My employ in the space sciences appears to come to an end soon and with
it access to IDL - the single most comfortable tool tool I've ever used
on a computer (for 12 years and counting). Whatever job I might be able
to scare up next is quite likely to involve computing jobs, but I'm not
so sure about people forking over thousands of dollars for a license to
something they've never heard of.

So I've been looking around and stumbled over "GDL - the Gnu Data
Language". It looks like a worthy goal and if it were only 80%
compatible with IDL, I'd be more than happy.

So here's the question: has anybody actually used GDL? Someone who has
used IDL in the past and can give a decent overview over the pros and
cons? I see the latest GDL version is 4 or 5 months old -- does that
mean nobody is working on it or that it is stable? What are the major
incompatibilities (if any)?

Just asking here. Happy about any real information.

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