
Subject: Re: IDL vs. PV-Wave Advantage
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In article <3jo85e\$39g@vixen.cso.uiuc.edu> ec10576@eehpx42.cen.uiuc.edu (Elaine Chapin) writes:

- > Our lab is trying to decide whether to buy another IDL license
- > or to buy PV-Wave Advantage.
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- > Are there any big advantages of one product over the other?
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- > How difficult is it to port code from one to the other?

On the whole there is really very little difference in functionality. Since PVWAVE is an offshoot of IDL most code should be compatible. Features added since the offshoot (like widgets) will be entirely different. Depending upon your applications migration of existing code may be either trivial or a real pain.

When we looked at this we thought that the value of existing code and the cost of migration far out weighed and cost differences between IDL and PVWAVE (this included the fact that we have/had a site license for PVWAVE and it was essentially free to us!). We stuck with IDL.

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