Subject: Re: Windows XP problems and 400 HASP key reasons
Posted by bgeer on Sun, 06 Jan 2002 18:13:43 GMT
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Andrew & Jo Cool <cooladjc@chariot.net.au> writes:

 >... in favour of licences keyed to Ethernet card addresses ...

Let's see, purchase a hot processor, ma'board, ram, harddisk, &
ethernet card, & a cheap video card. Install Linux & an IDL for
Linux, then run it from your beater PC with an X server & good video
card. Works fine, lasts a long time...:-)

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<> Robert Geer & Donna Tomky | |||| We sure |||| <>
<>   bgeer@xmission.com | ==   ==   find it   ==   == <>
<>   dtomky@xmission.com | ==   == enchanting ==   == <>
<>   Albuquerque, NM USA | |||| here! |||| <>

Subject: Re: Windows XP problems and 400 HASP key reasons
Posted by rmw092001 on Mon, 07 Jan 2002 02:37:48 GMT
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Andrew & Jo Cool <cooladjc@chariot.net.au> wrote in message
news:<3C380BD7.85D0BF00@chariot.net.au>...
> Rick Towler wrote:
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>> That is the question.
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>> We too will be inconvenienced by this change of policy, as will many
>> traveling IDL folk who have up until now enjoyed the freedom to carry their
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>> I wish RSI would at least publish their reasoning behind this and offer an
>> alternative solution. I don't mind requesting a temporary key on occasion
>> but do they really want to issue me 50 keys good for each Saturday and
>> Sunday of the year so if I decide to work at home on a weekend I can?
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>> -Rick
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US$200 seems good value to me, for complete freedom of movement, to use one copy of IDL anywhere in the world. For fixed computers in a lab, node-locked licenses were already available!!! Why remove the backwards-compatibility with HASP though? It means RSI can refuse to supply a softkey if I want to move an 'old' copy of IDL to another computer ("sorry IDL 5.6 is no longer supported, you'll have to upgrade - US$500 please, what's your credit card number?").

> And I must go on record to say that RSI is bending over backwards to
> provide
> solutions to licence issues at my place of employment since the
> withdrawal of most
> of our HASP keys in favour of licences keyed to Ethernet card addresses
> or PC HD Disk
> Serial Numbers or keyed to particular Servers.

But of course - you save AUS$400 short-term, RSI recover $$$$$$ long-term. IDL is a mature product now - no need to be nice and get lots more users, it's time to start 'milking' for every $. With softkey licensing, they can do this even 30 years from now, if IDL is obsolete and unsupported - milking users with large amounts of old, legacy IDL code. It's been normal practise for many-user unix licenses in labs, but not for individuals working on a PC - until now.

Richard

> And it's not every day I
> hand RSI a
> freebie compliment - ask 'em ;-)
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> Andrew Cool
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Subject: Re: Windows XP problems and 400 HASP key reasons
Posted by Francis Burton on Mon, 07 Jan 2002 12:47:59 GMT
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Francis

Subject: Re: Windows XP problems and 400 HASP key reasons
Posted by R.Bauer on Mon, 07 Jan 2002 15:38:19 GMT
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> Francis

I am believing it costs only 80 euro.

Reimar

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Reimar Bauer

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich
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http://www.fz-juelich.de/zb/text/publikation/juel3786.html
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read something about linux / windows
http://www.suse.de/de/news/hotnews/MS.html

Subject: Re: Windows XP problems and 400 HASP key reasons
Posted by John McLeod on Mon, 07 Jan 2002 18:17:42 GMT
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IDL has informed us that "...We do offer home-use licenses that would allow
your

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colleagues to work from home as needed while maintaining the work
licenses...." but we haven't explored this
further.

John McLeod

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