
Subject: Re: IDL PDF Book No Longer Available
Posted by [Conor](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 14:35:29 GMT
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On Apr 25, 10:13 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
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> Odd that we were talking about stealing books yesterday.
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> purchased a single copy of my PDF book and is selling it
> on their web site (for about three times my price).
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> I am afraid I have had to discontinue selling the PDF
> version of the book until I figure out what to do about
> this. Selling an electronic copy of the book was an
> experiment that involved a great deal of financial
> exposure on my part. I was worried something like this
> might happen. (Although, frankly, I didn't expect it
> from a bookseller. Blame it on naivety, I guess.)
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> Stealing people's intellectual property turns out to
> have bad karma for everyone.
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

It's always one bad apple that ruins the bunch :(Perhaps the reason why he was selling it for three times your price is because he planned to give you the full price of the book for each sale he made! Has he sent you any royalties yet? (lol, yeah right!)

Subject: Re: IDL PDF Book No Longer Available
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 14:40:45 GMT
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Wha....?

Forgive my naiveté;½, but isn't that, um, illegal?

Have bureaucracies become so weighty that "temporary" theft (one presumes the French authorities will eventually take action?) has become a regular business operating on margins?

Man.

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So, basically, unless you have an army of lawyers around the world to chase this stuff down, you're screwed. Great.

Kurt Vonnegut was right - our brains are just waaaay too big for our own good.

paulv

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 14:41:37 GMT
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Posted by [Ryan](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 14:47:51 GMT
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Wow. That's low.

Ryan.

Subject: Re: IDL PDF Book No Longer Available
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 17:14:51 GMT
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sad...

we have the PDF version in our lab... we use it for about 10% at most of its content (good book though!) and we would likely never have bought the paper version... so at least, by making it available, you do get more sales!

For your problem, look where the bookseller's website is hosted. You could take action in this country too, which is likely the US.

here is the french law on copyrights.. (in french, of course):

http://www.copyrightfrance.com/hypertext/le_3_3.htm

On this website, they say that most problems are resolved off-court, by paying a compensation and/or stopping the infraction. You may just write to your bookseller, send him the french law along which talks about up to 300 000 Euros of penalties and 3 years of jails... it might be enough to scare the guy!

Jean

Subject: Re: IDL PDF Book No Longer Available
Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 18:43:55 GMT
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"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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That is pretty awful. Perhaps you could try contact local tv reporters to raise a fuss and get a senator or congressman involved. And give Tom Martino a call - he will destroy those slimeballs for you.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 19:32:54 GMT
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Good advice, but, uh, they are in France (Europe). Not sure Tom's reach is that long. :-)

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