
Subject: Re: Public domain IDL-PVWAVE ancestor?
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In article <1992Jun24.004325.4613@cs.yale.edu>, zador-anthony@CS.YALE.EDU (Tony Zador) writes...

> Rumor has it that IDL and PVWAVE share a common ancestor, sometime
> about a decade ago. Is this true? If so, was it public domain? If so,
> where might i obtain it?
>

The common ancestor is IDL itself. The way a PV sales rep explained it to me, the Precision Visuals people originally contracted with RSI to enhance and market IDL; the terms, however, allowed them to buy the IDL source code at the end of the contract period. (Sounds like a crazy move; I presume that RSI must have really needed the money at the time.) Anyway, the PV people exercised that option and have since gone their own way with the IDL source code, adding to it and modifying it according to their own marketing needs.

So, no, you can't obtain it.

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