Subject: Re: IDL Virtual Machine--Forget It
Posted by Haje Korth on Wed, 29 Oct 2008 20:18:37 GMT

David,
I had a login long before I had my own license. I was using the lab floating
license and all I needed was the download to get started. Thus, I do not
think that logins are restricted to license owners. Of course, if you do not
have a license you will have to put up with e-mails/phone calls from sales.
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Haje

"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.23712b81a911d8298974b@news.giganews.com...
> Folks,
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> Maybe you, like me, saw the IDL Virtual Machine as a way
> to get IDL more noticed by writing IDL applications that
> you could give away to colleagues, who could download the
> freely available IDL Virtual Machine to run them. Well,
> think again.
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> I just got off the phone to IDL Technical Support.
> According to the representative I talked to, this
> "might have worked this way in IDL 6.3, but it doesn't
> work this way now." Now, apparently, the only way
> to get the Virtual Machine is to install the entire
> IDL distribution.
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> But, it is worse than this, because the only way
> someone who doesn't currently have an IDL license
> can install the IDL Virtual Machine is to have the
> actual IDL DVD Installation Disk. This is primarily
> because you can't get to the IDL Download page without
> having an official log-in.
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> Of course, your colleague will have to have the
> *correct* distribution CD for his machine (or someone
> with a license will have to have downloaded the correct
> distribution from the web page and given it to him).
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> In short, forget about the idea of packaging your neat
> application up on a CD-ROM with the IDL Virtual Machine
> and handing it out to colleagues to use. Ain't gonna
> happen no more.
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> Another useful idea sacrificed to the gods of bells and

> whistles.
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> Cheers,
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> David
> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")