
Subject: Re: What is IDL.

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> In article <9286@borg.cs.unc.edu> kahn@physics.unc.edu (Dan Kahn) writes:
>> I've seen pwwave, but what is IDL? Nobody I know seems to have heard of
>> it. How would I go about getting it?

To the previous post about where to get it, I would add:

It is my understanding the IDL and PV-WAVE are exactly the same, except

(1) PV-WAVE has much more application-specific routines, for example
for image processing;

(2) PV-WAVE costs a lot more.

The reason behind the differences is mainly (I am told) whereas PV-WAVE
has 80-100 employees, IDL has only 3.

Note however that there is reputed to be strong support among the
community of IDL users for each other (which unfortunately does
not seem to be reflected here, at least in the couple of weeks

I have been subscribed to this newsgroup -- I suspect the fact that at
least until recently IDL was heavily used by Vax people to be a possible
reason for this).

I have used both packages. As the group I work for wants to write
very specific applications, IDL is sufficient for our needs.

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