
Subject: Re: Migrate away from idl?

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 19 Nov 2009 22:52:54 GMT

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mankoff wrote:

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> On Nov 19, 9:22 am, mgalloy <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:
>> Kenneth P. Bowman wrote:
>>> Python and the associated libraries are all open source, so
>>> here is nothing to stop someone from doing the work of
>>> assembling and building it for easy distribution and installation
>>> and then charging $50 or $100 for it, right?
>> Yes, there are several efforts in that area. I am most excited about
>> Python(x,y) (pythonxy.com/), which includes everything I need, but is
>> only available for Windows and Ubuntu. Add a Max OS X installer and rpms
>> for Fedora Core and that would be very enticing.
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>
> I'm surprised nobody has mentioned the Enthought Python Distribution
> (EPD). Cross platform, free for academics. Reasonable license costs
> outside academia.
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While paying for the EPD license for a developer is worth it, I'm concerned about the license fees for distributing to others. IDL has the VM which makes it free and easy to distribute IDL applications.

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