The IDL FAQ is posted on or about the 20th of each month.
Only the plain text version of the FAQ is posted to the group.

Version 3.1 of the IDL FAQ is contained in the next post.
Only very minor changes have been made since the FAQ was
posted last month. I have retroactively changed the last
version number to 3.0 (instead of 2.9) to better reflect
the conversion to HTML format. Also a pointer to finding
the latest FAQ, including the HTML version, has been placed
within the top 10 lines of the FAQ.

The HTML version of the IDL FAQ makes it more easily accessable
on the World Wide Web (WWW). If you are not familiar with the
WWW or WWW browsers you are missing a lot and should try to
obtain the needed software. A number of browsers are available free.
NCSA (National Center for Supercomputing Applications) mosaic may
be obtained from the anonymous ftp site
   ftp.ncsa.uiuc.edu in directory /Mosaic
It is available for Unix workstations, PC Windows, and Macs. The one
requirement is a good connection to the internet.

As stated before I would suggest downloading the HTML version
of the IDL FAQ so you always have a local copy. We don't yet
have an uninterruptable power supply on our computer and the power
here at the lab goes out rather frequently (it's getting better,
in the past it seemed that even a threatening sky would cause a
loss of power). And that guy Don (mentioned in last month's
post) still does lots of heavy computing. The other day he told me
he was having memory trouble in IDL. He said he tried to make a
scrolling graphics window (swindow in my IDL library if anybody
cares) of size 20,000 by 20,000 and IDL wouldn't do it. I didn't
doubt that he was serious, it sounded like something he would do.
But then he said he meant 2000 by 2000 which should be no problem
at all. Still he pushes the hardware limits pretty often so there
may be a few slow spots accessing the HTML IDL FAQ (it's a short,
self-contained file, so maybe not). I'll try to watch that he doesn't
impede FAQ access too much.

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