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Subject: Re: IDL for Linux(PC-UNIX)

Posted by [uphlabh](#) on Tue, 20 Dec 1994 22:27:10 GMT

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In article <SNOZAWA.94Dec19151321@stecpu2.helios1.sci.ibaraki.ac.jp>, Satoshi Nozawa <snozawa@helios1.sci.ibaraki.ac.jp> wrote:

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> Thank you.

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> snozawa

I talked to the RSI representatives (the guys who bring you IDL) this last spring at a Solar Physics meeting in Baltimore. I wanted them to port their stuff to a FreeBSD box. The response I got was that for the price I paid for my machine (with the extra ram, the nice monitor and the video card) I could darn near get a real workstation that is supported by RSI.

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Regards,

Brian Handy

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Posted by [mahan](#) on Wed, 21 Dec 1994 01:43:19 GMT

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Included in this survey was a question that asked which platforms do you wish to see an IDL port- Included was Linux, Solaris for Intel, BSD (as I recall), among other platforms.

IMHO, RSI would make a good move to market IDL for Linux to students, with an affordable price scheme. After school- New Place- New Non-Linux platform (most likely) and software to accompany at retail costs. Seems to be the attitude of many of the software companies. (National Instruments is releasing nearly full function, from my understanding, student version of Lab View. Microsoft, from my experience, offers generous discounts to educational institutions and there are others-).

Steve

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I was contacted by email in mid November- you can send email to  
survey@rsinc.com to request a form and/or send your own comments and  
suggestions.

The survey prompted for the contact people to freely forward to IDL users for their feedback as well as the contact's feedback.

-Steve

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