
Subject: Re: One Reason Python is not taking over for IDL
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 21 Dec 2011 20:50:47 GMT
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Russell writes:

> I've recently graduated to IDL >8 (specifically 8.1), and for the most
> part everything is in good shape. I don't, on the other hand, use
> many of the new features and largely still do things "the old
> fashioned way" (e.g. using things like the procedural plotting
> routines) because I work closely with people who are still using IDL
> 7.x and we share code. I'm anxious to learn about the new features
> (and bugs), when my collaborators catch up!

Yes, in my own informal survey, the people who "really like" IDL 8 fall into three groups.

80% "haven't really gotten around to using it yet", but they have run the demos and read the marketing materials.

19.5% use it, but "don't really use the new features all that much".

0.5% find lists and hashes to be the cat's meow.

Lord help us when the direct graphics system is cut off for good.

Still, it installs pretty good, if you're not running in on a Macintosh computer. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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