
Subject: Re: First mention of IDL on Usenet?

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2001 17:42:00 GMT

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"Liam E. Gumley" wrote:

>
> Google Groups now offers Usenet archives dating back to 1981:
>
> http://www.google.com/googlegroups/archive_announce_20.html
>
> Here is the first mention of IDL that I could find (in 1983):
>
> <http://groups.google.com/groups?selm=626%40hao.UUCP&outp ut=gplain>
>
> I wonder if Peter Gross is still out there? I was a freshman in college
> at the time...
>

And here's the 2nd post to comp.lang.idl-pvwave, dated July 12, 1990:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&group=comp.lang.idl-pvwave&selm=8335%40ur-cc.UUCP>

Favorite quote:

"YIPPIE!! Our own group!!!"

Second favorite quote:

"I'm also trying to work on an emacs mode for IDL, but am not making much headway... I need a manual for e-lisp... can't get the hang of these on-line manuals."

And the cycle continues.

JD

P.S. As for the first post, I wanted to avoid rekindling an ancient flame war sparked by this comment: "PV Wave, far superior to IDL."
