
Subject: Licensing to Alpha Linux gone mad
Posted by [the_cacc](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2002 11:37:59 GMT
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p.85-86 Licensing for Alpha Linux

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Ciao.

Subject: Re: Licensing to Alpha Linux gone mad
Posted by [david.larkman](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2002 10:04:51 GMT
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the_cacc@hotmail.com (trouble) wrote in message
news:<5f9f0a23.0202050337.672072f2@posting.google.com>...

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You have my sympathy, IDL support of the alphaLINUX platform is
 appalling, I have had all the same problems and complaints you have. In
 addition you may be interested to know the results of some performance
 tests done by IDL themselves comparing IDL running on true64 to LINUX:

The numbers are time to run for 15 different programs.

> Here are the results fom an alpha linux test machine:

> { alpha linux unix linux 5.5 Aug 28 2001 64 64}

> 1	360 ms
> 2	280 ms
> 3	63 ms
> 4	61 ms
> 5	79 ms
> 6	82 ms
> 9	114 ms
> 12	275 ms
> 13	63 ms
> 14	78 ms
> 15	79 ms

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> A computer that is almost identical to the Alpha Linux test
 > machine, but instead it has Alpha OSF1 v 5.1 operating system
 > installed:

> { alpha OSF unix Compaq Tru64 5.5.1 Feb 6 2002 64 64}

> 1	26 ms
> 2	29 ms
> 3	33 ms
> 4	35 ms
> 5	43 ms
> 6	47 ms
> 9	61 ms
> 12	27 ms
> 13	34 ms
> 14	43 ms

> 15 50 ms

Sorry to add to your woes but my advice is move platform or ditch IDL.

Subject: Re: Licensing

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:34:55 GMT

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In article <10e804b71tcdn5a@corp.supernews.com>,

Michael Wallace <mwallace.no.spam@no.spam.swri.edu.invalid> wrote:

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> Also, I'm trying to figure out another licensing issue that RSI hasn't
> made clear. If I create a new IDL session, I will use one of our
> floating licenses. Now, if I start up a second IDL session with the
> same username on the same computer, do I chew up another license? When
> I talked with RSI last, my contact indicated that another license would
> get used. However, when I look at the results from `lmstat -a`, I only
> see one entry for my computer/username no matter how many IDL sessions I
> start. So, am I really chewing up extra licenses and `lmstat -a` doesn't
> show all the computer/username duplicates, or am I really just using one
> license?

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I'm pretty sure you only use one license per username/computer as long as
they're also on the same display (in the case of Unix versions and
X-windows) as well.

--Mike

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