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Subject: Re: Total and Utter Confusion!

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 17:44:20 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Matt Savoie writes:

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>> Sorry to hear about all the trouble. Maybe this link will help?

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>> <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~jbattat/computer/python/science/idl-numpy.html>

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> Seriously. I've been a loyal (if occasionally outspoken)

> customer for a long time. IDL has been my professional

> life. But if a young person asked me what programming

> language he/she should learn for scientific programming,

> IDL would not be the first name I came up with any more. :-(

> I suppose this is inevitable. No language lasts forever.

Well, Fortran is still going strong. :o)

But don't take my word for it. See: <http://www.levenez.com/lang/> :oD

> Is Borland Turbo C still around? And Python has its own

> problems (e.g., the transition from 2 to 3). But, it's sad

> to see. Now that I think about it, it's kind of like watching

> your parents get old. Lots of nostalgia and lots of sadness, too.

> Still, we soldier on until they are actually gone. What else

> can we do?

Run IDL in a 32-bit environment? (BTW, have you tried that?)

cheers,

paulv

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