
Subject: Re: contour & why pv-wave?

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mtadams@news.Colorado.EDU (Matthew T. Adams) writes:

> 2) Is PV Wave a subset of IDL functions, or is it its own product? What does it
> have to do with IDL? Does it share the syntax or something?

At one time PV-Wave and IDL were the same product. IDL was developed by Research Systems, Inc. At one point RSI entered into a contract with Precision Visuals to market IDL under the name PV-Wave. Apparently part of this contract gave Precision Visuals (now Visual Numerics) the right to buy out the source code and go off on their own. So now IDL and PV-Wave are now separate and competitive products with a common heritage. Each has been substantially augmented since then. A lot of things, like the basic command syntax, are the same for the two products (a lot of procedures can be used in both with little or no modification), but a significant fraction, such as widget support, are different because they were added or modified after the split.

This is all explained in gory detail in the FAQ which is posted once a month.

Bill

P.S. I tried to do a direct reply, but it didn't go through for some reason.
