Subject: How Object-oriented?
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> As we move into the IDL 5.0 world, programs
>> are going to become a lot more powerful, but they are also
>> going to require a lot more effort to write. It would be nice
>> if all of us didn't have to continually reinvent the wheel.
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> Exactly. OOP means less work after a long time, but more work in the
> initial planning stages and certainly when a language changes to support a
> new model. There will be a lot of new programs/modules showing up as the
> interest in OOP for IDL increases.

Is anyone ready yet to comment on how object- oriented IDL 5.0 is?
OO has become a big buzz word, so it has become important to at least
give lip service to this concept. The newest versions of MATLAB,
PV-Wave, and IDL all say they have OO features. PV-Wave seems to have
made the most superficial attempt. MATLAB has new features built into
the basic language that are moving the in right direction - how far, I
can't yet evaluate. Can anyone comment of IDL 5.0? Is it more on the
lip-service level, or are the changes significant enough that one can
write real OO software?

Regards,

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