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Subject: Re: Total and Utter Confusion!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 16:18:13 GMT

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Matt Savoie writes:

- > Sorry to hear about all the trouble. Maybe this like will help?
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- > <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~jbattat/computer/python/science/idl-numpy.html>

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. 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?

Cheers,

David

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

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