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Subject: Re:Student version of IDL  
Posted by [kyoakita](#) on Thu, 06 Apr 1995 07:00:00 GMT  
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In article <bowman-0104952139460001@csrp12.tamu.edu>, bowman@csrp.tamu.edu (Kenneth P. Bowman) writes:

> In article <maki.23.00085E81@gauss.cam.wits.ac.za>,

> maki@gauss.cam.wits.ac.za wrote:

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>> I am very interested in obtaining information on the price and the  
>> restrictions on student versions of either IDL or PVWAVE for use on  
an IBM

>> PC under DOS or WINDOWS. I would also be interested in the e-mail

>> addresses of the suppliers.

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> The list price is \$1,500 here in the U.S. (last time I checked).

Academic

> discount depends on quantity. Single copy discount is 25% (once again,

> this is from memory).

Jeez, how cheap you can buy the product!

The list price here (Japan) is about \$4000 for PC/Mac version of IDL.

Academic discount does not depend on quantity and is only 15%.

The package is slightly different from the U.S. version, though.

It contains a thin volume of user's guide in Japanese, which is  
absolutely not worth \$2,500 (I wouldn't pay \$10 for that!).

We complained to both RSI and their Japanese representative in vain  
(RSI refused to sell us directly). So, we decided to boycott  
their products. Good work, RSI!

It seems Americans are not very eager to sell us their products  
except for those crappy cars ;-(

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:What I meant was that there is no point in forgetting civility  
:even if the price is not right for you.

That doesn't apply to a direct order system.

Simple fact for you, sir; Several years ago, RSI was selling their products to us for the same price as in the U.S.

I don't think I am nagging at RSI for what they cannot do. They CAN change their policy and distribute their products for foreign customers as they were doing before.

cheers,

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