
Subject: The opposite of David's 15lbs tome
Posted by [Sven Geier](#) on Tue, 05 Dec 2006 04:01:28 GMT
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Someone's request at the GDL support tracker prompted be to write the "quickest and dirtiest introduction to a computer language you'll ever see". It "weighs in" at about five pages right now and was supposed to be aimed at the fellow who knows what an if-command is and would like to get up an running in GDL (or IDL, which comes with a lot of documentation but nothing quick'n'dirty as far as I'm aware).

Documentation for people who are intimidated by books that consume more shelf-space than their stereo.

The URL is down there; feel free to have a look at it and suggest additions or such (ideally right here). This is really in a "pre-alpha" stage and I am already painfully aware that I'm not doing where() enough service (on every top-ten-list of IDL features where() should occupy approximately seven slots) but I'm curious as to the other things folks think should really, really go into this (keeping the spirit of the document in mind):

<http://www.sgeier.net/tools/GDL-intro.pdf>

Let me know, and in the event that I have some time off over the holidays I may get around to making a better version of this that can actually be presented to someone.

- Sven

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My real email address does not contain any "Z"s.

Subject: Re: The opposite of David's 15lbs tome
Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Thu, 07 Dec 2006 13:02:13 GMT
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Sven,

> Let me know, and in the event that I have some time off over the holidays I
> may get around to making a better version of this that can actually be
> presented to someone.

It's a good start! I've dropped it on a F77-addicted guinea pig[1], will let you know what comes out of it.

Ben

[1] That would be a metaphorical guinea pig; no animals were hurt in this experiment however one former PhD-supervisor did look rather confused.

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or you could try ben at ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
