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Subject: Re: IDL performance and FFTs (was: call external speed)

Posted by [krieger](#) on Sat, 19 Sep 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <m2d88u8o9s.fsf@mailhost.neuroinformatik.ruhr-uni-bochum.de>, David Kastrup <dak@mailhost.neuroinformatik.ruhr-uni-bochum.de> wrote:

> Karl Krieger <kak@ipp.mpg.de> writes:

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>> BTW: I very much doubt if it's against the GPL to distribute code,

>> which refers to subroutine libraries under GPL as long as I do not

>> include these routines or a compiled binary.

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> If the interface is unique to the GPL software, you are creating a

> derived work, as it is of no use without the GPL binary and is

> intended to link with it. The interface itself, however, is usually

> not considered copyrightable. So if you distribute a lousy

> implementation of fftw with the same interface along with your wrapper

> routines, one would have problems suing you in court.

Well, I hope the authors of FFTW or MIT as copyright owner won't sue me for distributing some lousy wrapper routines for their excellent library ;-). The only persons requesting that stuff so far were from other research institutes without any commercial interests.

Karl

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Disclaimer: I do not speak for the IPP despite my mouth is big enough.

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