
Subject: Re: IDL User Group Meeting Huge Success
Posted by [Rob.Dimeo](#) on Sat, 18 Oct 2008 01:56:50 GMT
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David,

I just got back to DC from Boulder this evening and was delighted to see your excellent summary of the meeting. I strongly agree with your sentiments, particularly those noting the outstanding job that Harold Cline and the ITTVIS group did in organizing this meeting. In one regard it was a gathering of many of the "rock stars" of IDL (I know Mike Galloy will appreciate that comment) and it was an excellent opportunity to get exposed to the incredible work of the developers doing work in disciplines different from my own. You're absolutely right about Eduardo Iturrate's Revolution IDL. That is a phenomenal application and is just fun to play around with (hmmmm...would that be among the top 10 signs that you're an IDL geek?).

The one aspect of the meeting that I would like to draw attention to was the IDL Image contest. There were some really cool entries so it had to have been a close call with the votes. Regardless, each one of them gave me new ideas for ways to visualize data. The entry that used POV-RAY was particularly very nice. I really liked Ken Bowman's entry and was happy to see that his image won. I would also add to the list of highlights Henry Throop's slick New Horizons Geometry Visualizer. That is an impressive piece of software and it looks like it will be very helpful in planning out the spacecraft's observations and measurements as it approaches the "real-planet/dwarf-planet/Kuiper-Belt-Object/IDL-graphics-object/whatever-the-hell-it-is-classified-today-as" Pluto.

Well done, ITTVIS! I hope you folks continue with these meetings. It was fun.

Rob Dimeo

On Oct 17, 1:42 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
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> I thought you might like an update on today's IDL User Group
> meeting in Boulder. What a HUGE success! Kudo's to Harold Cline,
> Bill Okubo, and all the fine folks at ITTVIS for a wonderful
> day of exciting and stimulating presentations.
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> Alright, I've left a lot of good things out, but you

> get the idea. ITTVIS is hoping they can get this going
> on an annual basis. I can tell you this, I am not going
> to ever miss one. This was terrific. Hats off to the
> great crew at ITTVIS for putting on a most productive day.
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> Cheers,
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> David
