
Subject: Re: idl for linux

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In article <5c5l3f\$3kl@ewrcsdra.demon.co.uk>, rsimpson@ewrcsdra.demon.co.uk (Richard Simpson) writes:

[..snip..]

|> 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?

Bzzt, wrong question, the correct one is:

A Linux license does the same thing as a SPARC license, so why charge only half the price.

The answer to that, I hope, is clear. Please let us keep low-cost licenses for "private" machines with decent operating systems! If that means signing an agreement not to use the licenses on "professional" machines, then so be it! If you want workstation licenses, buy them, instead of jeopardizing the affordability of IDL for private use.

I wonder, though, has anyone tried using the "office" floating licenses at home, being hooked up through the net?

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