code for the request code and shows the result.

The code for button click is as below.

The result is “OK”, or “Invalid”. If the result is “OK”, then it show additional information of the activation code.

For example, please look at the picture above.

The result is “OK: sequence=2, issued at=1634325718, period=2592000, flag=3”.

This means the activation code was made secondly(sequence=2), and published 1634325718 seconds since 1970/1/1, it will expire at 1634325718 + 2592000 seconds since 1970/1/1, flag is 3.

In this function, check_license() of the class “crypto_custom” is used. This returns “true” or “false” which means the activation code is valid or not.

This function works in reverse order of key_generate() function.

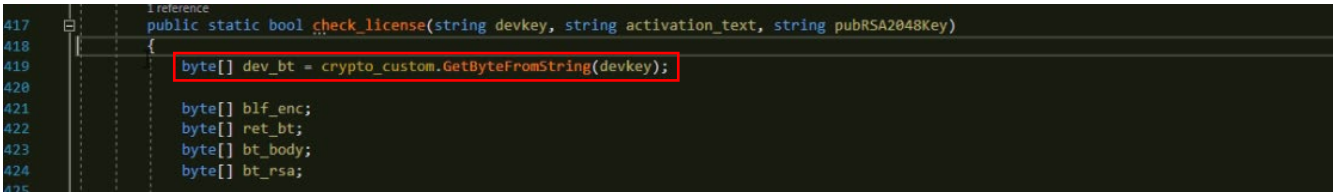
- *check_license()*

check_license() has three parameters, device id string, activation code, RSA2048 public key.

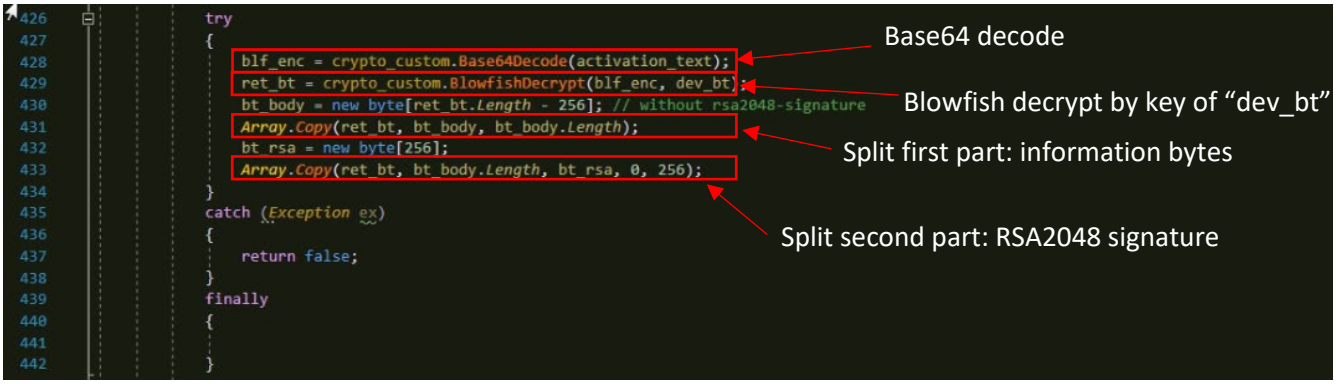
RSA2048 public key is stored in “Validator” project.

This public key should be paired to the private key in “Keygen” project.

At first, we get byte array from device id string.



And decode by base64, decrypt by blowfish with key of device id byte array, split it into body and RSA2048 signature part.

