
Subject: Re: New IDL Update Policy
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zawodny@arbd0.larc.nasa.gov (Dr. Joseph M Zawodny) writes:

> In article <3JUN199323510462@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov> landsman@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov (Wayne Landsman (301)-286-3625) writes:

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>> I believe that the new policy for RSI is that one must have a current
>> maintenance license in order to update to Version 3.1. There are no
>> discounts for multiple licenses.

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>> I wonder how many people will not bother to upgrade to the new IDL
>> version in order to avoid paying maintenance costs (which come out to about
>> \$10K per year for our Vax cluster).

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>> --Wayne Landsman landsman@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov

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> When I read the new policy, it said that you have to have current
> software maintenance for each license. So if you are networked with a 7
> session license it costs the same as a single node locked. If this is not the
> case then the letter I received was poorly worded.

> It will be interesting to find out what this is really going to cost
> (Especially since we have a site license for PV-Wave here!).

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I guess that's fine if you're using network licenses from a single license manager, but we've been using IDL so long that most of our licenses are the original unlimited node-locked kind, and I believe that all the ones we've been buying since then for various clustered workstations have also been node-locked. Our problem is that we have lots of small licenses instead of just a few big licenses.

Bill Thompson
