
Subject: Re: IDL, GDL, copyright, EULAs and such
Posted by [m_schellens](#) on Thu, 14 Jul 2005 19:13:27 GMT
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You cited the part where I was talking about routines written in GDL.

As how plots get drawn:

GDL uses the plplot library here (which IDL cannot use as it is under the GPL). Definitely as far away from reverse engineering (RE) as it gets.

For me that RE stuff is way overstretched.

If just doing something similar would be illegal RE: What about .net and mono? What about M\$ Office and Openoffice? Unix and Linux? The GNU command line programs?...

AFAIK a programming language itself cannot be protected anyway. There are loads of examples of compilers/interpreters for several proprietary languages. Most popular probably Java. Anotherone popular is Octave.

Cheers,
marc
