
Subject: Re: IMSL coming to IDL
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 23 Aug 2006 19:28:30 GMT
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Haje Korth writes:

> Deja vu? Am I missing something here???

Guess you're too young to have heard about this, Haje.
Here, come sit on my knee, and ol' Gramps will tell
you a story.

Years and years ago, well before you were born probably,
I had a mystical experience. I had quit my job--again--and
had given my wife some cock and bull story about wanting
to "find myself" or "follow my bliss" or whatever it was
that was fashionable in those days. Basically, I was more
or less unhappy with everything I had ever done and was
looking for something more meaningful to do.

I had this strong urge to call one of my friends at RSI
and ask if they had ever thought of offering IDL training
classes to their customers.

"No, hell no. Our customers don't need training classes,"
my friend said. "But you better get your ass down here tomorrow
because we are talking to someone about a deal and you might
be interested in it."

I ran down there in the morning. They were talking to IMSL
about creating a product called IDL-IMSL. The folks were from
Houston and didn't know anything at all about IDL. The deal was
done that morning, and the folks asked me to fly down to Houston
two days later with a proposal for creating an IDL-IMSL training
course.

I entered the room with a single sheet of paper and a figure
on it I had spent the whole flight down to Houston regretting.
I was asking for about twice as much money as I had ever made
in my life.

The meeting started, and it wasn't long before it was pretty
clear that there was--at that time anyway--about one person
in the world who could do the job they wanted done, and he was
sitting across from the suits with a shit-eating grin on his
face. I slid that proposal across the desk to the suits, and
they didn't even flinch.

The rest, as they say, is history. I'll show you the IDL-IMSL video sometime. I still have it around here somewhere. I've been waiting all these year just to show to the grandkids :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. (Opata Indian saying, meaning "Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
