
Subject: Re: IDL vs Yorick?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 11 Oct 2002 15:11:16 GMT

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Craig Markwardt (craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

- > 2. Close-to-non-existent development. I can see that Munro is slowly
- > developing a new version, 2.0, but this has happened over 4 or 5
- > years. This is not to mean any discredit to Munro! Quite the
- > opposite. His is fantastic design, but unfortunately it's only
- > him as far as I can see.

Maybe he needs to license this to Visual Numerics. IDL was pretty much in the same boat until Precision Visuals (nee Visual Numerics) offered David Stern X millions of dollars for the software rights. David had to spend the money somehow, or pay enormous taxes, so he just went ahead and built a competing company with it.

Dumb luck or a great business plan, I'll let you decide. :-)

Cheers,

David

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