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llothar wrote:

>>*I guess you must think you have something that someone will pay for.*

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> *Yes, somebody already asked for a Sparc/Solaris port (but i do this*

> *almost completely*

> *for marketing purposes, to show that i'm a small company but seriously*

> *interested in the success of my product).*

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Cheap shareware code is not something one sees much on UNIX. Sure there is some very expensive professional software and there is a lot of free open-source code, but there is not a lot in the middle.

> *A nice side effect if i only need to install Solaris is that i can use*

> *the old and cheap machine as a low power consumption subversion/file*

> *server. (Just need to get a fan-less power supply and a very quite*

> *fan).*

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> *The program already runs on Linux (iX86-X64-PPC) / Net-Open-Free BSD*

> *(iX86-X64-PPC), Win2K, WinXP, WinXP64 and MacOSX (PPC-Intel). So i don't*

> *think it will really help me with bugfixing.*

I found a bug on an IBM RS6000 running AIX that never showed up on a Cray, Sun, SGI, Dec Alpha or HP box (in additon to all the UNIX varients I had tried). To be fair it did show up on a Sun running Redhat Linux, but I put this down to the fact thread support in Linux on SPARC was not known for its relieabilty. Once it appeared on AIX, I was more convinced the bug was real.

BTW, the only reason I run Redhat on SPARC was for portability testing, but as I say I dismissed the results initially.

Likewise I found a bug on a Cray that never showed up on anything else. To be fair, the Cray was old and so the fact it had sizeof(short) == 8 is unusual to say the least.

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- > *So i don't agree that hobbyiests don't buy shareware (my*
- > *personal version will be available for only 29 US\$ for all supported*
- > *systems). They don't like to pay overpriced software.*

Nobody likes paying for overpriced software, but there is a lot of good software for free in the UNIX world – far more so than the Windoze world.

Typing

unix shareware

into google the only page with those two listed in the title is this

<http://www.ziplink.net/unixshare.html>

and I don't think "shareware" is an appropriate term for most of the code on that page, as most is GNU stuff. So getting people to pay even modest amounts for shareware on UNIX might be hard.

But as you say, it looks good for marketing, and does indicate a certain amount of seriousness. There is a lot of junk shareware on Windoze, but far less junk on UNIX, so the fact the programmer has versions for SPARC would perhaps indicate a certain amount of competence. (If you want versions compiled for AIX, tru64, HP-UX or IRIX, let me know. I can do it – for a fee of course!!!)

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