Subject: Re: Windows XP problems and 400 HASP key reasons Posted by rmw092001 on Mon, 07 Jan 2002 02:37:48 GMT

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Andrew & Jo Cool <cooladjc@chariot.net.au> wrote in message news:<3C380BD7.85D0BF00@chariot.net.au>...

> Rick Towler wrote:

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>> That is the question.

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- >> We too will be inconvenienced by this change of policy, as will many
- >> traveling IDL folk who have up until now enjoyed the freedom to carry their
- >> dongle.

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- >> I wish RSI would at least publish their reasoning behind this and offer an
- >> alternative solution. I don't mind requesting a temporary key on occasion
- >> but do they really want to issue me 50 keys good for each Saturday and
- >> Sunday of the year so if I decide to work at home on a weekend I can?

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>> -Rick

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- > One reason given to me by an RSI source was that HASP keys cost RSI
- > USD\$200 each.
- > By disposing of HASP keys, the price of PC licences fell by USD\$200.
- > That's 200 good
- > reasons, methinks! Actually 400 good reasons here in Australia...

US\$200 seems good value to me, for complete freedom of movement, to use one copy of IDL anywhere in the world. For fixed computers in a lab, node-locked licenses were already available!!! Why remove the backwards-compatibility with HASP though? It means RSI can refuse to supply a softkey if I want to move an 'old' copy of IDL to another computer ("sorry IDL 5.6 is no longer supported, you'll have to upgrade - US\$500 please, what's your credit card number?").

- > And I must go on record to say that RSI is bending over backwards to
- > provide
- > solutions to licence issues at my place of employment since the
- > withdrawal of most
- > of our HASP keys in favour of licences keyed to Ethernet card addresses
- > or PC HD Disk
- Serial Numbers or keyed to particular Servers.

But of course - you save AUS\$400 short-term, RSI recover \$\$\$\$\$ long-term. IDL is a mature product now - no need to be nice and get lots more users, it's time to start 'milking' for every \$. With

softkey licensing, they can do this even 30 years from now, if IDL is obsolete and unsupported - milking users with large amounts of old, legacy IDL code. It's been normal practise for many-user unix licenses in labs, but not for individuals working on a PC - until now.

Richard

- > And it's not every day I
- > hand RSI a
- > freebie compliment ask 'em ;-)

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