
Subject: Re: IDL Shareware
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All,

Wow! I make a post, go away for a day and have 18 replies!

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.
>

Absolutely!

> I'd buy any program that was even a little bit useful,
> especially if there was a convenient secure
> credit-card-accepting webpage.
>

Both David and I have secure sites that accept credit card entries. In fact I have had shareware for sale for a few months, but precious few takers.

The way I do it is simple, the save files are not disabled in any way and if you want source you only have to pay a small fee. If you want to buy something that someone else writes then you work it out with them.

> In fact, you guys* have inspired me. I'll write up two
> packages i've been thinking about and shareware them up.
> Look for an announcement sometime in early '05!
>

Let me know when you are ready!

> 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.
>

I add more all the time!

So if the idea of shareware is a good idea, what types are people interested in? Both David's and my stuff is slanted toward general GUI type applications, but is that all there is? I personally like the technical stuff. But I imagine that the more technical you get, the less

people are interested in it. For example, I have close to 90 IDL routines that have to do with orbital mechanics but I have rarely seen any posts asking about orbits. It is just a little too specialized.

-Ronn

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