
Subject: Re: VIP

Posted by [Michael Werger](#) on Mon, 30 Aug 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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David Brennan wrote:

>
> I got an e-mail recently from the RSI people that there is some new
> software called VIP Visual IDL Programming. I realise this hasn't yet
> been released (well not here in the UK anyway!), but does anyone have
> anything to say about it, good or bad. Has anyone had a look at any beta
> versions? Or am I the only one to know about it, because RSI knows I am
> not very good at programming and thus thought I would get excited about
> drag and drop programming!
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> Cheers
>
> Dave Brennan

Hy all,

due to a training here on-site we got also a demonstration on VIP.

From my point of view (as I am working with IDL now since more than 8 years or so) it is a nice tool for beginners if they want to plug some routines together without knowing very much about IDL. I was impressed by the parameter handling which was quite flexible: Any routine you select gets a window where you may define some/all input parameters/keywords....

And all is something like nice boxes on a graphical screen which you connect with lines.

However in this version, VIP lacks some facilities which may be included in

future releases (e.g.: the presented version did not pick up own set of routines in given directories automatically). And (as far as I remember) it could not save appropriate IDL source code - of course you were able to save and restore your work ;-)

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