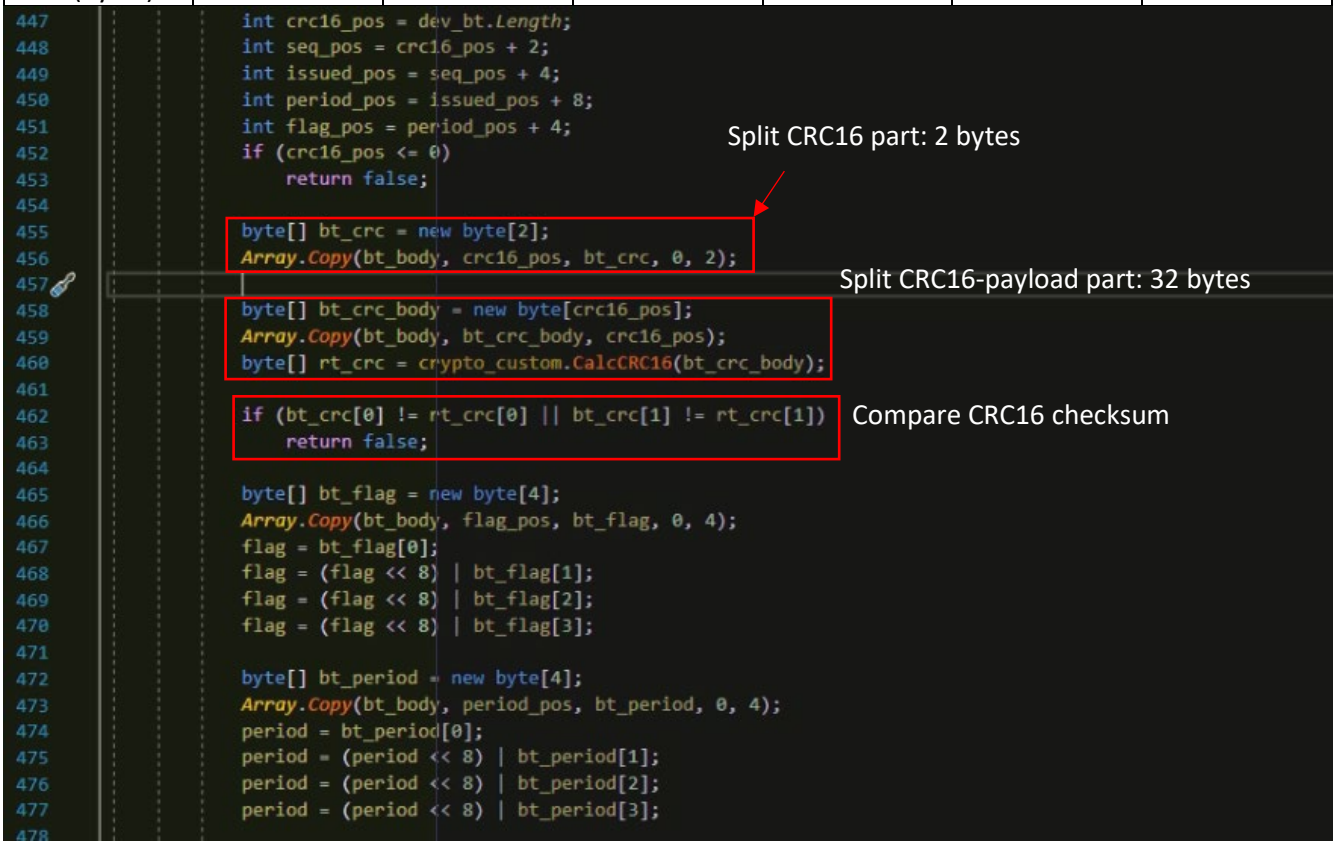


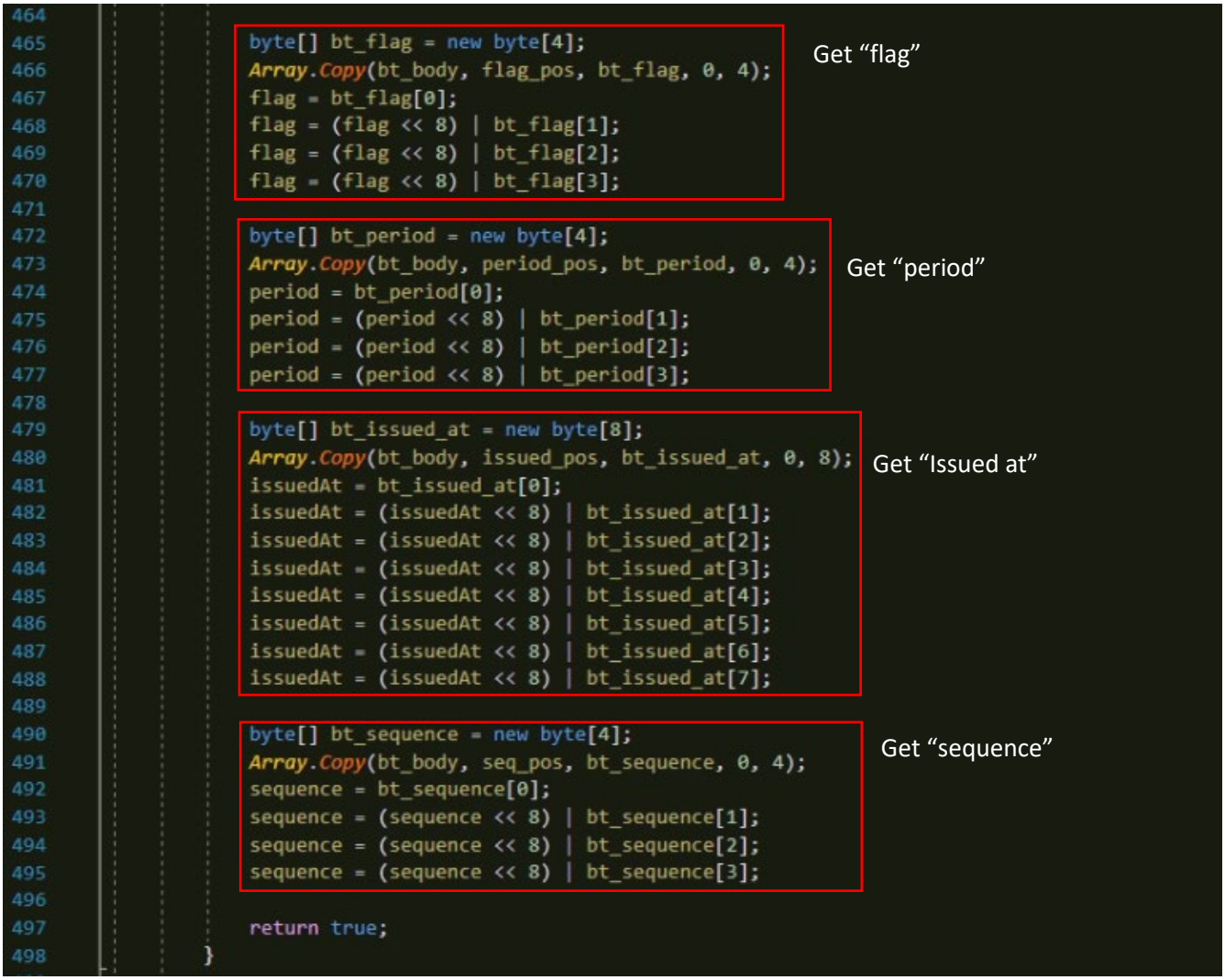
We check validity of RSA2048 signature.

