
Subject: Re: Sacrilegious but genuine question
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2002 15:59:50 GMT
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James Kuyper (kuyper@gscmail.gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:

> Basically, what he'd like is a program someone else has already written
> and debugged, that does what he'd like to do. That's not an unreasonable
> desire.

I don't disagree with this sentiment at all. I just think
it is a questionable proposition when you purchase
a programming *language*, whose purpose is to *build*
things of this sort.

There are plenty of canned analysis software packages
(ENVI is one). If they do what you want to do, you buy
one. If they don't, you pretty much have to roll your own.
I think that is more or less still the nature of science, although
it's true that I have been out of school for a long time now. :-)

Cheers,

David

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