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Subject: IDL on the web?

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Hi all,

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

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.

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

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.
2. Use the IDL VM somehow?

Appreciate your response.

Cheers,  
Petula

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