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Subject: Name Space Conflicts

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Folks,

Nothing constructive here. Just whining and wishing for the good ol' days when only about 10-15 of us were using IDL. (And, of course, everyone at NASA Goddard.)

There are so many LIBRARIES of IDL routines these days! Every time I write a new program I run into name space conflicts. The latest is IMGSCS, which even I thought was too obvious. But I did run a quick check against the NASA and JHUAPL libraries and when I didn't find a match I ran out and bought a Powerball ticket. But just now a Goggle search of "IDL IMGSCS" turns up 10-15 different programs. Sigh... (And I didn't have ANY of the six Powerball numbers, either.)

I don't know what to do about this, generally. Although in this particular case, I'm going to change the name to GMASCS to better reflect its use. We need an organization, similar to the ones who give you domain names, to sort all this out.

Or, perhaps, someone can write one of those dot com name generator programs for us, so our programs can be "powerful and futuristic". :-(

Cheers,

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