
Subject: Re: IDL as programming language?

Posted by [Geoff.Sobering](#) on Mon, 29 Aug 1994 18:08:10 GMT

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In article <1994Aug28.122441.32497@waikato.ac.nz>, abz@waikato.ac.nz wrote:

- > OK. One the lecturers in our department recently went to
- > Hawaii & America for a few weeks (lucky him) and came back
- > with the idea of using IDL as a complete programming
- > language rather than as just a plotter for FORTRAN generated data.
- > ...

I don't want to use bandwidth, time, etc. repeating the comments previous posters have made to this thread (which I mostly agree with).

I just wanted note that I use IDL for almost all of my programing, both scientific and otherwise.

For example, I have a network monitoring program that polls our network-hub (via 'spawn'ed telnet) and keep track of network traffic. It may also be interesting to note that RSI wrote the GUI-builder that is part of 3.6.12 *in* IDL.

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