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Subject: Re: R for Astronomers

Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 14:26:57 GMT

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On Mar 3, 1:37 pm, fbur...@nyx.net (Francis Burton) wrote:

> Hmm, the graphics are nice!

I originally picked up R several years ago as a tool for making high quality graphics. IMHO, R beats IDL hands down for ease and quality of plots. And for statistics, well, that's what it is for. I've never even considered using IDL for mixed-effect modeling. But I still use IDL for many, many things. Computer languages are not quite like marriage - I think it is acceptable to be in serious relationships with more than one at a time. Of course juggling multiple relationships is fraught with danger - witness my continual print, x in R and print(x) in IDL...

Mike

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