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Subject: Python vs IDL

Posted by [Suresh Negi](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2016 06:38:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: Python vs IDL

Posted by [penteado](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2016 18:47:58 GMT

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Hello,

There is no simple general answer. Which language is "best" for the problem depends on a lot of factors. To name a few: what environment the code will run on, the existence of previous code that might be useful, what kind of algorithm will be implemented, who will run the code, who will write the code, time available for the task, and availability of licenses.

Being open source or not generally has no direct relation with the tool's usefulness to handle large amounts of data. Both IDL and Python can be adequate for problems that can be described in that manner. Also, note that "handle" and "large" in the above sentence can mean very different things, depending on who says it and the context.

On Monday, November 21, 2016 at 10:38:45 PM UTC-8, Sanu wrote:

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