Subject: Re: Licensing to Alpha Linux gone mad
Posted by david.larkman on Mon, 11 Feb 2002 10:04:51 GMT

the_cacc@hotmail.com (trouble) wrote in message
news:<5f9f0a23.0202050337.672072f2@posting.google.com>...
> Quote from IDL Installing and Licensing Guide IDL 5.5:
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> 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."
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> Ciao.

You have my sympathy, IDL support of the alphaLINUX platform is
apalling, I have had all the same problems and complaints you have. In
addition you may be interested to know the results of some performance
tests done by IDL themselves comparing IDL running on true64 to LINUX:

The numbers are time to run for 15 different programs.

> Here are the results fom an alpha linux test machine:
> { alpha linux unix linux 5.5 Aug 28 2001   64   64}
>   1   360 ms
>   2   280 ms
>   3   63 ms
>   4   61 ms
>   5   79 ms
>   6   82 ms
>   9   114 ms
>   12   275 ms

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>      13        63 ms
>      14        78 ms
>      15        79 ms
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> A computer that is almost identical to the Alpha Linux test
> machine, but instead it has Alpha OSF1 v 5.1 operating system
> installled:
> { alpha OSF unix Compaq Tru64 5.5.1 Feb  6 2002    64    64}
>       1        26 ms
>       2        29 ms
>       3        33 ms
>       4        35 ms
>       5        43 ms
>       6        47 ms
>       9        61 ms
>      12         27 ms
>      13         34 ms
>      14         43 ms
>      15         50 ms
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Sorry to add to your woes but my advice is move platform or ditch IDL.