
Subject: Re: Undocumented functions in IDL
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timothyja123@gmail.com writes:

> I dont mean to insult anyone but its already to long :-) I'm a programmer not a scientist and the things I've seen scare me. Not just the language itself but the code produced by people who havent been taught the basic principals of software design. Its sad to think of how much cpu processing time is wasted by such programs. Anyway its been an interesting insight to say the least.

I think you miss the point about IDL. It was never meant to be a superior programming language. It was meant to be something scientists could use to get their job done. The crappy programs are actually testament to that. How many other languages would allow you to write awful programs that still work? IDL is a triumph, not a disaster. :-)

Cheers,

David

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