
Subject: Re: IDL, Mathematica, Matlab
Posted by [thompson](#) on Mon, 28 Apr 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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Philippe Coujoulou <pcoujoul@eur.ericsson.se> writes:

> IDL is not a programming language. It is for the description of
> interfaces, i.e. you can use it to make different OO languages
> interwork.

> For exemple, you can write a client with java and a server with C++. And
> you specify the interface of your C++ objects with IDL, so that your
> java client can call them (using IDL).

> wei-chen lin wrote:

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>> Hi,
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>> I am new to IDL and am wondering what the strength and weakness
>> of IDL are, in comparison with Mathematica and Matlab. Does someone have
>> some insight?
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>> Thanks
>>
>> Wei C. Lin

I think there's probably some confusion here about what IDL is being referred to. I believe that Wei C. Lin was asking about the Interactive Data Language from Research Systems Incorporated. The correct newsgroup for that is [comp.lang.idl-pvwave](#).

William Thompson
