
Subject: Re: ION Experiences?

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In article <MPG.fda8f32e0aaf1199897c2@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Gary (gbust@arlut.utexas.edu) writes:

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>> I have several IDL applications that take in data, manipulate it a bit, and
>> then make some plots. I would like to make it, or something similar a "web
>> program". Now, one option is to consider the IDL a proto-type, and
rewrite it

>> in Java, and post it as an applet.

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>> The other option is to spend ~ \$5,000 for ION. Does anyone have experience
>> good/bad in this regard? \$5,000 is no small amount of money. On the other
>> hand, the development time to port to Java does not come cheap either.

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> I've seen ION, but I don't know too much about it. \$5000

> seems like a lot of money for this functionality. Have

> you thought about a simple PERL script passing data to

> a callable IDL application that produced GIF files for

> display on the web page? I should think you could get

> something like that running in a couple of days.

Check out the IDL FAQ at http://ww2.sd.cybernex.net/~mgs/idl_faq.html for
some help in this area. Question T23 is "How can IDL be used to generate
dynamic GIFs for display on the World Wide Web?"

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