
Subject: Re: Ranting and Raving and getting back to global variables

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J.D. Smith (jdsmith@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu) writes in his follow-up to this conversation:

- > I believe IDL **should** focus on consolidating and cleaning their
- > interface, but I don't think they should delay or inhibit the
- > introduction of new features to help achieve this consolidation. As we
- > all know, the simplest program is the one which does nothing at all.

I can only say "Amen!" to this. Despite the tone of my earlier rant, I am no Luddite. I **like** the new features of IDL and, truthfully, I have a professional interest in having RSI introduce as many new and confusing features as possible. I'm just frustrated sometimes by the large number of people who struggle with simple tasks in IDL. In addition to more new features, let's make IDL accessible to all the rest of us who struggle so hard to learn the basics.

Cheers,

David

P.S. I've had the opportunity this week to see object graphics programs running on great hardware. My opinion on the utility of writing object graphics programs is evolving. The future may be here sooner than I had previously thought. :-)

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