
Subject: Re: total newbie seeks to interact with data language

Posted by [russell.grew](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 00:24:18 GMT

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Hit your uni library for the books by Gumley or Fanning.

Failing that, learn by doing and get coding.

Subject: Re: total newbie seeks to interact with data language

Posted by [Matt B.](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 02:46:24 GMT

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At some point, you might check out these websites for IDL code that is (very) useful. Astronomers/astrophysicists LOVE IDL, so they have written a bunch of stuff to make your life easier. Some good links...

http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/other_url.html

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>

I never found the books helpful (but thats just me...). The IDL help menu sucks (except if you have an early version), so here is a link to a list of all the IDL routines that you can search using your web browser.

http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/idl_html_help/

Cheers,
Matt

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Posted by [Marshall Perrin](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 21:59:52 GMT

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RussellGrew <russell.grew@gmail.com> wrote:

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I'll second that, and add that Ken Bowman's book is also a very good introduction. These are all linked from David's web site.

- Marshall
