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Subject: re: PVI jerk [the search for truth]  
Posted by [mpfh](#) on Thu, 20 Aug 1992 22:49:43 GMT  
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As you may recall, on 19 Aug 92 17:07:31, [alans@ll.mit.edu](mailto:alans@ll.mit.edu) writes:

Alan>...PVI jerk...  
Alan>...PV-MORON...

Gosh, Alan, do you know something about Greg that I don't?

Alan>...you charge way more...

List price for a PV-WAVE floating license is 20% higher than for an IDL floating license. I've never thought of 20% as "way". If you want multiple users to simultaneously access a fixed copy on a SPARCstation, the IDL license costs more than PV-WAVE. If you want to share one copy between two or more architectures, IDL maintenance costs more. These are common usage scenarios. PV-WAVE Point & Click costs less than IDL. Just the facts...

Alan>...for the same basic product...

\_Maybe\_ before PV-WAVE Version 4.0.

Alan>...no programmable X Widgets...

It IS a little early for you to have heard of Version 4.01 (September).

Alan>...give me what I needed...

If you didn't need date/time functions, raytracing for volumetric data, SQL-based table manipulation, unnamed structures, shared access to WAVE variables, etc., sorry. Lots of other people do. Sure, RSI has been releasing new functions (Widgets, Gridding, Mapping, Volume Slicer, etc.) but if you look, you will find that WAVE includes new functions also, including those listed.

Alan>...this is no place to advertise...  
Alan>...Buy IDL!!!

Greg's original post was factual; your statement looks like advertising.

From time to time PVI people may comment when something being passed about as universal truth is not. And apparently some vendors (PVI) can't use the net to communicate relevant facts with fellow readers without generating heat from IDL zealots, but it is OK for other commercial vendors (RSI) to distribute \_demos\_ over the net. Hmm.

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Peter Hallett . /| "The vines of life cover our eyes,  
Precision Visuals, Inc. /| /|\ take a breath, and cut away the vines"  
303/530-9000 /|/ |\\_ from the new film of nature  
{boulder,ncar}!pvi!mpfh /\_\_\_\_\_/ The Third Stone from the Sun

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