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Subject: IDL books for beginners  
Posted by [burton449](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2011 16:45:46 GMT  
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Good day!

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In preference, I would like recent books... not too old.

Have any references to share?

Thank You

Max Demars

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Subject: Re: IDL books for beginners  
Posted by [kisCA](#) on Wed, 26 Jan 2011 01:13:07 GMT  
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Don't forget that I need the second one :-)

Cheers

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Subject: Re: IDL books for beginners  
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Wed, 26 Jan 2011 20:36:29 GMT  
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In article  
<98ee1659-fe17-4c6b-9509-c3cfbd78c44a@m20g2000prc.googlegroups.com>,  
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This isn't free, but it is aimed at beginners.

[http://www.amazon.com/Introduction-Programming-IDL-Interactive-Language/dp/012088559X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1296074053&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Introduction-Programming-IDL-Interactive-Language/dp/012088559X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1296074053&sr=1-1)

Ken Bowman

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Subject: Re: IDL books for beginners  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2011 13:55:38 GMT  
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Peter Clinch writes:

> Just use that neat IDL "TV" command... how could there be any problems? ;-)

OK, I admit, I think TVSCL \*and\* TV should be banished from the face of the Earth.

When I was traveling in Africa several years ago, one of the African graduate students I was working with explained to me how the educational system in his country, established by the French colonial powers, wasn't so much interested in educating young Africans as it was in giving them what \*appeared\* to be an education. The purpose, he explained to me, was actually to make sure, with the rote learning methods, the calcified doctrines, etc., to keep the Africans docile and dependent.

The TV command is \*exactly\* like that. Libérez les personnes! :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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