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Subject: Re: IDL vs. PV-WAVE

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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William Connolley writes:

- > 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.

Now hold on there just a minute, William! In my humble, professional opinion I find that people who hold this view (present company excluded, of course) don't generally know how to write widget programs.

Most of the time they have tried to learn how to do it from the IDL manuals. When they are shown how easy it really is, they often start taking the view that widget programs are essential to their research and they don't know how they worked without them.

On the other hand, those folks who refuse to jump on the bandwagon sometimes have the last laugh. Look at the COBOL programmers, for example, laughing all the way to the bank these days. :-)

Cheers,

David

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