
Subject: Re: Origins of the species

Posted by [churchill](#) on Fri, 12 Jul 1991 00:44:52 GMT

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In article <1991Jul10.201202.9420@colorado.edu>, ali@cs.Colorado.EDU (Ali Bahrami) writes:

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> Anyone who reads this newsgroup regularly should know the answer to
> this. Around the time that the Unix version of IDL first became
> available (1988), Precision Visuals Inc. (PVI) entered into an agreement
> with RSI under which they enhanced and resold IDL under the name
> PV~WAVE. In September of last year, they exercised an option
> in that agreement that resulted in the following:
> - They received a copy of the IDL source code as it existed
> in September 1990 in return for a one time payment to RSI.
> - The connection between RSI and PVI was severed. We do not
> give them code updates, enhancements, or bug fixes of any
> kind, and they do their own support and development.
> IDL and PV~WAVE are now on separate development tracks.

Thanks Ali for the history. Now for the future. The split is very sad and
unfortunate to some of us who use both packages. Does it mean this group will
have to split too?

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