Subject: Re: IDL LICENSING MADNESS

Posted by thompson on Thu, 05 Aug 1993 13:57:10 GMT

jones@phobos.cira.colostate.edu (Andy Jones) writes:

> In article <23lpo6$gea@vixen.cso.uiuc.edu>, kemp@uiatma.atmos.uiuc.edu (John Kemp) writes:
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>> I have some questions on licensing for IDL.

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> John, I am not an expert on RSI's licensing system, but from your
> configuration it would appear that the motives might be that the DEC5000
> would have a unique version of IDL with one node-locked license, and the
> 3 HP systems could share the 3 floating network licenses. This would allow
> all your systems to be used simultaneously. I believe the crux of the
> problem is that the version of IDL on the DEC system will not run on the
> HP systems (and vise-versa). There is therefore no need for a floating
> license on the DEC since it can not "float" to any other machine. If more than
> one user will be typical on the DEC machine than a multiple user-nodelocked
> license might be in order, otherwise save some money with the single user
> license for the DEC machine.

I don't think this is true. The binary executable would have to be different,
but I think that the *licenses* can float between machines of different
architectures--even between VMS and Unix. This is what I've heard, but I don't
have any actual experience with it.

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