
Subject: Re: Migrate away from idl?

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On Nov 19, 11:19 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

- >
- > Python and the associated libraries are all open source, so
- > here is nothing to stop someone from doing the work of
- > assembling and building it for easy distribution and installation
- > and then charging \$50 or \$100 for it, right?

I'd buy that in a minute! I'd say I've gotten nothing out of IDL for 10+ years, other than having to give them money to move my copies of the software to newer machines---though they do give me the latest version at that time (which tends to break my old crufty code, causing me to spend a week or so fixing things).

I've tried to get the python/scipy/numpy up and running on my MacBook Pro (OSX 10.4) but it's been more of a hassle and still doesn't work right...
