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Subject: Re: Introducing FL  
Posted by [Y.T.](#) on Tue, 04 Apr 2006 04:28:23 GMT  
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Craig Markwardt wrote:

[good stuff mercilessly snipped]

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> True, but that's kind of my point. \*If\* we could easily translate all  
> our IDL code to Python (say), we'd have the immediate benefit of a  
> stable and supported runtime environment, where the wheel had already

You're aware of PyDL, aren't you?

Speaking only for myself, I write stuff in IDL because I know IDL.  
That's all. That's where my "inertia" comes from. A converter that  
would produce perfect python from my IDL routines would be worthless to  
me.

At my place of employ I can get Matlab for free (i.e. site-license) but  
I'd be horribly worthless with Matlab because I'd be spending my time  
re-re-relearning when and where to place a comma or a semicolon and  
what was the syntax for a linear fit again? So I use GDL, because that  
allows me to get something \*done\*. As in \*now\*.

(I work for a federally funded research facility and you, the  
tax-payer, are expending my salary. Do you really think you're getting  
your money's worth out of the deal if I spend my time learning this  
years fad-language?)

cordially

Y.T.

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Remove YourClothes before you email me.

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