
Subject: Re: Dos and Donts

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Hans Joerg Brinksmeyer (h.j.brinksmeyer@physik.uni-marburg.de) writes:

- > 'm preparing a little talk about efficient programming in IDL. From the
- > help files and from my own experience I found many hints about 'what to
- > do and not to do' to speed up code in IDL. The most things I listed so
- > far are about array operations and data arrangement, avoiding loops etc.
- > Taking an intensive look into the help system I found some little tricks
- > to improve speed, e.g. using rotation for image rotation by 90 deg
- > rather than rot(...,90). Up to now I didn't know that there is a
- > difference at all.
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- > I am sure there are many more odds and ends to improve IDL code. Does
- > anyone out there can give my a hint where to find more of those tricks?
- > Links, recommendation of a book, or just some direct tips would be very
- > helpfull.

Here's a tip: Try the Google search engine. It really is a marvel. A search on "idl programming tricks" turned up all kinds of good stuff.

<http://www.google.com/>

Cheers,

David

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