
Subject: Re: IDL vs. PV-WAVE

Posted by [jackel\[1\]](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <339e670b.0@wltss01.nerc-wallingford.ac.uk> wmc@bsfiles.nerc-bas.ac.uk (William Connolley) writes:

> 1. There are some irritating bugs in the plotting (especially doing polar
> stereos...) but they are few and far between.

Yup. I've got a few complaints about a few things, but there's a huge amount of stuff in IDL which works just fine.

> 2. Widgets seem to be particularly complex, but you probably don't need them.
> As far as I can tell, they are mostly useful for polished-product programs and
> not so useful for research-type work.

Actually, I've got several data browsing widgets which are absolutely essential. More flexible than scripts, less tedious than typing at the command line, if I need a new feature I can add it in a few lines. I don't think I could have carried out my research (sifting through megabytes of radar data) without widget tools. All built without a single expensive training course.

Brian
