
Subject: Re: Research Systems MATLAB to IDL Trade-In Program Offer

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Matthew Powell (mpowell@rsinc.com) writes:

> IDL, the Interactive Data Language, is similar to MATLAB in terms of being
> a 4GL array-oriented visualization language. IDL is superior to MATLAB in
> visualization quality, image processing, and application development.

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Careful, here! I'm in absolute agreement with you about
"visualization quality" and "application development"
(IDL wins hands-down on objects alone), but we are getting
closer to the line with "image processing".

True, IDL can do almost any kind of image processing you
like, if you are willing to write the code. What it lacks
a wee bit, it seems to me, are "toolboxes" to help you
out some (and I don't mean Insight, sigh...). Give us
some of those (and a couple more IDL books) and
we're ready to roll. We could take on MATLAB
any day of the week. :-)

Cheers,

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