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Subject: Re: RSI is a money thirsty beast!!  
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In article <ghsu-unstable.771181527@nswc.navy.mil> ghsu%unstable@nswc.navy.mil  
(Guan-Hsong Hsu) writes:

> Hi, There,  
> I have just found out that RSI requires each individual users of  
> IDL to send in \$200 to register in order to get technical support.  
> Here's what they say :  
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> ...  
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> using IDL, I have seen the price of a license going up and up.  
> Restrictions on usage get worse. RSI has turned from a small,  
> technically oriented outfit into this horrible money sucking beast.  
> It is really sad. Is Visual Numeric just as \$\$ thirsty?  
> Mathworks is perhaps just as bad. Every little toolbox costs \$K.  
> But at least they don't require each user to pay in order to get  
> support. Maybe they are all just as bad.

RSI is THE most competitive (& competent) alternative out there isn't it?  
Everyone else charges you yearly fees just to use the old software you  
bought ages ago.

> I think we need a GNU version of IDL/Matlab clone!

Amen. This is a sad situation.

-- Chris

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