Subject: Re: IDL as programming language?
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In article 15667@henson.cc.wwu.edu, n9140397@gonzo.cc.wwu.edu (Michael Hamilton) writes:
> In article <1994Aug28.122441.32497@waikato.ac.nz> abz@waikato.ac.nz writes:
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>> (v) How 'robust' is IDL as a programming language?
> reply by Henson>
 >Other things you should consider: IDL does not, to my knowlege, create
> executable code which you store on disk or which runs independently.
> If you want to share something you wrote with a friend, they have to have
> idl also, and maybe even the same version. Actualy languages like
> C and FORTRAN are much more "portable".
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portability is relative.......
I can use IDL on all 4 of my main platforms (SUN,SGI, PC(portable), and MAC),
with virtually no changes (set_plot, ...).   fortran compilers and c compilers
are not all that standard from platform to platform....
 just try and compile the new ImageMagick..........

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