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Subject: Re: Relationship between IDL and PVWAVE

Posted by [rfinch](#) on Fri, 03 May 1991 14:39:53 GMT

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In article <1991May3.032845.24972@aero.org> plonski@Aero.org (Mike Plonski) writes:

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> According to the latest IDL NEWSLETTER - SPRING 1991, IDL terminated  
> their licensing agreement with PV-Wave as of Sept. 1990 and the  
> products are now free to diverge.

Oh no. We are stuck on the PV-Wave track (with 4 expensive licenses)  
so it would be difficult to switch back to IDL.

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.

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> In IDL's newsletter, they also  
> indicate that they are working on a DOS version of IDL and a network  
> floating license.  
> IDL Ver 2.1 also has a Statistics Package and some  
> mapping and gridding routines also with a simple coastline database.

The only one of these that PV-Wave has is the floating license, which  
really benefits PVI, not the customer.

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).

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