
Subject: Re: IDL Shareware

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Bob Stockwell (dejastockwell@my-deja.com) writes:

> PPS hey, the hell with RSi, dfanning.com should put
> up the page. Dave deserves more money!

I'll be looking for your check in the mail, Bob. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. There is a place on the Internet (the name escapes me right now) that is set up to handle all the financial details of distributing shareware. But I presume it will be too expensive for the author at the kind of volume we are talking about here (< 10 copies, apparently).

I agree about the crippling thing, though. It's not worth it, just in terms of the time it takes. I think, now, it's probably better to just give the source out and let people's natural honesty shine through. (I don't get that many reports of people stealing my book. But perhaps it's because I practically give it away to anyone who gives me a good story and has a sense of humor.)

But setting up a proper shareware site, distributing funds to authors, etc. requires a better web page than I know how to build at the moment. I think you will have to get some commercial shopping cart software to handle it. That means coughing up some money you hope to recover with shareware fees, which--I have to tell you--seems more and more dubious. :-(

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