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Subject: Re: Any interest in an IDL to Python interface?

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Jason Ferrara schrieb:

- > We're thinking of coming out with product that acts as a bridge
- > between IDL and Python, and are trying to get an idea of how much of a
- > demand there is for this sort of thing.

Hi

it could be nice if something like that is added for all supported OS versions not only for windows.

python has lots of interesting libraries and is used as scripting language in many programs (OpenOffice.org, Blender, Maya, PyMOL, Gimp, etc.)

The problem will be the price or do you have considered to share it free of charge?

And another question has to be discussed too. What of idl will be left over if such a powerful programming language will be added to idl. For example this will give us the possibility to use QT4 for widgets. Or we never again do get "the sky is falling down miracle" because of the decimal data type. Or we can use python's standalone webserver or lots of math libraries free of charge.

One has to ask himself if an idl program is mostly based on python modules why he has to use idl and does not do the whole job in python then? There are not much differences between both languages.

How would the development of idl been continued if we as user could always use other libs?

cheers  
Reimar

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