Subject: Re: java vs. IDL
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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 definate 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
> spectulate or at least enlighten me as to why IDL will always have a
> niche?
> Thanks.
> Brian Reardon
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> Sent via Deja.com http://www.deja.com/
> Before you buy.

Please look at deja.com for recent threads on similar topics. There
has been ample discussion about this (although not specifically wrt
Java). In short: there are plenty of programs around that do some of
the things that IDL can do - some things better, some things worse,
some things faster, some things slower - but you have a very hard time
finding anything that does everything that IDL does at least as well.

Martin

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