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Noam R. Izenberg <[noam.izenberg@jhuapl.edu](mailto:noam.izenberg@jhuapl.edu)> wrote:

> Q. Could they support IDL 5.5 (and maybe beyond) in the Classic  
> environment of OS X? [Personal note: This would go 50% of the way for  
> me. Though I had visions of dropping OS 9.x altogether eventually, it  
> ain't going to happen for quite a while with Adobe etc going slow in  
> carbonizing. I run IDL 5.4 in classic right now with very few problems and  
> can continue as long as 9.x is around. Be even better if RSI supported  
> it]  
> A. They're evaluating that now. They sounded optimistic. There's an  
> issue with the Hasp, which goes away either with or after 5.5. Without the  
> hardware protection it gets difficult to protect licenses on Macs.  
> [Opinion: I certainly understand that it takes only a couple vindictive  
> souls or freeloaders to damage software-keyed product profitability.  
> They're working on solutions for that, too, but did not elaborate.  
> Again, though, this is a Mac-only problem.]  
> [Opinion: I like this as a short term solution. I like it a lot. It  
> would give RSI an opportunity to hang in there and see how OS X affects  
> the Mac market.]

I noticed the other day the announcement by the Globetrotter folks that they had ported their FlexLM software license manager to MacOS X. (<http://www.globetrotter.com/pr100801.shtml>) I had thought at the time that it was a positive development given that is what is used to manage IDL licensing on other Unix (and Linux) platforms. Not that it matters so much now of course...

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