- Decomposition of information bytes

And we split CRC16, sequence, issued at, period, flag parts by the following the structure of the information bytes.

Dev info	CRC16	sequence	Issued at	period	flag	padding
32(bytes)	2	4	8	4	4	2






```
464
465         byte[] bt_flag = new byte[4];
466         Array.Copy(bt_body, flag_pos, bt_flag, 0, 4);
467         flag = bt_flag[0];
468         flag = (flag << 8) | bt_flag[1];
469         flag = (flag << 8) | bt_flag[2];
470         flag = (flag << 8) | bt_flag[3];
471
472         byte[] bt_period = new byte[4];
473         Array.Copy(bt_body, period_pos, bt_period, 0, 4);
474         period = bt_period[0];
475         period = (period << 8) | bt_period[1];
476         period = (period << 8) | bt_period[2];
477         period = (period << 8) | bt_period[3];
478
479         byte[] bt_issued_at = new byte[8];
480         Array.Copy(bt_body, issued_pos, bt_issued_at, 0, 8);
481         issuedAt = bt_issued_at[0];
482         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[1];
483         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[2];
484         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[3];
485         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[4];
486         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[5];
487         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[6];
488         issuedAt = (issuedAt << 8) | bt_issued_at[7];
489
490         byte[] bt_sequence = new byte[4];
491         Array.Copy(bt_body, seq_pos, bt_sequence, 0, 4);
492         sequence = bt_sequence[0];
493         sequence = (sequence << 8) | bt_sequence[1];
494         sequence = (sequence << 8) | bt_sequence[2];
495         sequence = (sequence << 8) | bt_sequence[3];
496
497         return true;
498     }
```

After splitting into several variables, function succeeds. All decrypted parameters are static ones in crypto_custom class.

