
Subject: Re: IDL 4.0 & HASP

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In Article <3po7rp\$m8l@vixen.cso.uiuc.edu>, kspencer@s.psych.uiuc.edu (Kevin Spencer) wrote:

> I regret RSI's decision to require dongles with IDL for Windows.

> But, at least we have an alternative. If VNI doesn't take this

> route, they may lock up the market for IDL/PV-Wave on PCs.

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I agree. We had one piece of software that required a dongle, when we finally did lose it we didn't replace it, we just bought another piece of software that didn't use them. Unfortunately for us, replacing IDL wouldn't be so easy to do. Wave just doesn't seem to have the same capabilities that IDL has. Mathematica and Maple are great for symbolic math, but forget data analysis. MatLab is good, but better for theoreticians than analysts.

You can certainly understand RSI's wanting to protect their investment, but there must be a way around using these dongles. I personally might not be affected by this since I use a Mac and an SGI, but the mere thought of having to plug in one of these things, particularly on a portable, was horrifying enough to make me want to reply.

Any opinions expressed are my own and not necessarily those of my employer.

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