## Subject: What do you think of VIP?
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I recently received some promotional information from RSI concerning something they call VIP.  It's supposed to be a new visual programming interface that allows you string IDL modules together by linking them together on your computer screen rather than writing text programs containing IDL statements.  I got a demo CD for VIP but haven't yet had the time to install it on my HP workstation.

My question: Has anyone out there in Netland already tried the VIP/IDL combo?  If so, what do you think?  Is it flexible enough to do everything that one might normally attempt in a traditional IDL program?  Does the visual interface really speed up the programming process that much compared to typing an equivalent set of IDL commands (assuming one is already fairly comfortable with the IDL syntax)?  In short, is it worth the money?

Just wondering...


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