
Subject: Re: idl for linux

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Matt Delaney (mdelaney@bermuda.ucd.ie) wrote:

: I am an UNIX IDL user, but am interested in purchasing IDL for LINUX.
: Does the LINUX version run a license manager? My supplier has quoted me
: a price for a LINUX IDL installation, but didn't know the technical
: details about number of user restrictions, etc. Do you have to buy
: individual user licenses?
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I am not sure if this is relevant, but PVWave for Linux uses the license manager without any problem. However, I am running the manager on a SPARCstation and I don't know if it would work with the manager under Linux.

The other interesting fact is that floating licenses for Linux cost about half those for SPARCstations. We use our two SPARC licenses for both the SPARCs and Linux boxes, so perhaps we have paid over the odds (although we got the licenses before the Linux version came out). I am told that if you buy Linux licenses there is nothing to stop them from floating on the SPARCstation and that if we wanted to buy any of these we would have to sign an undertaking that they wouldn't be used on the SPARC. It all seems a bit daft to me. A SPARC license does the same thing as a Linux license, so why charge twice as much?

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