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Subject: Re: The Secret Widget Manual and IDL V5  
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Jim O'Connor writes:

> David:  
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> How applicable will your book be to those of us who use PV-Wave? I  
> imagine the basic language portions will be the same, but I don't have  
> a good feel for how much the two products have diverged since 9/90.  
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> I plan on buying your book regardless of the degree of overlap, but it  
> would be ideal if the book showed both the Wave and the IDL way of  
> doing things.

I think the topics in my first book will be very applicable to PV-Wave. (To tell you the truth, I often use PV-Wave documentation to figure out what is going on in IDL!) My original goal was to create separate books for IDL and PV-Wave users. But I have been so busy that I really have not had the time to re-learn PV-Wave the way I need to if I am going to write sensibly about it. My immediate goal now is to just get the IDL book finished and out there. If you are really going to buy a copy I have hope that the revenue might be enough to buy me some leisure time to write a PV-Wave book. :-)

In the perfect world, I would have enough income from teaching IDL/PV-Wave classes that I could produce training materials full-time. We will see...

Thanks for signing up as my first customer. I'll let you know ASAP.

Cheers,

David

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