
Subject: Re: Migrate away from idl?

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> Any even more disconcerting is the fact I am not alone.
> Today, completely unprompted by me, a colleague who I
> consider a die-hard IDL user told me she was thinking
> about learning Python so she could ditch partial solutions
> like IDL and Perl. If we can figure out a way to use proj.4
> and GDAL to do our map projections, we will probably both
> dump IDL.

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I am not a mapping specialist, but proj.4 and GDAL are software libraries both distributed in C or JAVA. What is the problem for accessing them from IDL ? Why Perl ?

In other words, is actually IDL be lacking in tools for accessing external libraries ?
