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Subject: Re: java vs. IDL

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

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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