
Subject: IDL license costs in europe?

Posted by [markb77](#) on Sun, 11 Apr 2010 20:28:36 GMT

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thanks,

Mark Bates

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Subject: Re: IDL license costs in europe?

Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Mon, 12 Apr 2010 16:27:58 GMT

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On Apr 11, 10:28 pm, markbates <mark...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Nope, similar amount in the Netherlands, depending on the size of the site. And people still wonder why some are looking for alternatives.

Maarten Sneep

Subject: Re: IDL license costs in europe?

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 08:31:07 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDL license costs in europe?
Posted by [markb77](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 12:25:03 GMT
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Annual maintenance contracts are the same as the initial price, in the US at least. That's currently \$300 for a node-locked license, \$480 for a single user floating network license. Those are academic prices, mind you.
Mark
