
Subject: Re: java vs. IDL

Posted by [reardonb](#) on Fri, 03 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Thanks. I was just looking for assurance that my IDL work was not in vain.

-Brian

In article <3A02EC29.66766DFD@noaa.gov>,

"Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov> wrote:

> Wouldn't you think that the time test has been passed by IDL? It has its

> own clientele that seems to be growing, not shrinking.

> Besides, there is nothing in IDL or Java that can't be implemented in C,

> Perl or Fortran for that matter. Speculation of this sort looks to me

> like, would VW or Saab be able to hold its own in Toyota, GM and Ford

> world. There are so many users with all sorts of tastes out there that

> the answer is yes, I think.

> Cheers,

> Pavel

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> reardonb@my-deja.com wrote:

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>> Lately I have been learning java to address a number of modeling issues

>> where I work. I have also been playing around with IDL for about 3

>> years. I do not claim to be a master of either. It seems to me,

>> however, that Java offers many of the same features that IDL offers

>> (cross platform operability, a constantly growing library of functions,

>> easy to implement gui's) along with some definite advantages (it's

>> free, it's easier to learn, larger user/programmer base, completely OO)

>> It makes me wonder whether IDL will be able to hold its own in a Java

>> world. Could anyone out there with experience in both languages care to

>> speculate or at least enlighten me as to why IDL will always have a

>> niche?

>> Thanks.

>> Brian Reardon

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