
Subject: Re: Insight...

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From: "Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov>

> Guillaume Dargaud wrote:

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>> We have IDL on our SGI system, and a user asked me for Insight which he said

>> is normally part of IDL.

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> This user will regret he asked for it, once you have it.

> I am not sure Insight is even part of IDL package anymore.

It was withdrawn from version 5.4 as part of the LZW compression panic.

Quoting this version's "What's New":

" IDL Insight ½ The Insight application has been removed from IDL. Insight uses LZW compression for saving compressed project files and therefore can no longer be included with IDL."

Amongst all the complaints about the loss of GIF (at the same time & for the same reason) I don't recall a single complaint about Insight. This probably tells you something!

IIRC, Insight was based on the LIVE_PLOT etc family of visualisation tools, which are still there. I even use them very occasionally.

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