
Subject: PV-Wave vs. IDL

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Currently, we use IDL for visualizing CFD-data. In connection with a recent hardware upgrade we ordered two additional IDL licenses. Unfortunately, our local dealer asked 'Visual Numerics' for information about IMSL/IDL and they told him, that IMSL/IDL doesn't exist anymore and PV-Wave Advantage is the way to go. And they 'forgot' to mention that IDL by itself is still an existing product :-). The end of the story: Our local dealer now has two licenses for PV-Wave Advantage instead of IDL. He tried to return them to VNI (Germany), but they refuse to take it back. Anyway, the customer service of VNI (Germany) wasn't helpful at all. Maybe, they really need the money.

Now the questions:

Does anybody use both IDL and PV-Wave? Is it easy to write modules, which work for both products or should we insist in getting IDL because of the differences of the two products (we use the widget stuff quite often)

Is the VNI technical support more helpful than their marketing department?

Curious, Peter

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