
Subject: Re: Pricing (was Re: LINUX version of IDL)
Posted by [Ralf.Utermann](#) on Tue, 11 Oct 1994 16:05:58 GMT
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In article <Geoff.Sobering-111094084157@gybe.ncrr.nih.gov>, Geoff.Sobering@nih.gov (Geoff Sobering) writes:

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|> years ago before we invested \$30K in floating licenses, so I suspect there
|> are a lot of sites out there interested in IDL, but turned off by the large
|> initial investment to get a useful number of licenses. I'm sure there are
|> others who would be interested in non-standard licensing arrangements to fit
|> their own requirements.
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Same here. Some two years ago I thought of having IDL as *the* graphics system at our site. But, of course, the price made it impossible. So we are running now one floating license and one unlimited user/node locked license, which means that if you want, you can use IDL, but it may *very* slow on the node-locked license machine. And it's especially difficult to argue for IDL, if you get the IBM Data Explorer practically for free in a Campus Software License program ...

Another point: Many users, who from time to time would need 3D or other features of IDL, will not use it as long as their favorite 2D-Plot program under Windows/Mac is much more comfortable than IDL -- annotate and pwidget are really just a beginning.
=> And in turn, they won't spend money for this and participate in joint floating licenses bought by many groups together.

- Ralf

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