
Subject: Re: some users will be harmed by the new licensing policy in IDL 8.6

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 19 Jan 2017 09:09:19 GMT

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On Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9:55:20 AM UTC+1, superchromix wrote:

> On Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9:41:56 AM UTC+1, Helder wrote:

>> Hi,

>> there is another thing that I find discomforting. Until now, I could write code, produce a .sav file and give it to "users" that would download IDL and run the code with the VM. At the moment only licensed users can download IDL.

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>> I already mentioned this problem to Harris Tech Support. I'll keep you updated if anything changes.

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>> Cheers,

>> Helder

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>> On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:00:01 PM UTC+1, Chris Torrence wrote:

>>> Hi all,

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>>> Just to re-emphasize, Harris needs to hear from you:

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>>> If you haven't already contacted Tech Support (or heard back from them), I would strongly recommend emailing support@harris.com. Include your customer information, including a brief description of why IDL is important in your daily research (just for some context). Also, most importantly, include your specific license requirements, such as "I need to run 12 full IDL processes simultaneously, and it's only for me on my one machine", or "I need to run 1-2 IDL sessions on both my Mac and Windows machines, and I don't want to activate/deactivate."

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> Is this true? Distributing code for use with the VM is a fundamental part of the IDL model. If Harris were to change this, I hope they would at least let the userbase know.

I contacted tech support about this and the response was:

"We are currently working on a way to make IDL VM available without having a license, since this affects several of our customers."

So my guess is that this was an unwanted consequence of the new licensing system and it's going to get "fixed" one way or another. Until they have a solution, 8.6 is for me useless.

Cheers,
Helder
