
Subject: Re: idl and licenses

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2004 13:01:34 GMT

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Russ writes:

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: idl and licenses

Posted by [rlayberry](#) on Fri, 03 Dec 2004 11:12:40 GMT

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David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.1c18c01665371e2c989892@news.frii.com>...

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yes, very good!

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 03 Dec 2004 14:03:11 GMT

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Rudd writes:

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Many people use properly licensed IDL servers to interact with the public through web pages, etc. I'm no lawyer, but I'm certain you are breaking no licensing agreement by doing so. This is what people buy licenses *for*.

And, anyway, IDL licenses seem to look out for themselves pretty well. I had a conversation a month or so ago with a scientist from a former world power that is struggling to pay its scientists a living wage, let alone provide them with software. These guys are pretty adept, as I understand it, at getting software at, uh, a steep discount. But they don't use IDL, and they would like to. :-)

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Subject: Re: idl and licenses

Posted by [George N. White III](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2004 14:38:33 GMT

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On Fri, 3 Dec 2004, David Fanning wrote:

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Let them use GDL and put those programming talents to constructive uses (improving GDL and making RSI work harder to keep up). Having been burned in the past when good products (Macsyma) became unavailable, many people are reluctant to get involved with single-vendor languages. RSI/IDL will benefit from the larger community of people familiar with the IDL/GDL language. RSI should be thinking about ways to make core IDL more open thru community involvement in a standard for the core language, and concentrate on adding value to their IDL product.

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