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Subject: Re: Good programming practices and commercial development with IDL  
Posted by [Mark\[1\]](#) on Tue, 26 Oct 2010 23:00:21 GMT

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On Oct 23, 6:48 am, medd <med...@googlemail.com> wrote:

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> I also agree, IDL is a great scientific programming language and I  
> also like it despite its eventual bugs.  
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> My question was rather about developing commercial applications. The  
> requirements there change a lot... I am really uncertain about this  
> decision, and it might significantly change the chances of success for  
> the company.

Yes, it's a difficult decision. You're not going to get useful advice from roll-your-own scientists like me. You're going to get slightly more useful advice from someone like David Fanning who writes code for other people. (He seems a bit undecided.) The people in the best position to give you this advice (but who may not want to give it) are those who've done something similar to what you're planning. Are there any? If not, perhaps that tells you something.

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