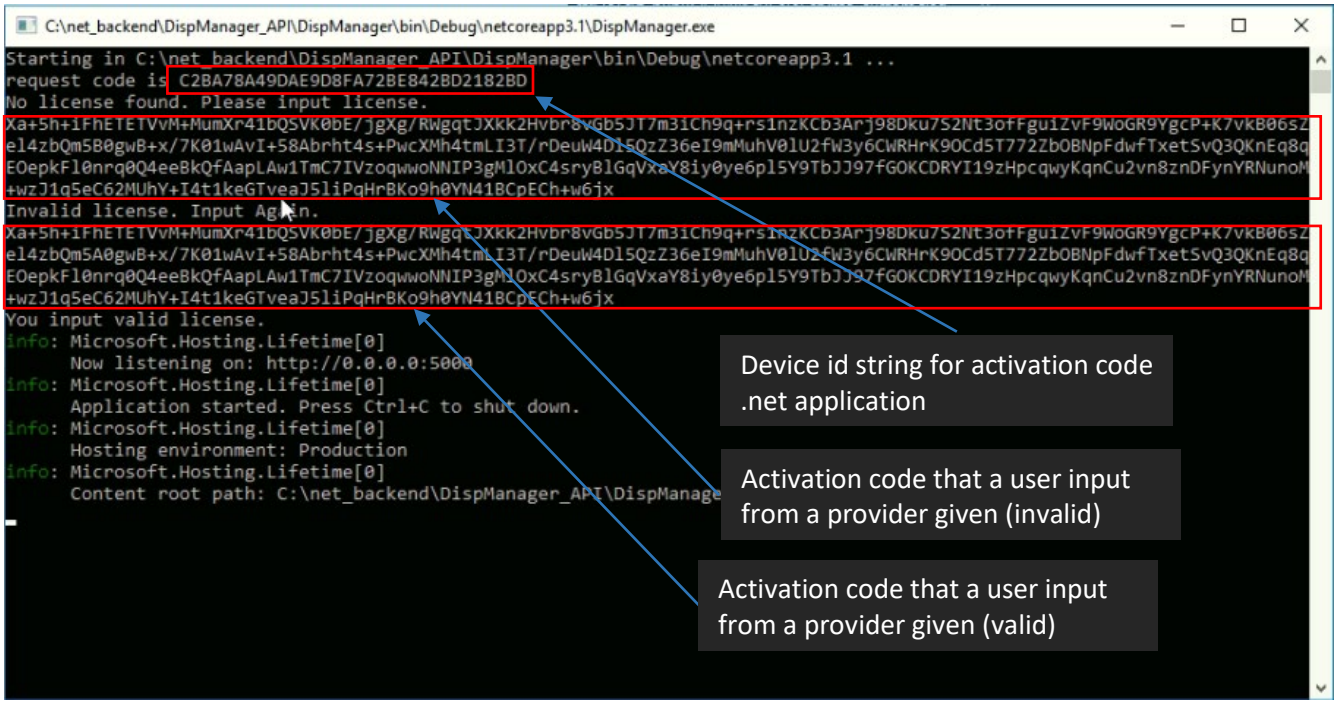
UInt32	crypto_custom.sequence

3. Licensing system in .net application

1) Input new activation code

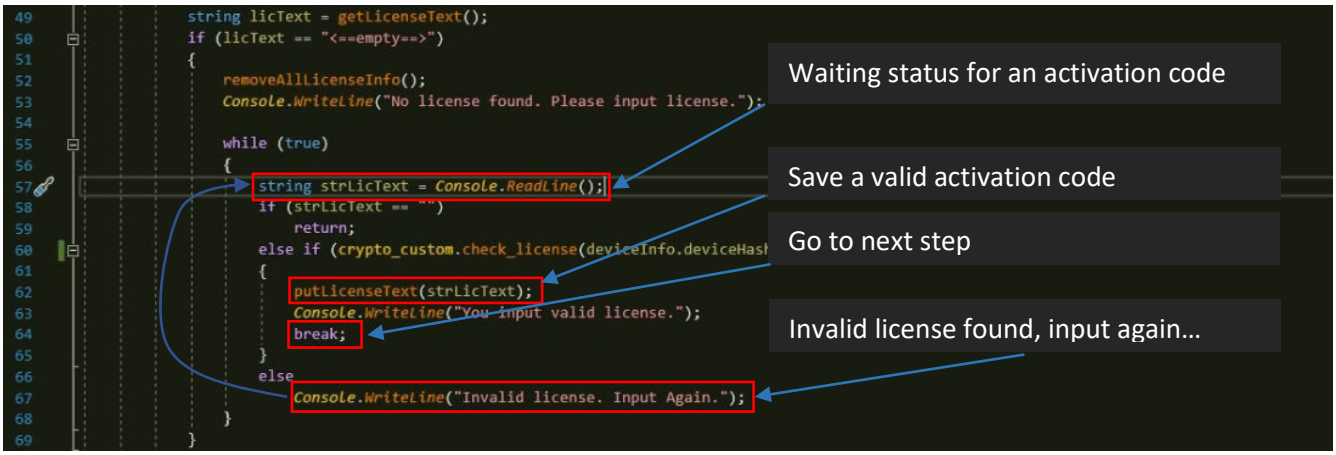
At first time to use this .net application, there is no any activation code given. So a user should input activation code relevant to the local machine.

If a user run .net application, he could see the waiting state for a valid activation code like this.

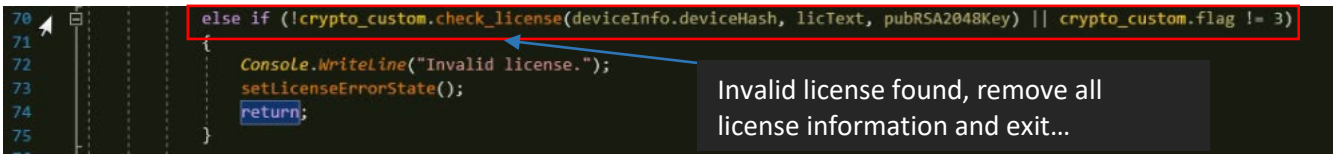


.net application is built from the project “DispManager”. Here is the code of inquiring an activation code.

If it finds no license code, then it enters waiting status for an activation code.



If it finds an activation code which is already existing, then it checks.



- *Save a valid activation code*

If a user input a valid activation code, then we save it at local storage as an encrypted sqlite db file.

And moreover, we create a hidden file.

The paths to a sqlite db file and a hidden file are as follows.

```
32      public static void Main(string[] args)
33      {
34          deviceInfo = new DeviceInfo();
35
36          string strFolder = System.IO.Path.GetDirectoryName(System.Reflection.Assembly.GetExecutingAssembly().Location)
37          Console.WriteLine("Starting in " + strFolder + " ...");
38
39          Console.WriteLine("request code is " + deviceInfo.deviceHash);
40
41          strLicDBPath = Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("windir");
42          strLicDBPath += "\\syssq1.bin";
43
44          strHiddenFilePath = Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("windir");
45          strHiddenFilePath += "\\cisenc.dll";
46
```

Now file paths are in the table below.

