
Subject: Re: IDL for Linux? or just a dream
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Brian Handy (uphlabh@gemini.oscs.montana.edu) wrote:

: In article <glennits.9.000DBF73@hookup.net>,
: Farrington <glennits@hookup.net> wrote:
: >[...] A switch to Linux away from windows would make
: >me very happy, if anyone has info or gossip I would like to know.

: I've also talked to the RSI folks about Linux. There are a few bumps in
: the road to getting IDL on a Linux box...

: (1) The software IDL uses for license protection isn't available for
: Linux.

Ah, the MS-Windows Version is using a license manager and floating
licenses?

: (2) Is IDL on Linux viable? Are people willing to pay \$1500 for IDL
: on a linux box?

Lots of universities are using Linux, as it is very cheap. If the
software has the same price as for an 'official' workstation, where is
the problem? Of course, as a private user, I couldn't pay that
price. But again: What is the price of the Windows-version, and who is
using it?

: (3) Linux isn't a commercial product, and that makes the RSI folks
: nervous. If some feature of IDL needed a specific enhancement
: to Linux to make it work, there may be no guarantee it would happen.

That is no real argument. I would suppose it a *lot* easier to implement
some changes in Linux than in any 'official' OS.

: I think what is key here is grand success with PV-WAVE. If PV-WAVE
: flounders on Linux, those of us who want IDL are pretty well (continue
: to be) hosed.

I allready see the star of IDL sinking due to all the students having
used PV-WAVE in Linux and therefore buying it for their company, once
they have a job. That is - in my oppinion - a great PRO for a Linux
version. But I don't have to decide...

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