
Subject: Re: Top 10 IDL Requests

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Mark Hadfield wrote:

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> "Paul van Delst" <pvandelst@ncep.noaa.gov> wrote in message
> news:398825D1.B3B3F605@ncep.noaa.gov...
>
>> It won't make me stop using IDL, but I find it hard to counter his
>> argument when he can do in Python pretty much everything I can in IDL.
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> Can he really? Even graphics? Perhaps I'd better take another look at
> Python!

I received another email from him just today (well, overnight - he's pounding away back in Oz). He apparently has nothing useful to do so he decided to replicate (basic) IDL-like functionality in Python. He's also communicating with various other Pythoners to incorporate numerical libraries. He sent me a screen capture and a PS output example of some trig function plots - looks pretty neat. *AND* he has window buttons for output. Only took him 5 days. Pretty flash I reckon. I asked him about images and contour/surface plots etc. I'm interestingly awaiting his reply.

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