Subject: Re: Announcing GDL 0.7, now with PLOT command Posted by hcp on Tue, 02 Mar 2004 12:23:04 GMT

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In article <c1v3mi\$5kg\$1@news.riken.go.jp>, Marc Schellens <m_schellens@hotmail.com> writes:

|> GDL - GNU Data Language, an IDL 6.0 compatible incremental compiler.

|> Version: 0.7

|> [snip]

|> Check it out!

Cool -- it works. You need the GNU scientific libraries gsl, and the plplot plotting package installed. (Although the configure scripe checks for these it doesn't exit with an error status, so if you do ./configure && make && make install you get a compile-time error)

Debian testing users will need to install the separate plplot9-driver-xwin package for the plots to actually work.

I shall begin testing GDL on some real-world code roll on contour! And remember that a few years ago, the main implementation of S was S-Plus, while R was a toy. R has now taken much of S-Plus's mindshare. OTOH, octave has stagnated as a clone of a very old version of Matlab. Which will be the main implementation of IDL five years' time: RSI's or GDL?

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