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Subject: Making IDL Code Available

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I would like to cast a vote in favor of David Fanning's proposal to set up a shareware library. MATLAB has a set of 'toolboxes' that one can buy which do certain tasks well, and I would be happy to pay for a similar set of very well written and well documented procedures that do specific tasks. I think this satisfies a very different set of needs than this newsgroup, which is primarily "How do I get around this particular quirk of IDL?" rather than "How can I get a good general-purpose interactive plotting program?" Another big advantage of having these routines would be that they would serve as templates for ones own projects. I've certainly found that it is easier to write a widget program from David's examples than from the IDL manuals.

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