Subject: Re: A rant: features vs. programming features
Posted by mgs on Sat, 01 Nov 1997 08:00:00 GMT

In article <gurman-0111970837320001@goodgulf.nascom.nasa.gov>,
gurman@ari.net (Joseph B. Gurman) wrote:

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

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>   Is anyone else interested in the kind of features I've mentioned, or
> am I totally crazy? I get the impression that almost everyone who uses IDL
> to display data representations eventually puts some of those
> representations on the Web, or would like to.

I certainly would have liked to see some of the above programs. I ran into
a large wall last year trying to make movies of hyperspectral data. It
seemed everyone weanted movies of it, so I ended up tieing together
several applications on a Mac to make them. It would have been great to
just pop up a dialog asking for the output format and have IDL handle it.

Another area that I recall being tossed around for the next (now current)
release of IDL was a standalone output command of some sort. Basically, a
way to provide applications to someone without having to provide an IDL
license. Any word on progress toward that?

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