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Subject: Licensing to Alpha Linux gone mad  
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Quote from IDL Installing and Licensing Guide IDL 5.5:

p.85-86 Licensing for Alpha Linux

"When you 180-day period expires, you will need to repeat this process to maintain your RSI software in licensed mode."

So, IDL 5.5 on Linux Alpha is hard-coded to require a new licence every 6 months!?! We had problems installing, I know, but little did I realise that the "temporary" license they gave us "until it's sorted out" was in fact forever.

Licences on our other machines (UNIX) run indefinitely - if one chooses not to upgrade (ie. pay) one at least keeps the old version, no RSI support necessary. IDL5.5 is the last release for Linux Alpha (AFAIK). So I can't upgrade, so I won't be paying for upgrades... except I will have to, otherwise RSI won't give me support to generate new licences.

Excuse the rant, but the 5.5 installer just killed my workstation and now I find out I'm on 180 day licenses until... well, until RSI stop supporting 5.5, which won't be many multiples of 180 days.

Ciao.

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