
Subject: Re: R for Astronomers

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 14:19:07 GMT

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Mike writes:

> 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...

Here is a poem I ran across this morning that sums
the matter up nicely:

<http://poems.com/poem.php?date=14309>

Cheers,

David

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