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Comment:

I still use a couple of "abandonware" software products, but I am totally unable to move these applications to another computer, because the author/owner are no longer accessabl e.

I believe that when a company has gone out of business, or has otherwise abandoned support of a software product, they should be required to either release the source code or activation details into the public domain. Maybe when a copyright is granted, the details of activation, or else the source code should be submitted to a government repository.