
Subject: Re: IDL vs MATLAB?

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In article <DAVE.94Aug14144148@image6.med.uth.tmc.edu>, dave@image6.med.uth.tmc.edu (David Fenyes) wrote:

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> How do the two stack up
> against each other? Has anyone had a chance to compare the two?
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We have Matlab and also an evaluation copy of IDL. IDL has _very_ nice graphics (much better than Matlab) and is priced realistically if you are an educational user. It is also very quick at processing images (Matlab is not). But our initial impressions of the IDL language are not favourable. It looks quite FORTRANy and there is quite a restricted set of mathematical functions. I believe IDL is fast because it compiles routines (Matlab tokenizes them I think).

Why not get an evaluation copy of IDL (fully featured version 30 day trial)? I'm not sure if there's a similar scheme for Matlab.

Hope this helps.

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