
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?

Historically, IDL and PV-WAVE originated from the same source (I seem to recall that PV-WAVE licensed the software from Research Systems, Inc.). They have now split and gone their separate ways, and new developments from the respective groups can be expected to result in the two platforms starting to diverge.

Research Systems makes IDL available via ftp if you want to try it out. Ftp site is boulder.colorado.edu (128.138.240.1), directory /pub/idl. Check out the README file there. Note that initially IDL will run in the Quick Demo Mode. It will not run on your system for more than 7 minutes at a time, but it can be re-run as often as needed. The Quick Demo Mode doesn't allow writing of files and is intended only for quick demonstration of IDL.

If you like what you see running the Quick Demo version, you can call RSI and obtain a copy verification key which makes the program fully operational for a limited trial period (30 days is typical).

NOTE: I do not work for or represent RSI. I'm just a satisfied customer! For more information, contact RSI directly:

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