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Subject: Re: IDL for Linux? or just a dream  
Posted by [uphlabh](#) on Thu, 09 Mar 1995 01:20:18 GMT  
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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.
- (2) Is IDL on Linux viable? Are people willing to pay \$1500 for IDL on a linux box?
- (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.

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.

Alas,

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