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Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 is a Piece of Work

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We use IDL 7.1 using the IDLDE for development on windows and Linux and then in batch mode for near real time data processing and visualisation. One of my colleagues attended your training course last week in Melbourne and mentioned all the nice features that IDL 8.1 has, such as list and hashes which I've hacked up implementations of as custom objects in 7.1 (which is therefore constrained by the horrible custom object syntax and memory mismanagement).

So my question is should we move to 8.1 or stay put, given the problems people are reporting? We don't do anything too fancy visualisation wise, just static 2d plots and maps, so we don't need to sit and the bleeding edge of fancy interactive graphics, if that is what causes the most problems.

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