Subject: PV-WAVE for Linux
Posted by larkum on Fri, 19 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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It's 1 month today since VNI stopped the trial period for
PV-WAVE for Linux. Does this mean it wasn't a success?

Matthew.

Subject: Re: PV-WAVE for Linux
Posted by douga on Tue, 23 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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In article <3ppsai$lmq@aragorn.unibe.ch>, M Larkum <larkum@pyl.unibe.ch> wrote:

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Posted by jeff on Wed, 24 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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I suspect it's more of a marketting dilemma. If the Unix version is approx
5-8K how much can you charge for the Linux version which is identical in
funtionality. People running a free OS on a 2-3K Pentium box are not likely
to spend more than a few hundred bucks for it.

Jeff

Subject: Re: PV-WAVE for Linux
Posted by atp on Wed, 31 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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dave@image6.med.uth.tmc.edu (David Fenyes) writes:

>>>> >> "M" == M Larkum <larkum@pyl.unibe.ch> writes:
> In article <3pi6s2$lmq@aragorn.unibe.ch> larkum@pyl.unibe.ch (M Larkum) writes:

> We had been using IDL for Windows until we snatched PV-Wave or Linux
> from the net. The products are comparable, but the environment is so
> much better that we preferred PV-Wave/Linux over IDL/Windows.

 Damn,
   I look away for a moment, and I miss it. Never heard about
   this. Normally the linux community is big on publicising this sort
   of stuff.
       Ah well. back to trying to get IDL for windows to run under
   WINOS2 under DOSEMU under Linux.....

   If the demo is still available anywhere, I'd appreciate an
   E-mail with the location. We are an all IDL shop here, but I dont
   use widgets myself so could make the transition to pv-wave.

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

 Little bit annoyed about the complete lack of noises here.
  filled in the RSI form + sent it off. We have asked the local distributors
  about the progress, and no info has come back at all. If they just said
  "no-way" then that would be better than keeping us hanging around.

  Dear RSI,

    Please let us know what you are up to. If you are not sure that
  we are profitable enough for you, Then how about a statically linked
  SCO-386 binary we could run under iBCS2 instead? That would shut
  us up :-), and kill two birds with one stone.

        Thanks for your time,
   andy

OB IDL,
    The 3.5.1 -> 3.6.1c (Alpha OSF) release changed something in how
  the code segment was allocated. I have program that insists on crashing
  under 3.5.1 with "% Program unit has too many local variables."
   This is resistant to fiddling with the .size keyword. (yep, I know it
  has to be the first command). Fixed in 3.6.1c.
    Question - How can I get it to work under 3.5.[0-1] ? In some cases
  upgrading is not "practical".

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