
Subject: Re: IDL PDF Book No Longer Available
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 17:14:51 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
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> Odd that we were talking about stealing books yesterday.
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> This morning I learned that a French bookseller has
> purchased a single copy of my PDF book and is selling it
> on their web site (for about three times my price).
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> I am afraid I have had to discontinue selling the PDF
> version of the book until I figure out what to do about
> this. Selling an electronic copy of the book was an
> experiment that involved a great deal of financial
> exposure on my part. I was worried something like this
> might happen. (Although, frankly, I didn't expect it
> from a bookseller. Blame it on naivety, I guess.)
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> Stealing people's intellectual property turns out to
> have bad karma for everyone.
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> Cheers,
>
> David

sad...

we have the PDF version in our lab... we use it for about 10% at most of its content (good book though!) and we would likely never have bought the paper version... so at least, by making it available, you do get more sales!

For your problem, look where the bookseller's website is hosted. You could take action in this country too, which is likely the US.

here is the french law on copyrights.. (in french, of course):

http://www.copyrightfrance.com/hypertext/le_3_3.htm

On this website, they say that most problems are resolved off-court, by paying a compensation and/or stopping the infraction. You may just write to your bookseller, send him the french law along which talks about up to 300 000 Euros of penalties and 3 years of jails... it might be enough to scare the guy!

Jean
