
Subject: Re: Inexpensive / free-ware similar to IDL?
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Yes, I agree IDL is overpriced. have a look at perIdl.
MC

"K. S. Balasubramaniam" wrote:

- > I am looking for inexpensive solutions for data analysis, other than IDL,
- > but similar in
- > capability.
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- > IDL has been a wonderful tool and has enormous strengths, but individuals
- > cannot
- > afford it. I have used it for over a decade while I worked at govt.
- > sponsored/educational
- > labs. Its flexibility is addictive. Having moved over to the private
- > sector, and switching
- > fields, in a different area of data analysis things are different! Many
- > folks have not heard
- > of IDL, and when informed of its use are able to nod in appreciation but
- > quickly loose interest
- > because it is way too pricey! and very compareable to the price of some
- > workstations.
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- > I am not sure how many folks out there use ANA <http://ana.lmsal.com/> It
- > has the potential for
- > a robust freeware and needs lots of work. Are there similar freeware
- > packages? I am also
- > aware of xmgrace, xmgr, etc for less intensive applications. Suggestions
- > appreciated
