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Subject: Re: IDL 4.0 Update Preview (forward for those w  
Posted by [gurman](#) on Sat, 04 Mar 1995 15:55:41 GMT

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In article <3j7329\$e5a@reznor.larc.nasa.gov>, [zawodny@arbd0.larc.nasa.gov](mailto:zawodny@arbd0.larc.nasa.gov)  
(Joseph M Zawodny) wrote:

> In article <gurman-0203950142100001@barkochba.gsfc.nasa.gov>  
gurman@uvsp.gsfc.nasa.gov (Joseph B. Gurman) writes:

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>> I also believe the new maintenance policy is keyed to the original  
>> license price, so it will become much more expensive to maintain  
>> node-locked licenses. That is a shame (IMHO), because the license manager  
>> is such a pain.

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>> Anyone have any opinions on the matter?

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> We jumped ship on the node locked licenses a few years back when they  
> first came out. It was pretty painless even on our systems (Alphas  
> running OSF/1) despite having to use the newly ported license manager  
> daemon. All in all, I'd have to say that it was much easier than  
> expected.

[other comments deleted]

We, too, have some network licenses in our group, but very few.  
Primarily, this is because we have mission-critical applications running  
in IDL and can't afford to lose the ability to run it because a server  
node or a hub or a router or a disk drive or..... is down. And the  
redundancy of two servers doesn't help if there's a double failure. In a  
mission-critical application, I want to be able to pick the critical  
components, not have RSI pick FLEX for me.

I really don't understand why RSI is discriminating against  
node-locked licenses, which presumably already bring them in more income  
per box than networked licenses (in that on a node-locked license, you  
need to license the maximum number of seats you'll ever need on that box,  
whereas with network servers, you could do it statistically, and license  
fewer seats total, on the model that not all the seats on the network will  
be occupied simultaneously).

Guess that's why I'm not a vice-president of RSI....

Joe Gurman

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