
Subject: Re: Migrate away from idl?

Posted by [Trae](#) on Thu, 19 Nov 2009 20:03:21 GMT

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WOW! I can't believe IDL allowed that routine!

Whether I switch to Python or not, that is amazingly useful.

-Trae

On Nov 19, 8:19 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

> In article

> <cf06c124-16f6-4455-bad3-4b6fc2570...@k17g2000yqh.googlegroup s.com >,

> Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hey all,

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>> I have a quick poll for the experts out there. I recently learned

>> about (and was wowed) scipy and all the other python stuff that

>> basically make it a viable substitute for idl. I am wondering if

>> anyone has made the switch (if so why are you still on this usenet?)

>> or came away from python or has any advice at all?

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> If I didn't have 20+ years of hard-won experience and a vast set

> of special-purpose IDL libraries I would have a serious look at

> Python. ITTVIS should be careful, inertia is not the best reason

> for sticking with a programming language. If they would make an

> effort to fix the ten most annoying things in IDL (24-bit Postscript)

> was on that list, it would go a long way toward making people happy.

> They could even consider breaking backwards compatibility (for new
> code).

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> 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?

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> Ken Bowman