Encrypted sqlite db file	C:\Windows\syssq1.bin
Hidden file	C:\Windows\cisenc.dll

When we input a valid activation code, we call putLicenseText() function.

```
49          string licText = getLicenseText();
50          if (licText == "<==empty==>")
51          {
52              removeAllLicenseInfo();
53              Console.WriteLine("No license found. Please input license.");
54
55              while (true)
56              {
57                  string strLicText = Console.ReadLine();
58                  if (strLicText == "")
59                      return;
60                  else if (crypto_custom.check_license(deviceInfo.deviceHash, strLicText, pubRSA2048Key) && crypto_custom.flag == 3)
61                  {
62                      putLicenseText(strLicText);
63                      Console.WriteLine("You input valid license.");
64                      break;
65                  }
66                  else
67                      Console.WriteLine("Invalid license. Input Again.");
68              }
69          }
```

Save a valid activation code

This function creates encrypted sqlite db file and hidden file.

Creation of hidden file is done in setLicenseOKState() function.

It writes the whole part of activation code to a hidden file.

```
259     private static void setLicenseOKState(string licText)
260     {
261         try
262         {
263             System.IO.File.WriteAllText(strHiddenFilePath, licText);
264         }
265         catch (Exception ex)
266         {
267         }
268     }
```

Create of encrypted sqlite db file is done in putLicenseText() function.

Sqlite db file needs a password for encryption. The password is created by generateDBPassword() function. The password is outcome of transformation of Device Id String.

```
32      public static void Main(string[] args)
33      {
34          deviceInfo = new DeviceInfo();
35
36          string strFolder = System.IO.Path.GetDirectoryName(System.Reflection.Assembly.GetExecutingAssembly().Location);
37          Console.WriteLine("Starting in " + strFolder + " ...");
38
39          Console.WriteLine("request code is " + deviceInfo.deviceHash);
40
41          strLicDBPath = Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("windir");
42          strLicDBPath += "\\syssq1.bin";
43
44          strHiddenFilePath = Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("windir");
45          strHiddenFilePath += "\\cisenc.dll";
46
47          strLicDBPassword = generateDBPassword(deviceInfo.deviceHash);
48
49          string licText = getLicenseText();
50          if (licText == "<==empty==>")
51          {
52              removeAllLicenseInfo();
53              Console.WriteLine("No license found. Please input license.");
```

```
            1 reference
270         private static string generateDBPassword(string hashVal)
271         {
272             byte[] bt = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(hashVal);
273             int i;
274             for (i = 0; i < bt.Length; i++)
275             {
276                 bt[i] = (byte)((bt[i] * 0x2F) ^ bt[(i + 1) % bt.Length]);
277                 bt[i] = (byte)((bt[i] % 26) + (int)'A');
278             }
279             return Encoding.ASCII.GetString(bt);
280         }
```

We save the activation code in sqlite db file with this password.

```
            1 reference
108         public static void putLicenseText(string licText)
109         {
110             setLicenseOKState(licText);
111
112             using (var db = new LicenseDBContext(strLicDBPath, strLicDBPassword))
113             {
114                 if (db.Database.EnsureCreated())
115                 {
116                     db.LicItem.Add(new LicItem
117                     {
118                         activation_code = licText,
119                         refTime = (ulong)DateTime.UtcNow.Subtract(new DateTime(1970, 1, 1)).TotalSeconds,
120                         duration = 0
121                     });
122                     db.SaveChanges();
123                 }
124             }
125         }
126
```

Sqlite db password

Create a db file for sure.

Add a record to db.

Save to a db file with encryption.

Here you can see the sqlite db wrapper class LicenseDBContext. This is a class that creates/reads/writes db content to/from a db file.

This class has a DbSet of LicItem that represents a table named “LicItem”.

Table “LicItem” has 4 fields in order.

Used as a key	string that a user input	Used to check for expiration	
LicItemId(auto-increment key)	activation_code	refTime	duratoin

```
namespace DispManager
{
    4 references
    public class LicItem
    {
        0 references
        public int LicItemId { get; set; }
        2 references
        public string activation_code { get; set; }
        3 references
        public UInt64 refTime { get; set; }
        3 references
        public UInt32 duration { get; set; }
    }
    5 references
    public class LicenseDBContext : DbContext
    {
        3 references
        public DbSet<LicItem> LicItem { get; set; }
        private readonly string dbFilePath;
        private readonly string dbPassword;
        private SqliteConnection connection;

        3 references
        public LicenseDBContext(string filePath, string password)
        {
            if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(filePath))
                dbFilePath = filePath;
            if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(password))
                dbPassword = password;
        }
```

- *To view the content of the encrypted sqlite db file.*

The content of the sqilte db file can not be shown without password given, even database browsers can not view the content of the sqlite db file because they don't support password/encryption for sqlite db.

To enable showing of encrypted sqlite db file content by a database browser, the browser should have the .dll file that supports sqlite db encryption. The individual should make .dll file on his/her own.

For example, navicat has "sqlite3.dll" to show the content of sqlite db file. At the initial installation of Navicat browser, this dll file does not support password/encryption for sqlite db file. If you want to show the content of encrypted sqlite db file by this Navicat browser, you should make "sqlite3.dll" file that supports password/encryption.

