
Subject: Re: IDL Shareware

Posted by [Mike Schienle](#) on Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <85nl6s\$4s6\$1@nnrp1.deja.com>, rgs
<dejastockwell@my-deja.com> wrote:

> I'm all in favour of shareware.
> Shareware is a great idea. You get quality
> programs for a very cheap price. You can't beat it.
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>
> I'd buy any program that was even a little bit useful,
> especially if there was a convenient secure
> credit-card-accepting webpage.

I believe KAGI<<http://www.kagi.com/>> would be the ideal place to manage
it. I've purchased several items from KAGI with no problems at all.

>
> I think RSI should step in here and offer up such a page
> on their web site (I assume there isn't one now) to
> let everyone put there shareware, and have rsi take in
> the credit card money, and distribute it to the authors.

I think that would put RSI in a difficult position. I'd prefer they
concentrate on core functions and large-scale programs and let the
community provide small-scale programs.

...

> I think if RSI is going to capture a larger market share,
> they have to have some to play along with the "toolbox"
> marketing scheme (like the much hated (by me) matlab).
> I have matlab's latest release, with a whole handful of toolboxes,
> and they have more functions that I can count. IDL in comparison
> is barren of functions (referring to mostly math/numerical analysis
> etc. types of functions).

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> Well, I'm anxiously awaiting the unveiling of
> the RSI (or Fanning) shareware page full of
> incredibly useful stuff written by everyone who has
> ever posted in this newgroup.

Same here.

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