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Subject: Interesting Rant

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Folks,

Someone sent me a link to this interesting IDL rant this morning:

<http://www.sccs.swarthmore.edu/users/07/sstvinc2/research/stupid.html>

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.

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. :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. Odd, but he didn't mention the Contour plot anywhere!

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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