
Subject: Re: IDL vs Yorick?

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> I didn't like Yorick's command line -- it has no editing facilities. You
> can get these by running it inside Emacs, however.

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you could use 'rlterm' to get command line editing and history in Yorick.
Further, C. Wayne Wright has provided GUI capabilities to Yorick by using
Tcl/Tk and expect. Its called Ytk. You can read more about it at
<http://ytk.sourceforge.net>. I use Yorick and Ytk on a Linux platform and
it works great!

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> Neither R nor Yorick has built-in geographical mapping. This is a Really
> Big Issue for us and the main reason why we have not (yet) told RSI where to
> stuff their pricing scheme.

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We have in the past converted coastline ascii files to Portable Binary
Data (pbd) files in Yorick. These .pbd files are system independent. You
can easily generate pbd files in Yorick.

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> Hopefully, this kind of discussion will encourage RSI to drop their prices,
> but they seem to have the Microsoft mentality of jacking the prices up and
> hoping that their customers are too comfortable to look for alternatives.
> Right now, we might be.....

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I agree... I still use IDL, but hope that competition from open source
will help in bringing prices down.

-amar

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