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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Tue, 08 May 2012 15:21:36 GMT

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Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Mon, 14 May 2012 19:38:34 GMT

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On Monday, May 14, 2012 2:47:11 AM UTC-4, dave poreh wrote:

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Hi Dave,

Perhaps you should ask Excelis directly at www.exelisvis.com They'll be able to provide you answers for the questions you are asking.

Cheers,
Ben

Subject: Re: Cost of student version of IDL
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Fri, 25 May 2012 14:37:57 GMT
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Hi all,

The student version is identical to the full version, just time-limited to a year. So you can create all of the publication-quality graphics that you want. As long as you are a student.

Cheers,
Chris
ExelisVIS

Subject: Re: Cost of student version of IDL
Posted by [Teddy Allen](#) on Wed, 30 May 2012 20:45:47 GMT
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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Thu, 31 May 2012 07:24:47 GMT

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1500\$!!! for that!!

Subject: Re: Cost of student version of IDL
Posted by [JM\[2\]](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2012 11:48:16 GMT
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Maybe the University may buy floating licenses and share them with registered students over a virtual private network?. Thus they would work with IDL at their quarters.

You do not need as many licenses as students. You would even get some license manager that releases the license after X minutes of not using the program, for avoiding accapuration of the licenses. This is the way that ArcGIS licenses are shared in my organization and it is much cheaper.

Else the floating licenses would be shared at the university facilities, if a VPN is not available.

I do not know wether Exelis has already thought of something like that. IDL is an amazing tool and they should take care of students, the users of tomorrow.

Best regards,

J.M.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2012 5:21:36 PM UTC+2, Kenneth P. Bowman wrote:

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Have You tried GDL (gnu data language)? This is a free idl language interpreter.
