I have some questions on licensing for IDL. [Please don't refer
me to the IDL sales people. I just got off the phone with one of
them and I have to say he was *THE MOSE INCONSIDERATE* salesperson
I have ever had the displeasure of speaking with. If I didn't know
that IDL was such a good product, I would probably chuck the whole
thing just because of that, but I digress...]

According to the blurbs, there are 4 types of licenses:
 1) Floating network
 2) Single-User, Node-Locked
 3) Multi-User, Node-Locked (allows up to 6)
 4) Unlimited-user, node-lock

Here's our situation. We would probably want to have IDL
running on 4 workstations. The breakdown would probably
be DEC5000, HP720, HP735, HP735. At any one time 2-3 people
might be running the product on a single machine, with a maximum
of 6-8 users running the product at once on the whole network.
All these machines are on the same network.

The idea would be that the 4 owners of the machines would
all pitch in to reduce expenses, and presumably save money
by all of them going in at the same time for one purchase.

The sales pinhead suggested we get 1 Node-Lock license [single? multi?]
and 3 Floating licenses. He didn't explain why, and I don't see how
this fits our situation.

Can someone who understands this silliness send me some
e-mail?

 What is a floating license [in English]?

 What is a node-locked license [in English]?

 Why would you mix the two?

 What would you recommend?

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