
Subject: Re: What is IDL.

Posted by [alans](#) on Thu, 06 Feb 1992 15:01:02 GMT

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> Based on my understanding, IDL and pv-wave is same scientific visualization
> software sold under two different companies. The only difference is IDL is MUCH
> CHEAPER than pv-wave.

While the above statement is true, there are other differences between the two products, which have been discussed at length in this forum.

Seems to me there should be a FAQ for this group, to answer at least that single question (perhaps RSI and PV could *each* provide a description of the differences, so no flame wars erupt here ;-)

> You can get a 7 minutes demo IDL program via internet.
> I 'll try to find the internet address if you need.

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The address is boulder.colorado.edu (128.138.240.1). The trial versions for the various architectures are in the /pub/idl subdirectory, in compressed tar form. (Another FAQ answer, I should think.)

And no, I'm *not* volunteering to maintain the FAQ list ;-)

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