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Subject: Re: IDL Student Edition for Linux?  
Posted by [davem](#) on Sun, 05 Mar 1995 04:59:05 GMT  
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In article <gurman-0403951057270001@arrowroot.gsfc.nasa.gov>,  
Joseph B. Gurman <gurman@uvsp.gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote:

>  
>> Imagine how many copies of an IDL Student Edition for Linux (or IDL  
>> Lite for Linux) that RSI could sell if the price was right! I'll bet  
>> they could sell ten copies for every workstation licence currently in  
>> the field....  
>  
> ....and imagine how many tech support people they'd have to hire to  
> service those student licensees.... and how that cost would be reflected  
> in the license costs.... for other platforms?

I think not. Most student editions of software come without either  
"regular" tech support or upgrade privileges. (Bug reports are  
usually accepted and FAQ's are often maintained for workarounds.) Some  
come without manuals. They are intended to provide students (and  
faculty) with the opportunity to learn how to use a package and  
complete homework assignments at home. That is, without having to buy  
a package at full price or resorting to software piracy.

If issuing student or academic editions works for Mathsoft, The  
MathWorks, AutoDesk, Lotus, Microsoft, Borland, Symantec, etc., I'm  
sure RSI can find a way to make it work, too.

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