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Subject: Re: IDL on the web?

Posted by [penteado](#) on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 22:13:08 GMT

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On Sep 6, 6:11 pm, Petula Lau <pet...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi all,

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> I currently work for a science institute, and I have been assigned a  
> task to provide an IDL program on our public website.

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> The IDL program is a solar energy calculator. It requires inputs such  
> as latitude, longitude, tilt of the solar panels, months of the year  
> to calculate etc. It outputs a graph which shows you the expected  
> position of the sun relative to where you live.

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> I have been searching for over a day now, but haven't found anything  
> as to how to put this program on the web.

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> I thought of maybe two possibilities:

> 1. Create php front-end input form and shell out to the machine with  
> IDL installed (we will have to be running IDL the whole time). This  
> will require us purchasing another IDL licence.

If you made a runtime version of your application, it would not need a license to run. It seems that it could be made a console application, taking arguments from the command line, and if its output is just an image, it could save it to a file.

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