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Subject: Re: A rant: features vs. programming features  
Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Mon, 03 Nov 1997 08:00:00 GMT  
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Joseph B. Gurman wrote:

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> I was wondering whether anyone else has the impression that I do of  
> IDL 5: that it makes programming many things easier, and certainly niftier  
> (at least if OOP is your idea of nifty), but it hasn't added much in the  
> way of real functionality.

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> One area of functionality that I thought was screaming for attention  
> was the production of Web-based material, specifically:

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<snip>

Amen, Brother!

I could have used each of these routines last month!

I am pleased, though, that write\_gif and write\_pict exist within IDL.

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