Subject: Re: IDL Windows vs Linux
Posted by bart hoekstra on Tue, 15 Apr 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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Charles Martin wrote:
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> Hi All,
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> I want to get IDL for a PC. There are two ways to do this. One is to get a
> linux version which will cost me $500. The other is to get the windows
> version that costs about $1000. I use the Solaris version at work.
>   My question is: is there any advantage to buying the windows version?
> It is not uncommon for me to save my results to a graphics file and then
> load those results into Word or Powerpoint. Would I have any trouble
> accessing the Linux files from Windows?
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> Charles Martin, PhD

One thing you might also want to consider is using WABI for linux. We just
installed it, and it allows you to run word and powerpoint from within Linux.
It costs $200.

We have been using idl for linux, and the only real problems specific to Linux
I have encountered have been with the X-server, however I believe that Xi now
has a X-windows server which supports 8 bit psuedo-color when running as a 24 bit
color, which ease some of the problems.

One questions I'm not sure of though. We have an OpenGL server on our machine
(i.e. not Mesa). Does IDL 5.0 use the OpenGL server if its available or does it
always use Mesa? OpenGL is significantly faster in rendering.

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