Subject: Re: It costs how much?!!?!
Posted by Randall Skelton on Wed, 06 Dec 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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I found this on the PV-WAVE web site... I have never used PV-Wave but I did a little reading last night on the common ancestry between RSI and VNI.

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(Unfortunately, my university used IDL not VNI... but I think that I will pursue this a little further!)

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Randall

On Wed, 6 Dec 2000, Kenneth Mankoff wrote:

> Date: Wed, 6 Dec 2000 00:43:21 -0600
> From: Kenneth Mankoff <mankoff@lasp.colorado.edu>
> Newsgroups: comp.lang.idl-pvwave
> Subject: Re: It costs how much?!!?!
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> On Tue, 5 Dec 2000, David Fanning wrote:
>> I think the impression most people have is that if someone is giving
>> something away, it's not worth much. I do think it makes sense though to
>> charge a reasonable price for students. (I'm thinking something in the
>> range of $200, which seems to be the going academic pricing if people
>> can get it together enough to order a site license. That seems fair to
>> me, given what you can do with IDL.)
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> i think the linux/unix open source school would very much disagree with
> "free is not worth much". Free can be better.

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> And if it were open source, us linux-using students who like to hack
> things apart and put them together in our spare time would turn out some
> mean routines to improve the product. This theoretical free open-source
> student IDL (wow, aren't i in a daydream) would probably have openGL, GUI
> builders, ports to Palm Vx OS, entire libraries of extensions, etc., all
> within a few months..
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