
Subject: Re: An IDL hero moves on. Best wishes, Chris!

Posted by [astroboy.20000](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2017 17:55:47 GMT

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On Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:49:09 AM UTC-4, Nikola Vitas wrote:

> Should we draw any conclusions about the future of IDL? Even in solar physics, that was traditionally IDL-oriented, there is an increasing trend of moving to python. I guess that in the near future some institutes, especially the smaller ones, may give up on paying the IDL licenses.

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> All the best to Chris!

I think Harris is completely clueless about IDL. For IDL to survive I think it will have to be spun off as its own company. I think Harris sees that the big money is to be made is with envi (although i think it's a iffy to even claim it knows what ENVI is) and probably no one in management even knows that there's language called IDL that scientists use.

At my university students could get IDL for \$100, a student version that worked OK for simple stuff was free. No more. I work at harris. My computer has matlab installed on it.
