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Subject: Re: Free IDL

Posted by [Mark Rivers](#) on Fri, 26 Oct 2001 13:16:02 GMT

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M. Vountas <SPAM2vountas@iup.physik.uni-bremen> wrote in message  
news:3BD7CF6F.4A8D8AC@iup.physik.uni-bremen...

> Dear NG,

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> I am using IDL/Wave since 1993 for vizualisation purposes in the field  
> of space imaging and atmospheric science.

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> Since then the pricing (including schools and universities) increased  
> drastically.

> We are spending now more then 10.000 Euro for about 20 licenses (the  
> reseller told us that this is not the normal price but a special  
> bargain- what a joke).

The price for a University "department" license in the US is \$2,000 annually  
for 50 licenses. This is what I pay and I think it is a fair deal. There  
are plenty of less powerful packages that cost more than \$40 per seat per  
year even for universities. These 50 licenses are floating, so we use them  
for Windows, Linux and various Unix systems.

Mark

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