
Subject: Re: Good text for beginners?

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My suggestions to students that become first time IDL users here at CSU - review Dave Fanning's IDL Programming Techniques. It's not only helpful for beginners, but it teaches you how to use IDL correctly. I see many people with knowledge of FORTRAN or C attempt to program in IDL, only to see them become frustrated and label IDL as a slow and cumbersome language.

Kelly

Dan Drew wrote:

> I'm trying to learn IDL 5.2 for Windows and I'm a beginner, and have
> discovered quickly that this is no easy language. I used Mathematica quite
> a bit as well as a little Macsyma. Do any of you have a recommendation for
> a beginning text? I suppose the Fanning book would be the natural choice,
> but I'm not sure. Thanks.
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> Dan
