Le mercredi 1 février 2017 18:50:20 UTC+1, Chris Torrence a écrit :
> Hi all,
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> First, thanks for giving your feedback to Harris. It made a significant impact.
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> Starting with IDL 8.6.1 (hopefully mid-April), we will make the following changes:
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> * An IDL user will be able to run an unlimited number of sessions on their machine. In IDL 8.6
the IDL license was tied to the MAC address + install location + process ID, so each process ID
would consume a separate license. In IDL 8.6.1, the IDL license will be tied to the MAC address +
install location + user id, so multiple process ID's will consume just a single IDL license.
> * This change will apply to the IDL command line, the IDL Workbench, and the Python bridge,
on all platforms.
> * This change will not apply to ENVI or other Harris Geospatial products.
> * There is no policy change for "flexible single user" (other than allowing multiple IDL
sessions on one machine). If you need to use IDL on two machines, you should contact Tech
Support or your sales rep for options.
> * IDL Virtual Machine will remain unchanged from pre-IDL 8.6 – we just need to tie up some
lose ends and release it.
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> We are shooting for an April release.
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> Thanks for supporting IDL over the years.
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> -Chris
> IDL Project Lead

Many thanks to Harris/Exelis (maybe also to the IDL Project leader...) for such a revision of the
new v8.6 licensing procedure. While being a regular IDL user (since v2.0), I have even been
tempted to shift to Python !
By the way, I wonder whether a long lasting annoying feature of IDL licensing will also be
corrected: in the case of a node-locked license on a Windows machine both used locally and
remotely (through TSE/RDP), a locally opened IDL session could not be further used within a
next remote connection (from the same user), and vice versa. Such a wobbling between local and
remote connection is very usual for any scientist working both on and off his lab. So far a
workaround was to declare the licensed machine as a license server on itself. But the trick was
not possible (afaik) in case of a personal license.
What will be the status in IDL 8.6.1 ?
Cheers,
Alain.