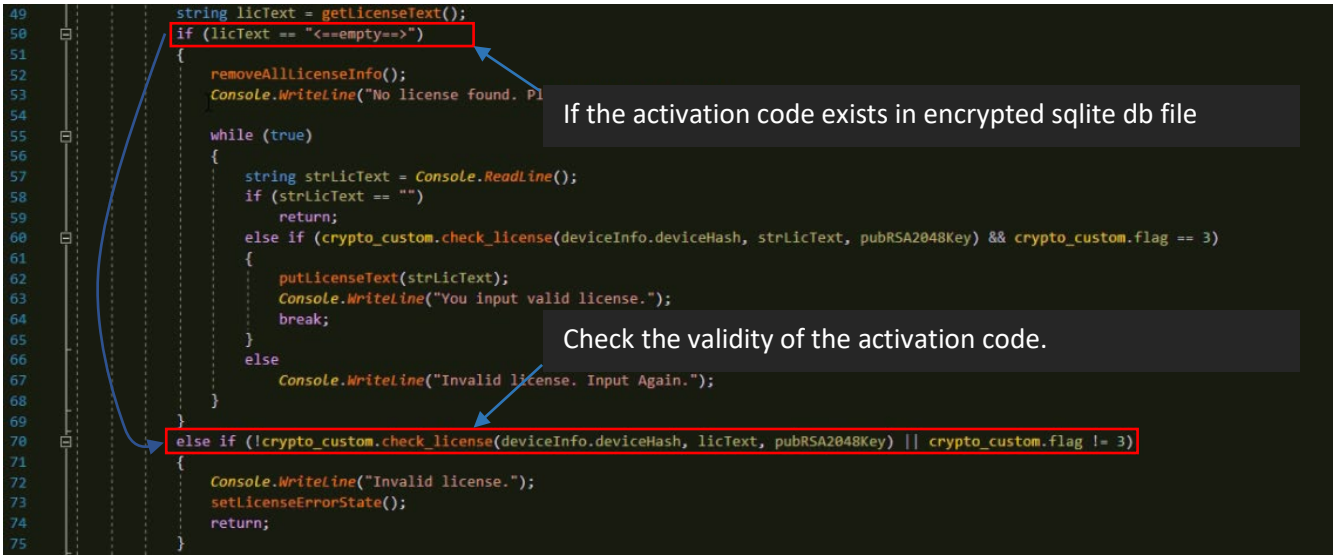
But to make sqlite3.dll file, you should know the source project that built this sqlite3.dll file. If you can get the right version of source code project, then you can add password/encryption code to the project and rebuild the project to product sqlite3.dll that supports password/encryption.

By replacing newer sqlite3.dll in Navicat installation directory, Navicat can view the content of encrypted sqlite db file.

2) Check validation of the existing activation code at startup

While starting up .net application, if the encrypted sqlite db file exists, then we try to get the activation code from it and check its validation.

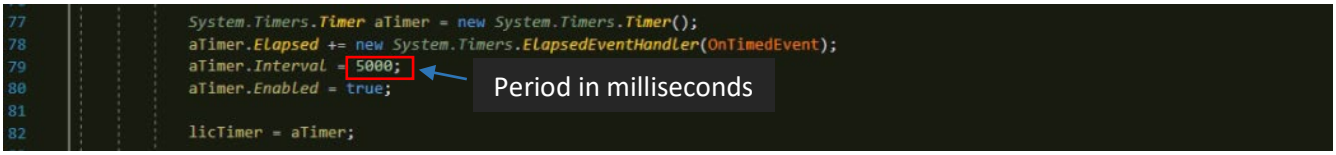
Validation check is done by "crypt_custom" class.



3) Periodic validation check of activation code

If a user inputs a valid activation code, .net application starts a timer that checks licensing information periodically.

Here is the source code of creating periodic timer.



As you can see, timer will be timed out every 5 seconds.

When the timer is timed out, it calls the callback function “OnTimedEvent”.

Our periodic check of license information is in OnTimedEvent function. OnTimedEvent() function works in 6 steps.

Get activation code from encrypted sqlite db file
Check its validity
Check its expiration
Check the existence of hidden file
Check the content of hidden file as an activation code backup.
Proceed hardware lock check

- *Get activation code from encrypted sqlite db file*

After a user inputs a valid activation code, an encrypted sqlite db file is created. We get activation code from this encrypted sqlite db file.

```
1 reference
private static void OnTimedEvent(object source, ElapsedEventArgs e)
{
    string licText = getLicenseText();
    if (licText == "<==empty==>")
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Empty license. Exitting..");
        setLicenseErrorState();
        return;
    }
```

getLicenseText() function retrieves the activation code from encrypted sqlite db file that a user input.

```
2 references
public static string getLicenseText()
{
    string lictext = "<==empty==>";
    using (var db = new LicenseDBContext(strLicDBPath, strLicDBPassword))
    {
        try
        {
            var va = db.LicItem.ToArray();

            if (va.Count() > 0)
            {
                LicItem li = va.First();
                lictext = li.activation_code;
            }
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        { }
    }
    return lictext;
}
```

- *Check the validity of the activation code retrieved from an encrypted sqlite db file.*

