
Subject: Re: Kodak buys RSI!!

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"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.1439c39132ed1995989c36@news.frii.com...

> Why don't you wait until after you get IDL 5.4. I
> figure that will be around at least for a little while. :-)
>

Hello David:

After beta-testing 5.4 for a while I'm not impressed at our \$250 per license investments. Of course that's not fair: I don't expect small-version increments to yield much, but I was holding out for a 6.0 that would integrate *real* object graphics with the syntax of direct graphics (another wild dream). I'm skeptical now that there will be a 6.0.

I would like something more definitive from David Stern/RSI as to their future plans and support for IDL. Their lack of specificity in this announcement makes me uneasy about IDL's future. It might be time to hedge our bets and look at the competition. Although RSI has always perceived Matlab to be the enemy (which is probably fair, financially speaking), both AVS and OpenDX have a lot to offer and cover both ends of the expense-ware spectrum. Who's up for a round of Scientific anal/vis software comparisons?

BTW, was this a complete surprise to you?

-Pete
