
Subject: Re: It costs how much?!?!?

Posted by [Kenneth Mankoff](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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On Wed, 6 Dec 2000, Pavel A. Romashkin wrote:

> 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 :-(

true... very true. Different can cause problems. But they don't have to.
Even though my friends have different builds, releases, and versions of
linux, there is very little problems we have sharing the files we work on
together.

And i should point out that for the linux part of this thread:

- a. I never would have tried to install it if i knew it would require so many sleepless nights and so much time
- b. I'm glad i didn't know, because i'm glad i eventually got it working.
- c. I was incapacated at the time with two broken backs (one from skiing, one from a car wreck 20 days later), and had nothing better to do over last Xmas break, and...
- d. I've made up the time 'wasted' installing linux and not working becuae i'm not stuck working in a bad GUI environment :).

-k.
