
Subject: IDL LICENSING MADNESS

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I have some questions on licensing for IDL. [Please don't refer me to the IDL sales people. I just got off the phone with one of them and I have to say he was *THE MOSE INCONSIDERATE* salesperson I have ever had the displeasure of speaking with. If I didn't know that IDL was such a good product, I would probably chuck the whole thing just because of that, but I digress...]

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

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.

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.

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.

Can someone who understands this silliness send me some e-mail?

What is a floating license [in English]?

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

Why would you mix the two?

What would you recommend?

Gotta love it,

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