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Subject: Re: IDL

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In article <2quej9\$afq@news.bu.edu>, anders@uss-enterprise.bu.edu (Anders M Jorgensen) wrote:

> [ Article crossposted from sci.astro.research ]  
> [ Author was Luca Fini ]  
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> [although somewhat on the fringe of the charter, since IDL is a  
> rather popular analysis package used by astronomers, maybe one  
> of us knows the answer to this question - mod.]  
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> This is not a post about science. Sometimes we have to go down to  
> dirty jobs...  
>  
> Now we are going to make a major upgrade of uor network of SparcStations,  
> we are moving form SunOS4.1.1 to Solaris 2.3.  
> Looking around to find new versions of the licenced pakages we have  
> (Autocad, Matlab, and others) we have experienced pretty good interactions  
> with vendors: all of them will provide the new versions of their packages  
> at special "upgrade" prices (we usually have not software maintenance  
> contracts), \*EXCEPT\* for IDL. They simply want to sell us a new package  
> from scratch.  
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> My question is: is this a problem due to the Italian reseller, or is it a  
> general policy of RSI ?

Luca -

My understanding is that in the US RSI offers a credit on cross-platform (such as MIPS Ultrix -> Alpha OSF/1 upgrades), but that it will allow OS upgrades on the same machine free. I don't run Suns, so has anyone who does had to find out?

My guess is that the Italian distributor is, as we say, taking you for a ride.

Good luck,

Joe Gurman

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