
Subject: Re: IDL Shareware

Posted by [Struan Gray](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Ronn Kling, ronn@rlkling.com writes:

> So why don't we hear from the rest of the newsgroup on this?

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.

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.

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
