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Greetings!

First, I would like to say thank you for your work and for the wonderful product that you create. I consider Qlik Sense to be the leader in the segment of true self-service BI platforms. Over the past 10 years, I have provided advice, developed applications and additional components, and helped users of various organizations purchase Qlik products such as QlikView, Qlik Sense, and Qlik NPrinting. The platform is developing, and new opportunities are appearing in it. So-in Qlik Sense, there is a well-documented API for creating an Extension, for working with server objects, for working with visualizations.

With the advent of the API, we have new opportunities and new responsibilities:

1. There are a lot of programs that use the API to add functionality to Qlik products.
2. Customers have new opportunities to use the platform. They can use API to extract data from Qlik Sense to database or application.

In the letter, I describe several models that technically allows you to implement Qlik Sense. Here and the hereafter, I will use the words "Qlik Sense" to refer to the installed Qlik Sense on-premises (Windows) platform version of February 2021. I would like you to indicate unequivocally "yes" or "no" to whether the license agreement allows the use of Qlik Sense in accordance with the model. If the license agreement does not allow to organize the work in this way, then please give a link to the regulatory document based on which this conclusion is made. Before writing this letter, we read the QLIK ® USER LICENSE AGREEMENT, but the opinions on how to interpret them differed.

Together with each model, I will give a small list of products that implement it in their functionality. Thus, I hope to understand the use of which products violates the license agreement.

I would like to note that this letter is public, and your answers will probably be published on such resources as community.qlik.com, habr.com, YouTube and other resources. Because your opinion is important not (only) to me but to thousands of Qlik customers.

Model 1. Qlik Sense Engine → Database



Administrator creates a service account in Qlik Sense. He assigned a Professional license to this account. A special windows-application connects to the Qlik Sense Engine Service using this account. The windows-application gets data from one of the Qlik Sense applications and writes data to the database. The database is used by a web application to display data to multiple users. These users do not have any Qlik Sense licenses.

Products that use this technology:

- qalyptus (qalyptus.com)
- mail-and-deploy (mail-and-deploy.com)

Model 2. Store into...TXT



When loading Qlik Sense data, the application saves some tables to CSV format using the STORE INTO (TXT) statement. This data is used by another application (for example, a call center with an indefinite number of users, these users do not have any Qlik Sense licenses).

Model 3. Store into... QVD



I can often find data divided into data-layers in Qlik installations (for example - Extract, Transform, PreCalc, and others). We often use the STORE INTO operator to save data to the QVD format. That is, that although Qlik Sense does not require a data store, the data is stored on the layers as QVD files. Other systems can technically use these files, like the CSV files in the previous model 2 (model 2 Store into TXT).

Together with the question "Does such a scheme contradict the license agreement?" I would like to clarify whether the QVD files that the client created are considered part of the Qlik Sense platform?

Products that use this technology:

- etl-tools (etl-tools.com)
- easymorph.com (<https://easymorph.com/for/qlikview.html>)

Model 4. Extension writes back



When working in Qlik Sense user uses an extension, and this extension writes data from Qlik to the database (for example, using an HTTP POST request). The database is part of another system that is used by users who do not have Qlik Sense licenses.

Products that use this technology:

- Vizlib Writeback Server (vizlib.com)

Model 5. Qlik Sense Engine → Reporting



Administrator creates a service account in Qlik Sense. He assigned a Professional license to this account. A special windows-application connects to the Qlik Sense Engine Service using this account. The Windows-application receives data from one of the Qlik Sense applications and performs "Report" (for instance – PDF or XLSX report), and then sends report to list of recipients using messengers and e-mail. The recipients may include users who do not have Qlik Sense licenses.

Products that use this technology:

- qalyptus (qalyptus.com)
- mail-and-deploy (mail-and-deploy.com)

The general question

Does the license agreement violate the automatic acquisition of data by other systems that are used by users who do not have a Qlik Sense license?

With Respect, Igor Burobin, fan of Qlik products.

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