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Subject: Re: Migrate away from idl?

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"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
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> Maarten writes:

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>>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming

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>> The latter is very valuable. Without it I would have gone python quite

>> some time ago.

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> Oh, oh. As someone interested in progress, I'll be shutting

> the site down on Friday, so we can all get on with it... :-(

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> 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.)

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> More iTool geegaws is unlikely to stem this tide of

> interest in finding tools that are intuitive and simple

> to use. Frankly, resizable 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.

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> Cheers,

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> David

Agree 100%. The their vision is not the same as mine, in  
where IDL should go. The workbench is sort of a nice try at  
being an IDE, but all I really notice about it is that the hot keys  
have changed, and now ctrl W does not go to the command line,  
instead it closes my editing window, and then i have to search my  
1Tb harddrive for the file I was working on. (it doesn't even go to  
the 'recent file' list).

So, that is what I have paid thousands of dollars for. Sneak attacks  
on my file. lol.

cheers,  
bob

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