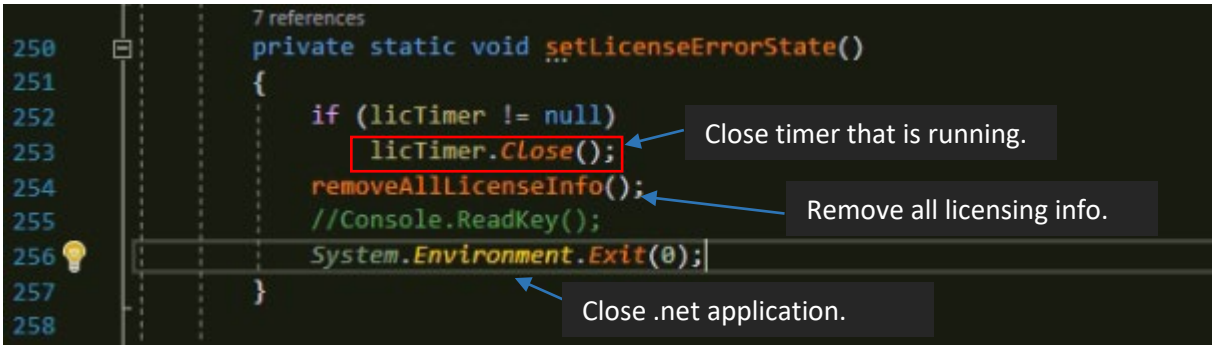
After retrieving the activation code from an encrypted sqlite db file, we check its validity.

```
if (!crypto_custom.check_license(deviceInfo.deviceHash, licText, pubRSA2048Key) || crypto_custom.flag != 3)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Invalid license. Exitting...");
    setLicenseErrorState();
    return;
}
```

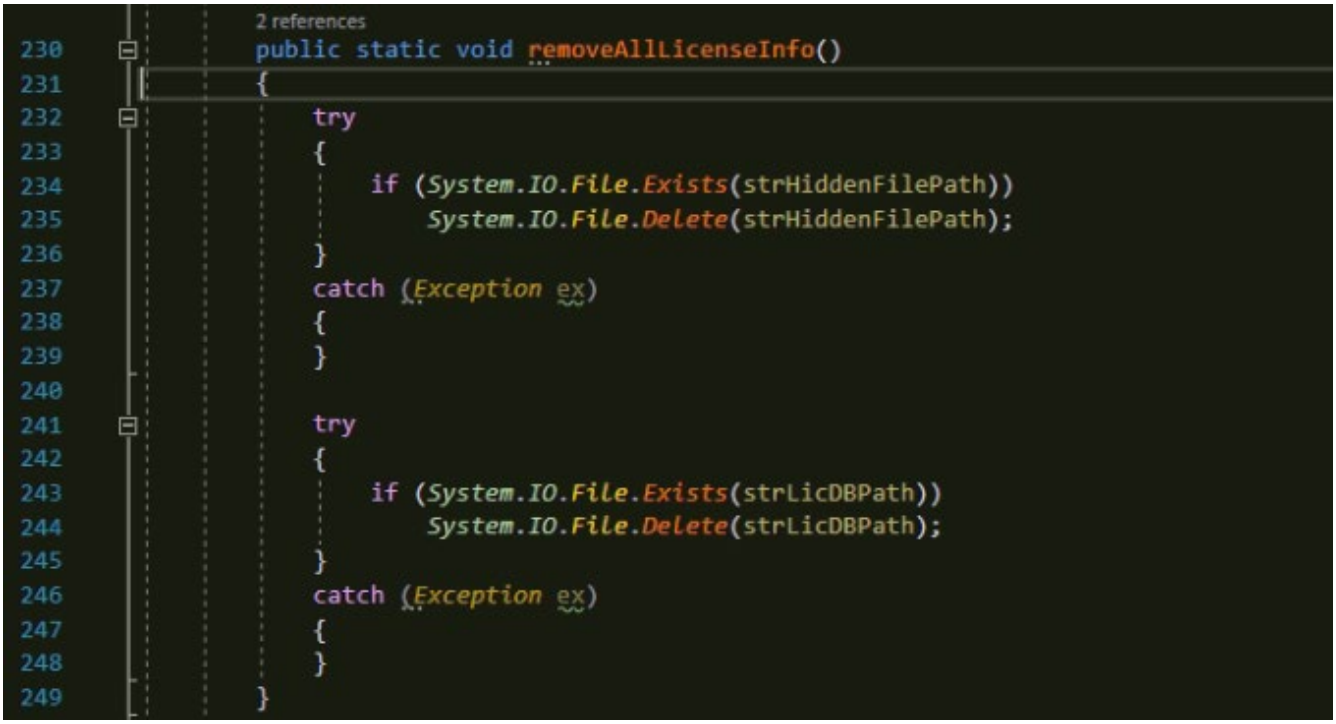
Checking function is the one of the class “crypto_custom” in “LicenseLib”. If checking is failed or the “flag” value is not 3, we determine that the activation code is not valid and remove all licensing information.

