
Subject: IDL Shareware

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All,

I would like to voice my support to David Fanning's post on the idea of shareware. I have had a few programs available on my site for awhile, but no one has bought any. Plus, I notice that no one has replied to David's post.

I am curious as to why.

As David correctly points out, shareware programs would be high quality, useful items for a VERY reasonable price. Just think about it, \$30.00 for a program that took 100 hours to write? From my point of view, shareware exists to provide a service to the IDL community while providing some recompense for those whose livelihood depends upon IDL programming like David and I.

Anyway, I would appreciate opinions on why getting this shareware idea off the ground is so difficult.

-Ronn

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