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Subject: It costs how much?!?!?

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Wow. I have been hanging around this newsgroup reading for a little while now and I downloaded a demo of IDL a month or two ago to determine what IDL could do. Despite being limited to a 7 minute demo now, I am quite impressed. I finally got around to asking RSI exactly how much it cost... WOW. I am a meager graduate student and my supervisor isn't too keen on paying so much money for software which he figures I can live without... "How much??? (cough, cough, weeze) I'm sure you can do that in Excel" were his exact words. I'd buy it myself, but there is no way I could afford it at what they quoted me. I looked into the 'student version' but it is far too limited to be of much use with my \*large\* datasets. I guess it is back to fortran, 'gri' and 'gnuplot' for me :(

Will the people at RSI ever come back to reality here? Their academic prices are simply too high (a few hundred dollars perhaps) but what they are asking is crazy. I would have thought that us engineering/physics graduate students are the people that RSI would target sales for! In a few years, I'll be in industry making decisions about software purchases... too bad they don't realize this...

Bill

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