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To whom it may concern,

First, ANSYS/LS-DYNA is a very reputable product and many customers are quite satisfied. ANSYS-LS-DYNA offers only a subset of LS-DYNA and their license key turns on this subset.

Although ANSYS/LS-DYNA uses the same executable as LSTC's LS-DYNA, it has many differences. The major one is that ANSYS only interfaces to a subset of LSTC's LS-DYNA. Many times it can't perform what is needed, especially in some of the automotive needs, airbag, etc.

That said, there are differences, and many customers need LSTC's LS-DYNA which is full version capabilities and keywords.

Also it is not always the current LS-DYNA release version, due to their release time and ours differ. It does not interface to all the LS-DYNA keywords and does not seamlessly interface to our software developed specifically to LS-DYNA - LS-OPT, LS-PrePost, LS-Tasc and the LSTC Dummy and Barrier Models. It is limited to the ANSYS Interface to the subset of LS-DYNA, developed by ANSYS, for their customers to use.

LSTC's LS-DYNA is less expensive on purchase pricing and includes both SMP and MPP versions without additional fees. The maintenance of paid up license is included in the first year pricing, is not added on. It is the FULL capabilities, to all keywords and applications within LS-DYNA and includes the latest features available due to our release schedules.

Additionally LSTC's support team for LS-DYNA (the developers of our software) and Dr. Hallquist (the lead developer and founder of LS-DYNA) are only found within LSTC.

LS-DYNA within other product portfolios is a subset of the full version LS-DYNA.

Sincerely,

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