

# I still get the error : "Missing License: The license key is missing, invalid or has expired!" I can't figure out why

It's very important to keep in mind that the isCOBOL configuration is built up by merging multiple files and settings. A configuration property is searched in the following list of places:

the configuration file specified on the command line using the property `-Discobol.conf.only=`

or, if the above option is not used

1. the system environment variables
2. the `iscobol.properties` file in the `/etc` directory
3. the `iscobol.properties` file in the user home directory
4. the `iscobol.properties` files found in the directory and jar libraries listed in the Classpath
5. the configuration file specified on the command line by `-Discobol.conf=`
6. the `iscobol.properties` file in the folder specified by the `ISCOBOL` environment variable
7. the single properties specified on the command line by `-Dpropertyname=`

If a property appears in more than one of the above places, the last occurrence is considered.

When a “missing license” error occurs, you need to search for "iscobol.license.2014" in all of the above places and ensure that the value is a valid license code. Unfortunately there’s no way to retrieve license information when the “missing license” error occurs, so, if you’re afraid that your license code is invalid or expired, then you should send it to Veryant technicians for analysis.

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