Subject: Re: IDL Student Edition for Linux?
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In article <3j8cdg$40e@fhw.ee.ubc.ca>, davem@ee.ubc.ca (Dave Michelson) wrote:

> In article <3j78gt$blv@martha.utk.edu>,
> Will Tribbey <tribbey@scanner.hosp.utk.edu> wrote:
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>> |> IMHO, RSI is going the wrong way on this. They need to hold the line
>> |> on maint costs and drop the price of IDL to be more in line with the
>> |> competition (like PV-WAVE, Hi-Q, Matlab, ...). These are all running
>> |> at about half the cost of IDL. Market share and size of total market
>> |> are the key to stable profits.....
>>
>> .... I have heard of a STUDENT edition of IDL priced at ~$200!
>
> 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?

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