
Subject: Re: Real Number on PVWAVE
Posted by [rkj](#) on Fri, 19 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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David Fanning (davidf@dfanning.com) wrote:

: R. Kyle Justice (rkj@dukebar.crml.uab.edu) writes:

: > Just thought I would defend DC_READ_FREE. It is one
: > of the most useful routines in all of PV-Wave. It does
: > have several quirks but I can't even imagine reading
: > column data the old OPENR way.
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: > I have never messed with READ_IMAGE (nor do I care to)
: > so I really shouldn't attempt to comment on it.

: Kyle, you are reading WAY too much into my comments.
: You aren't secretly working for RSI, are you?

: I meant, of course, that both programs are of the
: very highest quality, but they don't always do
: what you might have hoped they would do.

: Of course, one could always read the documentation. :-)

: Cheers,

: David

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Secretly working for RSI? I have never even used IDL ;-)

I have only used PV-Wave (for about 6 years now). Most of the posts to this newsgroup are fairly IDL specific so I feel a special need to "defend" PV-Wave when the need arises ;-P I fear that our numbers are dwindling!

From what I can tell, the DC_ functions are one of the few features in PV-Wave that is "superior" to IDL. But I could be wrong about this because, like I said, I have never really used IDL (and, at the moment, ignorance is bliss). Most of what I know of IDL's specific features I have gleaned from reading this newsgroup.

As far as documentation goes, I like PV-Wave's fairly well. The only problem is it takes forever to get a new set of hardcopy docs whenever a new version comes out. I *despise* online documentation!

