Subject: IDL references
Posted by Karl A. Young on Thu, 02 Nov 1995 08:00:00 GMT
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I'm new to IDL (so new I haven't used it yet !); most of my work
has been done in C,C++, and Matlab. I'm going to soon be in a
position where I need to know some IDL and I need to learn it
quickly. I was amazed, after all I'd heard about IDL, at the
scarcity of reference material. Doing a book search I only found
one book (IDL : the language and its implementation / John R. Nestor)
and none of the local bookstores carry it (including Stanford's
campus bookstore which is pretty well stocked) There were shelves and
shelves of Matlab, Maple and Mathematica books but not a single one
on IDL. Also there seems to be no apparent way to "give IDL a spin"
(without any references I don't think 7 minutes would be very useful)
Does anyone have any suggestions re. reference material, trial servers,...
I'm pretty desperate in terms of needing to learn some IDL quickly,
so any pointers would be greatly appreciated, thanks,

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" Missed by that much "   -- Maxwell Smart

Subject: Re: IDL references
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Call RSI at 303.786.9900 and order yourself a copy of
"Learning IDL - An Interactive Training Course".
It's what they use for IDL training courses, but they also sell it
separately for about $35. I found it very useful in getting up to speed.
I have never seen any other books about IDL.

Cheers,
Liam.