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On Thu, 25 Jan 2007 03:01:10 GMT, "Brad Velander"  
<bveland@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Well you certainly haven't gotten much of a response.

Largely it looks like you understand the issue(s) pretty well.  
There are licensed users on this group of both PADs and Altium but they are probably all sure that there is no sure single answer to your enquiry. It varies with all the conditions you mentioned, including how well sales have gone this quarter, this half, this year. The biggest question would be how many seats are you going to buy? Also those actually using licensed software probably aren't keeping up on pricing and bundling.

I wouldn't have minded any response about pricing, even out of date prices. ;->

We're only thinking about buying two seats. When I thought about it though, just finding out what other people had bought, which packages and options and how much they cost, would have been quite interesting. That would have been a guide to what we should be looking carefully at buying.

You're right, there are a lot of options that could be purchased and it would be interesting to find out what other users bought and which options they found were most useful.

As for the comment about Altium support getting worse than prior Protel support, someone is feeding you a complete line of shit. Having used Protel/Altium for the last 7 plus years, their support has gotten better in recent years.

Actually, all I know about Altium is what came up on a google search of s.e.c and s.e.d. while searching for "Protel" and "Altium". I

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read a number of posts about how the best version was Protel 99 and that things had gone downhill since then.

However, it's possible that, as you mentioned, Altium has many more features and is much more complex than any earlier version of Protel. So it might appear that Altium is worse, but the bugs/feature ratio  
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