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Subject: Re: IDL for IRIX

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Michael de la Fuente wrote:

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> Paul van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> wrote in message
news:<3E248768.B04047FA@noaa.gov>...
>> Michael de la Fuente wrote:
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>>> Nigel Wade <nmw@ion.le.ac.uk> wrote in message
news:<avu7o1$b7a$1@south.jnrs.ja.net>...
>>>> Michael de la Fuente wrote:
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>>>> > Hello,
>>>> > I'm a student at RIT in NY and am taking an Imaging Science course
>>>> > here. They use IDL extensively I see and was wondering if there are
>>>> > any users of IDL on SGI Irix platforms here. I would be interested in
>>>> > your feedback on how well IDL runs and executes on IRIX. Also, any
>>>> > other info(pricing, downloadable ftp site, etc etc) would be helpful
>>>> > too. Thank you.
>>>> > -Mike
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>>>> As others have said, IDL runs very well under IRIX. The only complaint I
>>>> might make is that it doesn't make use of the MP capabilities of IRIX.
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>>>> Are you looking to run it on a personal machine, or one owned by the
>>>> institute you're attending? If it's owned by the institute you might not
>>>> need to purchase anything if they have network licenses. IDL for UNIX
>>>> covers installation on Solaris, IRIX, Linux and others for network
>>>> licenses.
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>>> This would be on my own personal machine and the software for IRIX
>>> goes for like $1200 while the student version for Windows is only $80,
>>> man that ruined my day!!!
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>> If you can afford an SGI box for personal use, then an IDL license should be chook feed.
>> (just kidding...mostly)
>>
>>> I asked the systems admin for the Imaging
>>> Science department and he said he isn't able to help me out with a
>>> license, so I emailed Rsinc.com and hope they can give me a break in
>>> the price, worth a shot anyway...
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>> Sure. I'll refrain from several raunchy analogies about RSI's licensing costs/policies
>> that spring to mind :o) Suffice it to say don't hold your breath. Then again, given the
>> economy, maybe they've softened their stance. :o|
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>> paulv

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> ummmm SGI workstations sell for pennies on the dollar last time I

> checked Ebay :-) hence why I could afford one.....

Huh. how about that. I never would've guessed.

> but anyway in terms

> of licensing, I'm sure they are as anal as SGI with the licensing of

> the product to different machines,

I have done this many, many times with a particular IDL single-user license. As workstations got retired, I simply migrated the license over to another machine (I think three times - from one IBM RS/6K to another to my Linux laptop). To get the new license keys I simply contact RSI with the new hostid info. But, and it's a significant but, in addition to a licensed product -- which you could conceivably get cheaply from a generous professor/sysadmin if they can sort out the purchasing paperwork (not an insignificant feat at some universities) -- I also was up-to-date on my maintenance payments. I don't know if this is a necessary thing if all you're doing is transferring an already paid for license from one machine to another, but my experience with IDL licensing is that if it can be made difficult, it will be. I sure this isn't a willful effort on RSI's part to make life difficult, more me not being able (or, truth be told, willing) to follow all the machinations of said policy.

> but do you know if they allow

> license transfers of older or more recent versions?

I would \_hope\_ that if the product has been fully paid for, it shouldn't matter (the maintenance issue notwithstanding.)

Good luck

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