Subject: Re: idl and licenses
Posted by George N. White III on Sun, 05 Dec 2004 14:38:33 GMT

On Fri, 3 Dec 2004, David Fanning wrote:

> And, anyway, IDL licenses seem to look out for themselves
> pretty well. I had a conversation a month or so ago with
> a scientist from a former world power that is struggling
> to pay its scientists a living wage, let alone provide them
> with software. These guys are pretty adept, as I understand it,
> at getting software at, uh, a steep discount. But they don't
> use IDL, and they would like to. :-)

Let them use GDL and put those programming talents to constructive uses
(improving GDL and making RSI work harder to keep up). Having been burned
in the past when good products (Macsyma) became unavailable, many people
are reluctant to get involved with single-vendor languages. RSI/IDL will
benefit from the larger community of people familiar with the IDL/GDL
language. RSI should be thinking about ways to make core IDL more open
thru community involvment in a standard for the core language, and
concentrate on adding value to their IDL product.

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