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Posted by [dave](#) on Sat, 20 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT  
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The upshot is that everyone who got addicted to PV-Wave/Linux is SOL. It seems the better thing to do would be to make the demo product remain functional until a commercial replacement was available.

RSI is very evasive about a Linux port, and they don't seem to have scheduled a release :-)

Maybe if more people indicate a willingness to back up their queries in the form of purchases and support contracts, these companies will produce. . .

Cheers,

David.

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Thanks for the information. I have to admit I find this really strange. If this is the case, one has to assume that porting PV-Wave to Linux was so easy that no one minded doing it "just to see what would happen". Without knowing how PV-Wave was programmed, I would have said this had to be the case anyway since Linux is so similar to SunOS.

BUT

If it's so easy to do (and it's been done now anyway), what more do they have to do than offer the damn software to people who want to buy it? If nobody wants it, they don't lose a cent.

Am I missing something?

Matthew.

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My understanding (correct me if I'm wrong) is that the main effort is in the verification of the numerics. All of the numerical routines must be run under several well-conditioned and ill-conditioned problems and compared to a standard output. I imagine that fine tuning the output could be quite a lengthy task. I'm not sure what other verification exists for PV-Wave proper. Unfortunately, 40 interested parties with the promise of fewer sales may not be enough to entice VNI into the effort.

On the other hand, A fully functioning port with all the help files and manuals but without the guarantee on the numerics could be an excellent student version if priced at ~\$100-\$150 US. I know I'd certainly pay it. If I needed another IDL/Wave box, I'd certainly pay full price for the professional version, also.

Meanwhile, maybe those guys will change their minds and "unlock" the demo version until they decide on the future of PV-wave/Linux. :-))

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Wait only a few weeks and you can buy IDL for LINUX. With the release 4.0 comes an new release for Linux.

But nobody knows the price

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