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Subject: Re: Is IDL 8.1 Useable!?

Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2011 16:22:02 GMT

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On 8 sep, 17:41, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

>> The biggest issue I have with NG is that it is so agonisingly slow. A big selling point for these sorts of products

>> (IDL, matlab, etc) is that they make you more productive because visualising your data is easy and quick. NG kills the

>> latter and, based on posts to this newsgroup, is doing a good job of nobbling the former (although I attribute some of

>> that to resistance to shifting one's perception anchor from how one thinks things *\*should\** work, to how they actually

>> *\*do\** work).

>

> Well, if there was some instruction in how they *\*do\** work

> we wouldn't be having to make so many guesses as to how

> they *\*should\** work!

>

> My plan was to help provide a solution to the first

> problem, but it is going awry. :-(

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> Cheers,

>

> David

> --

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>

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

I'am not so sure that DG is faster than NG !

alx.

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IDL> p = randomn(rien, 1024L*1024)
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IDL> t=systime(1) & plot, p, PSYM=3 & print,'DG elaps:',systime(1)-t
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DG elaps:      16.110000
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IDL> t=systime(1) & q=plot(p, LINESTYLE=6, SYMBOL='dot') & print,'DG
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elaps:',systime(1)-t
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% Loaded DLM: XML.
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NG elaps:      11.740000
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