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Subject: Request for comparisons of IDL and Matlab  
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IDL and Matlab Folks,

I have just started working at a laboratory with some expertise in Matlab and none in IDL or PV-WAVE. I have been an IDL user for a decade and am trying to decide whether I should make the effort to get the scientists and programmers to think about using IDL. I would especially appreciate any input from people who have used the latest versions of both programming environments.

Some of the features we will need:

- ability to run on OpenVMS Alpha, Windows NT, possibly Unix
- easy to develop GUIs
- a robust set of mathematical and image processing tools
- good performance

I would appreciate any constructive input.

Thanks.

--Harvey

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Dr. Laura Schlessinger

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