Removing all licensing information is done in function setLicenseErrorState().

```
if (!crypto_custom.check_license(deviceInfo.deviceHash, licText, pubRSA2048Key) || crypto_custom.flag != 3)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Invalid license. Exitting...");
    setLicenseErrorState();
    return;
}
```



removeAllLicenseInfo() function removes encrypted sqlite db file and hidden file.



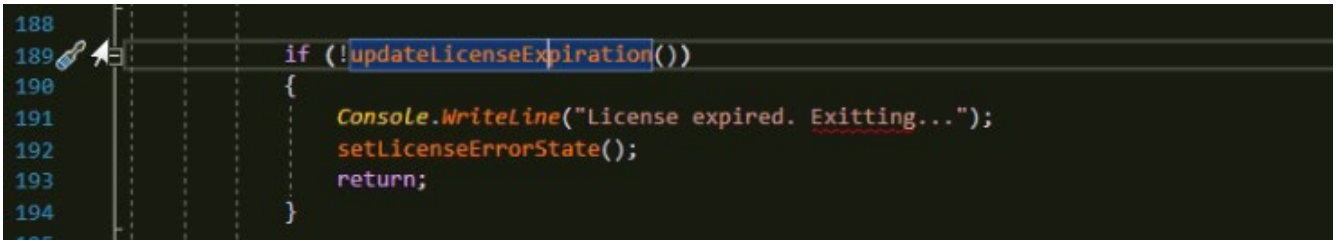
- *Expiration check*

OnTimedEvent() function checks the expiration of the activation code.

Activation code has “issued at” and “period” items. Expiration of the activation code is defined as follows.

“Issued at” <= now <= “issued at” + “period”

At every timeout, “now” changes and we check the inequality defined above.



Every time we call updateLicenseExpiration(), it reads “refTime”, “duration” from an encrypted sqlite db file and checks its expiration.

```
1 reference
public static bool updateLicenseExpiration()
{
    bool bret = false;
    using (var db = new LicenseDBContext(strLicDBPath, strLicDBPassword))
    {
        try
        {
            var va = db.LicItem.ToArray();

            if (va.Count() > 0)
            {
                LicItem li = va.First();
                UInt64 refTime = li.refTime;
                UInt32 duration = li.duration;

                UInt64 nowtime = (ulong)DateTime.UtcNow.Subtract(new DateTime(1970, 1, 1)).TotalSeconds;
                if (nowtime > refTime + duration)
                    duration = (uint)(nowtime - refTime);
                else
                    refTime = nowtime - duration;

                li.refTime = refTime;
                li.duration = duration;

                db.SaveChanges();

                if (duration < crypto_custom.period)
                    bret = true;
            }
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        { }
    }
    return bret;
}
```

- *Check the existence of the hidden file*

Hidden file is created when a user input a new valid activation code.

If the file does not exist at the path specified, then we determine that licensing system was corrupted and remove all licensing information.

```
try
{
    licText = System.IO.File.ReadAllText(strHiddenFilePath);
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Hidden file check error. Exiting...");
    setLicenseErrorState();
    return;
}
```

If the hidden file does not exist

- *Check the activation code of the hidden file backup*

This step is like "Check the validity of the activation code retrieved from an encrypted sqlite db file."

```
if (!crypto_custom.check_license(deviceInfo.deviceHash, licText, pubRSA2048Key) || crypto_custom.flag != 3)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Invalid license. please contact developer, Exiting...");
    setLicenseErrorState();
    return;
}
```

- *Hardware lock check*

Hardware lock check is a kind of restriction of running platform.

It compares the device id string with a constant one that is fixed by a provider.

```
213
214         // .70 computer
215         string strHardDiskSerialNumber = "           WJB08LPZ";
216         string strWndProdKey = "P3HJT-MVFVY-CM8GB-F26YK-DVJT4";
217         string strCPUId = "BFEBFBFF000906EA";
218         string strComputerName = "WIN-P2E3O7NBH7R";// please dont use mac adree and mutable data,,,
219         string strMacAddr = "B8CB2994F37F"; // please dont use mac adree and mutable data,,,
220
221         string devHash = deviceInfo.getHashStringFromInfo(strHardDiskSerialNumber, strWndProdKey, strCPUId, strComputerName, strMacAddr);
222         if (devHash != deviceInfo.deviceHash)
223         {
224             Console.WriteLine("hardware lock check error. Exitting...");
225             setLicenseErrorState();
226             return;
227         }
```

getHashStringFromInfo() function implements calculation of device id string so that it determines what kind of hardwares are taken part in the hardware lock check.

4. External resources used for .net licensing

1) Folder

No folder used.

2) File

Encrypted sqlite db file	C:\Windows\syssq1.bin
Hidden file	C:\Windows\cisenc.dll

3) Registry

The registry key “HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/SOFTWARE/Microsoft/Windows NT/CurrentVersion” is used for retrieving windows product id.

4) Hardware

Used	Hard disk serial number
Used	Windows Product id
Used	CPU id
Not used	Computer Name
Not used	MAC address

5. FAQ

- *How to bar hardware information from composition of device id string*
- *How to change the period of license check*