
Subject: Re: idl for linux

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

: |> 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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: Bzzt, wrong question, the correct one is:
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: A Linux license does the same thing as a SPARC license, so why
: charge only half the price.
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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.

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.

Let me try to be clear.

1) I don't think that I ever stated that I WANT workstation licenses. I have all the SPARC licenses I could want. If I need more seats then I will buy more PCs and more Linux licenses. In the medium term I would like to get rid of the SPARCs entirely and save on their maintenance costs. Best of all, would be for VNI to bring out a Linux for Alpha version. I would then be happy to get an Alpha motherboard and run it on that.

2) I have no desire to jeopardize the affordability of anything. If my earlier posting gave the impression that I wanted to see the Linux price increased to match the SPARC price then I am sorry that it was not clear enough. Why should I wish anyone (including myself) to pay more for their licenses? I do not have shares in VNI.

3) Finally, let me make it clear that I agree that Linux is a "decent operating system". I would rather use it than Solaris any day.

I hope that clarifies the situation.

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