
Subject: Re: IDL for IRIX

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mike7510@hotmail.com (Michael de la Fuente) wrote:

> I'm a student at RIT in NY and am taking an Imaging Science course
> here.

You have your own personal IRIX workstation? Well, you must have more money than I do... In any case, RSI would be a little hypocritical if they started giving away the IRIX license for the student price given that they have outright refused to let me purchase IDL for linux at the student price :(

I hate to dust off and mount my linux soap-box but the thought of actually paying money for a bloated M\$ windows operating system just so I can have the privilage using IDL at home is just silly. I am doing a masters course in imaging having spent the past 5 years writing visulization tools in the medical imaging industry. I write all my assignments for my remote ensing and imaging courses in c++ and/or python and write data files that I can read using IDL in our computer lab if I must. When our instructor realized that the student version was only for windows, she revised her policy regarding assignments so they could be coded in any language that students have access to. To be honest, usng the IDL language for anything more vizsualization is like coding in the stone ages anyways! It seems the folks who implimented the IDL objects only read a quarter of thier CS texts or did I miss something? If you need real visualization toolkit use VTK.
