
Subject: Re: project_vol() in IDL
Posted by [mgs](#) on Thu, 26 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <MPG.f5eaf06c86c1a8a989728@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Grant W. Petty (gpetty@rain.atms.purdue.edu) writes:
>
>> Today's my first day using IDL and I must say...
>
> Sigh...
>
> My next book is going to be entitled How To Do Really, Really
> Hard Things on Your First Day Using IDL. I'm going to use
> examples I have collected from this newsgroup. :-)

I got to thinking about my first day with IDL. I was asked to develop an application for viewing data from an upcoming satellite. New job, new project, new reason for headaches.

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>> command line history/editing/completion capabilities, a la the UNIX
>> tcsh shell. It's a pain to have to retype an entire lengthy command
>> from scratch when all I want to do is change one parameter!
>
> Now here is a question I *DO* know how to answer. :-)
>
> There should be no reason to re-type a lengthy command from
> scratch. IDL has a command "history" buffer that is accessible
> using the UP arrow key. Simply recalling the command and
> editing it before hitting the Carriage Return will do the
> job. The history buffer can be increased in size to more
> than the default 20 commands if need be.

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There is also a FAQ for the newsgroup available at
http://ww2.sd.cybernex.net/~mgs/idl_faq.html

This is somewhat covered by topic T02.

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