
Subject: java vs. IDL

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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.

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