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Subject: Re: Who have an electrical book of IDL in English?

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Thanks for your help, I have a Chinese tutorial of IDL now, but it's not deep enough.

After reading the tutorial and practising the codes in it, I will read the online help

to gain further knowledge about IDL. I am now using emacs idlwave-mode to write

my code, it's excellent, but the function names in my editor are not highlighted, perhaps

it is not the problem of idlwave-mode, but the problem of font-lock-mode, do you have the

same problem? I wish your reply.

By the way, your website is really helpful.

Thanks again.

David Fanning wrote:

> tianyf@gmail.com writes:

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>> I think you should really learn the most things from IDL's online help

>> documents. They are designed for beginners, with a lot of examples. Try

>> them, and you will learn a lot.

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> I don't doubt you will learn a lot. Whether that's the

> \*best\* way to learn IDL or not, I'm not so sure. I know

> when I was first learning IDL I had to read the User's

> Guide front to back twice before I could figure out how

> to draw a line plot. Things have improved a lot since

> then, but not so much "use the on-line help" would be

> my first recommendation for learning to write IDL programs. :-)

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> That said, I don't know how anyone writes IDL programs

> without having a dual-screen monitor so that the on-line

> help can be up there simultaneously with the IDLDE.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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