Subject: Re: How to learn IDL?

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David Landsberger (berger@cao-pc.rockefeller.edu) wrote:

- : I have been asked to learn how to program in IDL for the PC.
- : How do I begin to do this. I am currently a C programmer and

If you can program in C you can learn IDL no problem, probably in an afternoon. It may take you a while to get used to not wasting time declaring variables, worrying about pointers, etc. But you should find it easy. My friend who knows C in one week got to the level in IDL programming that took me several months.

We have a book called, I think, \_Introduction to Programming in IDL\_ It is just a small pamplet which came w/ the older edition of IDL (3.0). It gave you some things to play with, convolving a function w/ a filter, etc. For starters, well give yourself a project. EG write a program which lets the user input two matricies, then multiply them. (Hint: If this takes your more than about 6 lines for the entire program you're doing something wrong.)

Good luck.

-chris