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Subject: Re: IDL versus PVWAVE

Posted by [Martha Kusterer](#) on Wed, 13 May 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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Hi,

I used PVWAVE for about 2 years to do an interactive graphics display for a processing system for displaying sonar data and 3 years ago I switched over to IDL when I moved departments at work. My information about PVWAVE is old but I liked programming with the widgets in IDL much better. They were less controllable at a low level in IDL then in PVWAVE but were much easier to learn and use and the documentation was much better. It seemed at the time that PVWAVE expected you to master the X windows books and just didn't cover very much in their documentation on the widgets at the time.

I found the rest of the code to be very similar.

I hope that this helps!

DWWEBB1 wrote:

> I have been writing IDL code for about 2 years now. There was some concern at  
> work that others in the company are using PVWAVE and that maybe PVWAVE has  
> advantages over IDL or is more used.  
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> After trying to find info on the internet about PVWAVE, I have found that while  
> searching for PVWAVE, I get mostly IDL matches. I plan to investigate further  
> by speaking with someone I know who uses PVWAVE. But I would have to say that  
> it certainly doesn't seem to be as popular or used as IDL.  
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> Any comments?

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