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Subject: Re: Total and Utter Confusion!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 16:35:49 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

- > 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. :-(
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- > I suppose this is inevitable. No language lasts forever.
- > 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?

Just to add insult to injury, about 2 seconds after  
I hit the Send button, I got an e-mail from ITTVIS  
with my Maintenance Quote. I suppose "and put it where  
the sun don't shine" is not an appropriate response. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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