
Subject: Re: Any cross-platform IDL alternatives?

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Eric Williams schrieb:

> Since RSI/Kodak is killing IDL for the Mac (and others) I am wondering if
> anyone has suggestions for trying out some other cross-platform software. I
> am not really worried too much about Windows but the Mac/*nix world is where
> I work. We use IDL mostly for processing astronomical data and writing
> procedures to play with the data visually. So a tool with a simple language
> and good graphing capabilities is what we really need.
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> BTW, if anyone from RSI cares, I only have two Mac licenses but I have
> brought 31 Solaris licenses to my campus since coming here, with plenty more
> potential on the horizon. Once I have an alternative tool I will be
> recommending against purchasing anymore licenses and dropping maintenance.
> Too bad because I have been a huge evangelist for IDL over the years. I have
> turned more than 50 students and scientists onto IDL in the last few years
> which has resulted in most likely hundreds of licenses if not many more as
> they have moved onto other sites. That will all stop now and I will try to
> do the opposite, and probably save some money too.
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> Bye bye IDL, it WAS great...
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Are there any experiences with Python by idl users on the net? Is that maybe an
Alternative?

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