
Subject: Sacrilegious but genuine question

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How easy would it be to obtain the functionality of IDL by using Python as the underlying language glue, supplemented by hard-coded modules for image, signal & file processing, graphical I/O etc.? It seems that it can already do that in some problem domains - e.g. Python Imaging Library.

Put another way: What are the advantages of IDL compared to such an open source framework?

Cheers,
Francis
