
Subject: Re: IDL LICENSING MADNESS

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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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> According to the blurbs, there are 4 types of licenses:

> 1) Floating network

> 2) Single-User, Node-Locked

> 3) Multi-User, Node-Locked (allows up to 6)

> 4) Unlimited-user, node-lock

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> Here's our situation. We would probably want to have IDL

> running on 4 workstations. The breakdown would probably

> be DEC5000, HP720, HP735, HP735. At any one time 2-3 people

> might be running the product on a single machine, with a maximum

> of 6-8 users running the product at once on the whole network.

> All these machines are on the same network.

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> The idea would be that the 4 owners of the machines would

> all pitch in to reduce expenses, and presumably save money

> by all of them going in at the same time for one purchase.

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> The sales pinhead suggested we get 1 Node-Lock license [single? multi?]

> and 3 Floating licenses. He didn't explain why, and I don't see how

> this fits our situation.

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> Can someone who understands this silliness send me some

> e-mail?

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> What is a floating license [in English]?

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> What is a node-locked license [in English]?

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> Why would you mix the two?

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> What would you recommend?

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> Gotta love it,

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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 vice-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.

Hope this helps.

Andy.

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