
Subject: Re: personal license problem

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 02 Mar 2007 18:14:50 GMT

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Kenneth Bowman wrote:

- > In article <MPG.2052041193a1558e989ea8@news.frii.com>,
> David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:
>
> ITT called me earlier this week to ask permission to link to my IDL web site
> (which I thought was courteous of them).
>
> We discussed the "Related Sites ..." page, and my first comment was, "David's
> site isn't on here!" I was assured that they were talking with you and left
> it at that.
>
> I raised another issue that I think is important for the IDL community. They
> have set up IDL and ENVI forums accessible through their web site
>
> <http://www.itvis.com/forum/choosecategory.asp>
>
> In my view this leads to the creation of two separate user communities,
> one that uses this group, and one that uses their forums.
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> I am wondering whether there might be a technical solution to this, or
> whether we need to think about moving this discussion to their web site,
> and whether they would feel obligated to moderate (censor) postings
> in their forum, among other things.

I don;t see why they couldn't forward posts to their forum to the IDL newsgroup with an appropriate subject line mod indicating this fact. Maybe users could even have an option to turn this off in their user profile (I assume they have to register to use the ITTVIS forum).

Seems like Forum users would get double bang for their buck since the newsgroup is a much more widely read forum.

- > Perhaps we need to keep a free and independent channel, but I don't really want
> to spend the time going through two different user forums.

I don't tend to use vendor forums because of a) I have to log in [I have enough usernames and passwords to remember thanks very much] and b) they're never as widely read as usenet. Exceptions are in cases where I need to get an vendor rep response asap. I would expect that questions directly addressed to RSI/ITTVIS folks on their forum would be answered *same day* by RSI/ITTVIS folks.

cheers,

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Paul van Delst Ride lots.
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