
Subject: Re: idl for linux

Posted by [steinhh](#) on Mon, 03 Feb 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <5d2lvj\$2i6@ewrcsdra.demon.co.uk>, rsimpson@ewrcsdra.demon.co.uk (Richard Simpson) writes:

|> Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan (steinhh@rigil.uio.no) wrote:

[...]

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|> : 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.

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|> It may be that I have missed the point, or we may have a translation problem

|> here, but I don't understand any of the points which Stein is trying to make.

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In retrospect I see that my post was badly worded, and quite easily misunderstood as a "flame". I apologize for this. The "you" in the above paragraph was meant to refer to the general public, not you in particular, Richard.

My assumptions were that linux licenses are cheap because they are aimed at the "private" market, while workstation licenses are aimed at the "professional" market. Whether this is sensible given the current developments is questionable, though. I just wanted to point out that everyone should be careful not to abuse (and thereby risk losing) the cheap "private" licenses, even though they might be identical.

Regards,

Stein Vidar Haugan
