Subject: Market for an IDL to Java Translator?
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I'm trying to gauge the need for an IDL to Java Translator.

My proposed translator would take IDL source code and produce Java
Source code. Initially (at least), it would be limited to IDL code
that contained no GUI widgets and made no calls to shared libraries.

My thought is to offer the translator as a service rather than a
product. A customer would upload their code to a web site, and get
back a trial jar file (a java executable that would run for a limited
period of time) in return. If they were satisfied with the execution
of the jar file (correctness and speed), they would be able to
purchase the generated Java source code.

My questions are (to those that would be interested in such a
service):
1) How many lines of code do you have that you would be interested in
converting to Java?
2) Would you be interested in this service if it was offered if it
was offered at a price of $0.10/line of code?
3) ... at a price of $0.05/line of code?
4) ... at a price of $0.02/line of code?
5) ... at a price of $0.01/line of code?
6) Would you be more interested in an IDL to C translator?

Thank you,
Eric.