
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?
>

In the pre-VAX IDL (xidl) days, there was a PDP-developed version of IDL that ran on some of the PDP and VAX machines that I used while a grad student at Colorado. This would have been prior to around 1982 when the native-model VAX IDL was released.

Whether this PDP version of idl is actually public domain is not something I have the answer to. Given the amazing things that the present incarnation of idl is capable of, I doubt that you would want to use it even it were freely available.

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