Subject: Re: It costs how much?!!?!
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Wed, 06 Dec 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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"Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov> writes:

> Kenneth Mankoff wrote:
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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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> The only downside I am envisioning in this daydream is that then nobody
> will be compatible with each other. I use Build 20.6.1a-1, David is on
> 21.3.4b, and Craig is on the legacy RSI one. More of a nightmare than
> daydream :-(

I wonder if you think the current RSI IDL version progression is any
less of a nightmare? From a support standpoint it pretty much blows.
I think every procedure in the IDL manual should have a
version-compatibility matrix.

Believe me, I'd be using Build 23.1 if it was open-source. I would
prefer IDL to be open source.

Craig

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