Subject: Re: Migrate away from idl?
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 19 Nov 2009 14:26:57 GMT
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Maarten writes:

>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming
>
> The latter is very valuable. Without it I would have gone python quite
> some time ago.

Oh, oh. As someone interested in progress, I'll be shutting
the site down on Friday, so we can all get on with it... :-(

This whole discussion is depressing to me. Not because I
am such a huge fan of IDL, but because it all seems so
predictable to me. I understand this feeling of wanting to
look around for something else. Personally, I feel like I
haven't gotten anything of value for my IDL maintenance
dollars in the past five years or so. By "value" I mean
something I actually use in my IDL work. (24-bit PostScript
support is the exception.)

More iTool geegaws is unlikely to stem this tide of
interest in finding tools that are intuitive and simple
to use. Frankly, resizeable graphics windows and decent
fonts in direct graphics would have kept a lot of people from
looking around for something else. The best you can say
about IDL these days is that it isn't bad. I can see why
that's not generating a fanatical following.

Cheers,

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