
Subject: Re: embedded IDL

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geir@sunecho.ifc.pi.cnr.it (Geir Torheim) writes:

> I asked here in Italy (before reading your postings), the salesman
> told me it was possible to buy a runtime license of IDL for something
> like 900 000 Italian Lire (PC/Mac only, UNIX is more expensive).
> That should be something like US\$ 500 I think.

> However, he also said that discount prices were available, without
> specifying anything more.

> He also said that the functionality etc. is the same for the runtime
> license as for the normal IDL license.

> He did not tell me that RSI had to embed IDL...
> Is this runtime license the same as this 'embedded IDL'?
> Does anybody know if they charge for doing this embedding in
> addition to the runtime license?

I think they're different things. As I understand the runtime license version of IDL, it does have one significant restriction over the normal IDL license: it can't compile .pro files--it can only run routines from save files. This means that you can't use it to develop programs, that's why it's "runtime". What it does allow you to do is to run programs developed somewhere else. So it's good for projects that wish to distribute their software to other sites without their colleagues having to pay for a full IDL license.

Bill
