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Subject: Re: Interesting Rant

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Tue, 14 Nov 2006 23:25:55 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

- > Folks,
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- > Someone sent me a link to this interesting IDL rant this morning:
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- > <http://www.sccs.swarthmore.edu/users/07/sstvinc2/research/stupid.html>
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- > This is what happens, I suppose, when the language
- > you are using is older than you are. Very little
- > historical perspective. But it may go a little way
- > towards explaining why people coming out of college
- > seem to prefer Matlab by a large margin.
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- > I disagree with much of what he has to say, but I
- > can't tell whether this is because I am old enough
- > to remember what things were like \*before\* IDL, or
- > whether I've just become inured over the years. :-(

His point about column-major ordering proves that he's not familiar with Fortran. However, I'm not personally familiar with any languages other than IDL and Fortran that handle it that way; does anyone else know of any?

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