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Subject: Re: IMSL coming to IDL

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 16:39:03 GMT

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I love that dialog, don't tell me that was a real conversations you had with ITTVIS. BTW: It not "for \$995", it's "for as little as \$995". That was the moment I spit my coffee all over my screen.

Well, I will give it a test shot and play with it to get an overview

David Fanning wrote:

> Haje Korth writes:

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>> I too got the feeling that we get to fork out if we want to use this

>> analyst product. Regading the ITTVIS/VNI relationshsip, I have been

>> wondering about this too. No clue what's going on...

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> An article in my mailbox yesterday confirms that if

> I "act now" I can get the new IDL Analyst product for

> \$995. I had a look through the list of mathematical

> routines. I noticed enough overlap between the math

> routines already in IDL and the new routines to make

> me VERY glad I'm not an IDL salesperson.

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> "So, are these math routines better than the old ones?"

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> "Uh, no. Well, maybe, in some cases."

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> "Do you mean that the old ones aren't accurate."

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> "No, no. I don't mean that. I just mean that, you know,  
> maybe you would like to use a different algorithm."

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> "Don't they give the same answers?"

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> "Well, usually."

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> etc.

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> To come up with \$995 the new routines have to either be  
> better (whatever this means) or there has be be something  
> there that you don't have now and really, really need.

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> If they are better, then why aren't they included in IDL!?

> Surely IDL can't be sold in the "ballpark" version and the

> "accurate" version. (Can you imagine the footnotes in the  
> academic literature?)

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> If there is something new, \$995 may or may not be a fair  
> price for it. Guess it depends on how badly it's needed.  
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> I'm just saying, I'm sure as hell glad I'm not the one  
> selling it!  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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> --  
> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>  
> Sepore ma de ni thui. (Opata Indian saying, meaning "Perhaps thou  
> speakest truth.")

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