
Subject: Re: IDL PDF Book No Longer Available
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 14:40:45 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).

Wha....?

Forgive my naiveté; ½, but isn't that, um, illegal?

Have bureaucracies become so weighty that "temporary" theft (one presumes the French authorities will eventually take action?) has become a regular business operating on margins?

Man.

- > 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.)

So, basically, unless you have an army of lawyers around the world to chase this stuff down, you're screwed. Great.

Kurt Vonnegut was right - our brains are just waaaay too big for our own good.

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