

Resurrecting Insignia SoftWindows95 for SGI IRIX

Well, well, I just feel like 14 years ago, playing around with my rather aged SGI O2, which I didnt touch for years, doing a fresh reinstall of IRIX and some apps.

While flipping through my CDs I stumbled accross SoftWindows95 for IRIX. I just couldn't resist and put the flipper in, having the software installed just minutes later, only to see that I didn't have the license any more :-)

But there's hope ...

After some searching I found a Usenet article with a valid license of SoftWindows95. Well, I think it's fair enough to republish this, as for one, Insignia has sold-off SoftWindows about 10 years ago, and the successor company FWB Software stopped development in 2001, furthermore that company doesn't exist anymore as it has been sold-off, too. Well, not even SGI is able to provide a license key for a software, which is 14 years old ... hm.... Well, I think it's ok, otherwise let me know ...

To activate SoftWindows95 just place this text into /usr/lib/SoftWindows95/FLEXIm/license.dat:

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FEATURE Insignia_SoftWindows95 insignia 4.000 01-jan-0 0  
ECE41259D5BE4700DC27 VENDOR_STRING="5100 0100 0000 0001"  
HOSTID=ANY vendor_info=SOFTWINDOWS95 ISSUER="Silicon Graphics,  
Inc."
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The license won't show up from the GUI but SoftWindows95 will work.

Considering the age of the O2 and it's dated 200 MHz MIPS CPU the emulation speed isnt't too bad.

I remembered it being worse than thaz, but maybe that's just the "geekness" of having gotten something very old to work again ;-)

