> I have IDL here and I am wanting to write an application over the next
> year which others can use. It will have a GUI front end. If I want
> to write this and distribute it to others, what are the ramifications?

The major ramification is usually embarrassment when
you find out all those CDs you just wrote contain
code with a serious bug in it. :-(

> Can I
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> 1) put application on a disc (idl licenses?)
>   i need to complile for windows and unix seprataley i assume?
>   can the application be used without the users having idl licenses

> If people are going to go the licensing route, they
> typically use run-time licenses, since these are much
> cheaper than full licenses. And, yes, you add the
<run-time licenses directly to the CD containing your
<program. You won't have to compile separately (assuming
<the application is IDL code), but you will
<have to have the correct type of license packaged with
<the application. This is machine-specific, I think.

thanks

<If users don't have IDL licenses, they can use the IDL
<Virtual Machine to run your program. They have to put
<up with an RSI splash screen to do so, but you didn't expect
<something for nothing, did you? :-)

> 2) allow external users to log in to a unix box to use?

> This doesn't help anything unless that UNIX box has
> an IDL license on it.

it does, but just wondering if letting someone else use my idl license
remotely is ok or not

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