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Subject: Re: IDL 4.0 & HASP

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thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov (William Thompson) wrote:

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> kletzing@unhedi2.unh.edu (Craig Kletzing) 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've not heard of this, but we've had experience with programs that use this

> approach in the past. It was never satisfactory, and the upshot is that, if at

> all possible, people end up looking for other programs to fit their needs.

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> If this is true, then I think that we'll probably be less likely to buy any new

> copies of IDL for Windows and use PCs only as X terminals into Unix and VMS

> workstations with existing licenses.

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> Bill Thompson

It's true. We just got our upgrade to 4.0 in the mail this week.

Hardware dongle included.

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