
Subject: Re: IDL 4.0 & HASP

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In article <3pcq33\$s77@mozz.unh.edu> kletzing@unhedi2.unh.edu writes:

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> I just got an e-mail from IDL on Monday which tells me that
> IDL v. 4.0 for Windows will now require the use of a hardware
> dongle which hangs off the printer port. No mention was made
> of this when they solicited the renewal of my maintenance
> contract. I run IDL on 486 notebook and am annoyed that I will
> now have to lug an extra piece of hardware around so that I can
> use IDL. Not to mention that as a travel a fair bit, this
> increases the odds that I could lose this thing and then have
> only demo-mode IDL to use. What do others think about this?
> I realize that RSI is trying to protect its product, but surely
> there must be a better way.

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> Craig Kletzing

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I am not too pleased with this either. What happens if I have a
printer plugged into the parallel port already and the PC sits
inaccessibly underneath my desk. Do I have to Run IDL, Unplug HASP,
Plug in printer, Print plot, Unplug printer, Plug in HASP, Run IDL
some more,... If so this may push us over the edge. All of this
paranoid software security seems so unnecessary.

There may be a better way. Lower the price of the initial software so
that the primary source of corporate income shifts from initial
purchases to a larger base (which arises from the lower initial price)
of software maintenance fees and require that all new versions (except
for major bug fixes) require a new license. This seems to work for
the bulk of PC software companies - they make the majority of their
bucks from upgrade fees.

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