Important changes in HiCrypt version 2.4.4 (floating only)

Since HiCrypt version 2.4.4, the CodeMeter Runtime from WIBU SYSTEMS is no longer included in the installation package, but must also be downloaded and installed ***beforehand***.

Reasons:

- WIBU SYSTEMS has recently published several security warnings regarding the CodeMeter Runtime (https://www.wibu.com/uk/support/security-advisories.html). After the corresponding security updates were released, the HiCrypt installation package always had to be updated before our customers could benefit from it.

- WIBU SYSTEMS advises against distributing the CodeMeter Runtime with software that uses the Runtime (as has been practiced with HiCrypt up to now).

What does this mean for you as a customer who uses the floating version of HiCrypt?

for all customers:

- In addition to the installation of HiCrypt, the latest ***CodeMeter User Runtime for Windows*** must also be downloaded (at least 32bit) and installed (standard installation) from the ***Software for users*** area at https://www.wibu.com/ before HiCrypt can be installed.

- As before, you can also get information from WIBU SYSTEMS for regular updates and any security warnings (for example by newsletter or security advisories).

for existing customers:

- HiCrypt can be updated at any time.
    - ***Update scenario 1: CodeMeter Runtime version was installed with HiCrypt***

      After the update, the CodeMeter Runtime is no longer available and must be installed later.

    - ***Update scenario 2: CodeMeter Runtime version was updated after the installation of HiCrypt.***

      After the HiCrypt update, the updated version of the CodeMeter Runtime is still installed. No further action is required.

- Rollout procedures must be adapted so that two installation packages must be installed in order to use HiCrypt.

- The installation package no longer supports the specification of the CodeMeter license server - neither in the setup dialogs nor via the MSI parameter ***HICRYPT_LICENSE_SERVER***. This means that the license server is determined by broadcast by default.
  If it is necessary to explicitly specify the license server to be used, this is configured with the CodeMeter control center, which is installed with the CodeMeter Runtime. Further information can be found in the CodeMeter documentation.

Important instructions:

- Before the installation, HiCrypt checks whether the CodeMeter Runtime is installed. This check is version-independent. As the customer, you are responsible for installing the latest version.

- Even if the operation of HiCrypt is directly dependent on the CodeMeter Runtime, there is still no service dependency between the two software products. This is intentional, because only in this way can HiCrypt ensure that unencrypted access to encrypted network drives is excluded in the absence of CodeMeter Runtime.