
Subject: Re: IDL 4.0 & HASP

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kletzing@unhedi2.unh.edu (Craig Kletzing) writes:

> 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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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.

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.

Bill Thompson
