
Subject: Re: Just a question about licence
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Fri, 29 Apr 2011 18:30:49 GMT
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This newsgroup is dedicated to discussions on how to use IDL but is not the right forum to ask how to steal IDL.

Ciao,
Paolo

On Apr 29, 2:15 pm, Trigkos <pantremeno...@mail.gr> wrote:

- > Dear All,
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- > This is just a question.....
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- > I can find for all previous versions of IDL and ENVI licence files,
- > except the latst one. [perhaps an exception in some chenese blogs that
- > they give a licence file that under certain modifications it works
- > (although i havent check it i do not think it is working) but it has't
- > all the modules of IDL-ENVI]
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- > Any idea why this happens? What is the most probable scenario??
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- > 1. It is extremely difficult to crack it?
- > 2. no one bothers to crack it?
- > 3. Sonething else?

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Posted by [Trigkos](#) on Fri, 29 Apr 2011 19:39:24 GMT
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Subject: Re: Just a question about licence
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 29 Apr 2011 20:36:37 GMT
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This brings up interesting issues of social justice, intellectual property, the responsibility of corporations and citizens, and a whole host of other thoughts that are running through my mind this afternoon.

Naturally, I am only too aware that books can be "cracked" as well as software.

I am wondering about my own role and responsibility in the world. I have been trying this week to get some IDL software organized for a class in a very poor country in Africa. The students there cannot possible afford the prices we pay for IDL software. When I was in a similar poor African country four or five years ago it was clear that most of the software on any computer you cared to examine was "cracked," including, I imagine, the IDL software used by the students for the research we were conducting.

I am not rich by any stretch of the imagination, and yet I was rich in those countries, and I remember coming home and being embarrassed by what I found in my closet. Junk mostly, things I didn't need, but just wanted. I have made a conscious effort to pare down since then, but I live in a rich country and even the poorest of us often live better than the vast majority of people I found in Africa.

What, if anything, do we owe poor people? If they steal my book and it causes them to learn IDL better, analyze data better, create more water resources for their drought-stricken country, what is the cost to me? Nearly nothing. And in the great tallying up at the end of my life, maybe that even goes into the positive column. Who knows? Maybe I did some good just by writing the book.

I guess I believe people who can afford to pay, should pay. But I am more ambivalent about people who can't afford to pay, especially when I travel outside my own country.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Just a question about licence

Posted by [Trigkos](#) on Sat, 30 Apr 2011 09:24:49 GMT

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David,

You have right. I have not thought the problem of the poor countries. I have also been in countries that a tourist with a couple of thousand euros feels lives and behaves like a "king" (and believe me i saw well educated people in theese countries, that behaved worst than bums and this is the worst.) . Unfortunately most of us we are only look forward instead of looking backwards and thanks god for what we have.

Probably companies should reconsider their product prices for poor countries.

in my opinion education, knowledge = power, freedom "self management". Do they want this for these countries, for these people? I don't think so..

Subject: Re: Just a question about licence

Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Mon, 09 May 2011 15:28:44 GMT

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I wasn't necessarily bringing up the issue whether what you were asking was ethically correct or not, I was concerned that in this forum we get a nice community with useful information, and ITTVIS employees sometimes also do contribute.

If we start talking about practices which are illegal in many countries, there may be a chance that this forum may be blocked by some internet providers and/or shunned by some contributors - especially by ITTVIS employees (and I think some posters here have experienced in the past the degree to which ITTVIS goes to protect its intellectual

property).

Ciao,
Paolo
