
Subject: Re: Anyone used FastDL?

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Richard G. French wrote:

> It seems to me that IDL is going the way of MATLAB - you start paying (quite
> a bit) for extra features. Do you want reliable numerical routines? Pay for
> IDL Analyst. Do you want to do parallel processing? Pay (quite a bit) for
> FastDL. These extras are actually quite expensive, and in some cases it is
> hard to know what is really going to be useful until you fork over the dough
> and try it out.

That's an unfair comparison. Have you done an IDL vs. MATLAB pricing comparison lately? Compared to MATLAB, IDL delivers some serious value.

And while I haven't asked in a while, RS-err ITTVIS has always been very generous in providing trial licenses to their products. So I'm sure if you wanted to try IDL Analyst you could, free of charge.

-Rick
