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Subject: Secret of Failed IDL Business Plan

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 25 Nov 2013 15:11:44 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Tue, 26 Nov 2013 14:58:58 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Nov 2013 19:50:14 GMT  
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This was done years ago by Rob Dimeo about two hours after had dinner with him and explained how IDL objects worked. It's called PAN:

[http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/staff/dimeo/idl\\_programs.html](http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/staff/dimeo/idl_programs.html)

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