
Subject: IDL vrs. PV-Wave as Gui Builders
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I have done quite a bit of GUI design in both Pv-Wave and in IDL. In my opinion, the interface to the Motif library is a little better in Pv-Wave than in IDL. I must make the statement that I have not seen the latest greatest IDL version, but I like Pv-Wave a little better. Their widgets seem a little more polished and at a little higher level than IDL's. Part of this I think stems from IDL's original philosophy towards the widgets. It appears that when they first implemented the interface to the Motif widget set, they were merely trying to provide a little higher interface than writing your own C code. However, when Pv-Wave first came out with their widgets, they were looking at the user being able to easily put together very complex applications.

However, with a little bit of work, both systems can be made to do the exact same things.

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