
Subject: Re: IDL Shareware -- Gov't Labs
Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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How would this shareware concept work for those who work in Government Laboratories... can the Gov't cut you a check?

Struan Gray wrote:

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> Ronn Kling, ronn@rlkling.com writes:
>
>> So why don't we hear from the rest of the newsgroup on this?
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> I think it's a great idea, and would gladly pay shareware-level
> fees, especially for things like postscript configuration which are
> useful and help me write better applications but which are not
> directly related to my research and therefore spend their entire life
> on my back-burner.
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> My own code is typical research-oriented stuff, blown together in
> a hurry for unique occasions. There is little incentive to polish my
> routines to a level where anyone can use them. Having done it once
> for my surface plotting routines (happily - I'm not wingeing) I know
> how much work it is and admire people like you and D.F. who do it all
> the time. I tend to end up using and contributing ideas and code
> snippets rather than finished packages.
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> That said, if there were a semi-established shareware market for
> code I might be tempted to spruce up some stuff for public
> consumption. I'd say go for it and see what develops (assuming this
> fits both your business models).
>
> Struan

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