

# Re: The Delphi Hour

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"Simon Kissel" <[kissel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:kissel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

And, to get back to the point: If you are unable to pay for something due to local laws, then the logical consequence isn't to use it unlicensed. If I'm unable to buy from CodeGear USA, this doesn't entitle me to pirate a copy of Delphi either, right?

Well, in a sales agreement, if your customer doesn't pay you can claim back your goods, but you are not allowed to take it back yourself. IANAL, but, unless you have claimed it back, Codegear wouldn't pirate when they used your software.

Anyways, I think this is an issue of vague laws, and those can cause a lot of trouble. One personal example: As I have both a Dutch and an Italian parent, I can obtain both a Dutch and an Italian passport. I live in the Netherlands, but as the Italian one is five times cheaper than the Dutch one, the choice seems obvious.

In theory, it shouldn't matter, within the EU, you can go everywhere, work everywhere, live everywhere. In practise, you get all kinds of trouble. For example, when trying to get a job, people suddenly ask for work permits. The problem is, I can't get one because I don't need one, since those are for people outside the EU. But try to explain that to someone who thinks the is just following the rules.

The problem is employers are not lawyers, and quickly get confused. Because of these issues, Dutch passport for me.

I suspect the situation here is just as well confusion about the rules. It shouldn't happen, but it is understandable it happens.

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