
Subject: Re: IDL, GDL, copyright, EULAs and such
Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 00:21:15 GMT
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On Wed, 6 Jul 2005, Y.T. wrote:

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I wrote this newsgroup on April 8 of this year asking the exact same question. The thread is here:

http://groups-beta.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse_thread/thread/c7427292e352938c/9df63979178d7896?q=mankoff&rnum=27#9df63979178d7896

I also sent the question to RSI and got a reply from them:

> FYI, Just in case anyone else has a similar question:
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> I got a reply from RSI. They said that as an RSI customer with a
> valid/current license, pretty much anything I do with their demo
> is authorized.

While this does not answer your question, their wording implies that once your license expires you do not maintain the rights to their libraries.

But I think if you look around
<http://www.astro.washington.edu/deutsch/idl/htmlhelp/>

You'll find that almost all the IDL code has been duplicated by someone else somewhere else. You are probably allowed to use that. And the above site has posted the IDL 4.0.1 libraries on the web for anyone to see...

-k.

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<http://spacebit.dyndns.org/>
