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Subject: Re: IDL or PV-WAVE?

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In article <BLENDEEN.91Jun11161231@colobus.cv.nrao.edu> bglenden@colobus.cv.nrao.edu (Brian Glendenning) writes:

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#Which should we buy? Presumably PV-WAVE has more features, but are  
#they worth more money? Since they can now diverge, which would you bet  
#on long term?

Personally, I can't recommend EITHER. They are both inferior to a good object-oriented programming approach!

If you have to have the interactive capability (the ONLY advantage these languages have), get Physics Analysis Workstation (PAW), which is more powerful than either of the above and FREE from CERN.

In a nutshell, PAW was designed to be used for reducing experimental data. Any type of data, but there is a package designed for High Energy Physics. It has vastly superior memory management, graphics and least squares capability to any interactive language I've ever encountered. I guess it has to be, when a single "shot" of an accelerator produces hundreds of megabytes of data! For more information, send a request to [cernlib@cernvm.cern.ch](mailto:cernlib@cernvm.cern.ch).

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