
Subject: Re: IDL Shareware
Posted by [rlorenz](#) on Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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Struan Gray (struan.gray@sljus.lu.se) wrote:
: Ronn Kling, ronn@rlkling.com writes:

: > So why don't we hear from the rest of the newsgroup on this?

I think part of the problem is that most IDL users are research-oriented. If I can find a piece of code quickly that will do what I want it to do, I'll use it, and many astronomy users provide libraries of routines on the web.

If, however, to use said piece of code, I need to have my department write a check, or I need to worry about invoices etc, the effort to me becomes disproportionate . I'd rather spend 2 hours trying to code something than 1 hour doing paperwork to buy it..

I know that may sound perverse (plus I know that the stuff you guys are talking about is way more sophisticated anyway and probably takes hundreds of hours to code)

: My own code is typical research-oriented stuff, blown together in
: a hurry for unique occasions. There is little incentive to polish my

lets me calculate and plot in the same package.
: Struan

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