
Subject: Re: IDL & PV~WAVE routine ftp archives
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black@breeze.rsre.mod.uk (John Black) writes:

> Sorry if this is a FAQ. I saw reference to ftp archives of PV~WAVE and IDL
> routines. Could anyone knowing about these E-mail me the info about the
> location of these archives plus info on how to use the archives.

There is an anonymous ftp site at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD. I wouldn't exactly call this an archive site since at present it contains only IDL code which originated at JHU/APL and was predominantly written by Ray Sterner with a miniscule amount by myself. The code consists of several hundred general purpose routines, most with built-in help. These routines were written in IDL but most will probably work in PV-WAVE as well.

To access the site, ftp to `fermi.jhuapl.edu` and log in as user anonymous. For the password enter your full e-mail address; eg. mine would be `gotwols@warper.jhuapl.edu`. Next `cd` to `idl-pvwave/jhuapl`. There is a readme file that gives further details. The code has been packaged two ways: in compressed tar format for UNIX users and in compressed LZW format for VMS users. A decompression program for the VMS users is also available at this site.

We would be happy if other IDL/PV-WAVE users would deposit their precious code at this site. There is an incoming directory for this purpose. So far it is empty of IDL/PV-WAVE code since we haven't advertised this possibility due to other commitments taking up our time. How we would organize the contributions will depend on what shows up.

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