
Subject: Re: Relationship between IDL and PVWAVE
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In article <288@venice.water.ca.gov> rfinch@caldwr.water.ca.gov (Ralph Finch) writes:
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> I am frankly not happy with PVI's handling of their version of IDL.
> It costs a lot more than IDL and any significant additions they have
> added, such as Widgets or Point-and-Click, cost yet extra! Besides
> which PVI seems hung up on Sunview interfaces. I'd sure like to see
> some work done with Openwindows.

I agree with the consensus that Point-and-Click is neither very exciting nor convenient for those real programmers who prefer the CLI (command line interface) but it offers some "user-friendliness" to those who are easily intimidated by having to learn and memorize commands.

I too think that PVI is getting "a little" greedy in the prices they are asking for Point-and-Click. Methinks they should have offered it at much lower prices to existing users of Wave who are on the software maintenance contracts ;-> .

The version of PV Wave I have (3.01) supports the OpenWindows interface.

>> In IDL's newsletter, they also
>> indicate that they are working on a DOS version of IDL and a network
>> floating license.

Graphics Visualization on a 486 platform??!! Come on, let's get real. But then again it depends upon you application, I guess.

>> IDL Ver 2.1 also has a Statistics Package and some
>> mapping and gridding routines also with a simple coastline database.

I can go for that.

> PVI: are you listening? How about statistics, DOS, and so on? How
> about providing *real* value for all the extra \$\$\$'s your customers
> are paying? How about at *least* telling your customers where you are
> headed, especially with the split that just took place. I would
> really rather hear about these things from you, rather than from the
> Usenet (thank God for the net though).

Yes, Peter [Hallet]. Are you there!?

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