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Subject: Re: Standalone executables (was Origin of IDL)  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2000 23:20:30 GMT  
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Hi Folks,

I wrote the other day:

- > Uh, huh. And from what I hear, the Unlimited
- > Right to Distribute license is only \$50K per
- > \*version\* of IDL.
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- > So, let's see, we'll forget about those cheapskates
- > still using IDL 4. They can't be doing serious
- > scientific work anyway. So 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and
- > I probably want to really get rich with 5.4. So for
- > only a quarter million dollars I can be distributing
- > my IDL application world-wide.
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- > Or did I miss something? :-)

I'm commiserating with JD again about the lack of a proper way to convey irony and sarcasm on newsgroups. It's a problem. ;-^)

But just so you know, although the figure I quoted was given to me by an RSI account representative, it was at least six months old, and hence must be considered wildly inaccurate. I urge you to contact your own RSI account representative for accurate figures.

It has been brought to my attention that each application and distribution method is slightly different, and the total cost can be arrived at only after careful consideration of all the variables. For most applications, apparently, it wouldn't cost anything like a quarter million dollars to distribute.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I didn't have my business plan worked out well enough to be able to get an accurate quote for my potential application. But I'll be working on it. ;-^)

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