
Subject: Re: Is there a cheap implementation of IDL
Posted by [Joseph M Zawodny](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 1996 08:00:00 GMT
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David Gunter wrote:

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> Ashley Unitt (aunitt@mail.bogo.co.uk) wrote:
> : I want to be able to run IDL cheaply.
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> : Are there any shareware / freeware / cheap implementations available?
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> : Thanks in advance.
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> : Ashley
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> The last IDL newsletter I saw (volume 6 no. 1) mentioned the availability of
> educational pricing. It expired on June 30th according to the notice, but
> perhaps they'll extend this pricing again. For info they list Donna Carr at
> donna@rsinc.com or 303.786.9900 by phone. No actual price is listed in the
> letter.

Yes, but there is educational pricing and then there is educational pricing.

Case in point, AutoCAD normally costs in the vicinity of \$3K.

Educational

versions with full functionality can be had for \$175! It does make sense to

let the "kids" learn it at little or no cost and then they'll convince their

employers to buy it at "retail" when they graduate and get jobs. Now I have

always maintained that is also makes sense to have a similar discount for

users to have a home copy. While this has been offered to folks who run Linux (and perhaps more recently for PCs) it was still price, in my estimation,

too high at \$500. If it were \$200, I'd buy it for home.

Just another \$0.02,

JMZ

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