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Posted by [dg86](#) on Wed, 10 May 2017 11:38:50 GMT
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Subject: Re: Harris seems to be deemphasizing IDL
Posted by [laura.hike](#) on Wed, 10 May 2017 19:20:37 GMT
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On Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 4:38:52 AM UTC-7, David Grier wrote:
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Hear, hear!

Subject: Re: Harris seems to be deemphasizing IDL
Posted by [astroboy.20000](#) on Wed, 17 May 2017 20:00:55 GMT

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I work for Harris. I think they pretty much swallowed up exelis whole and are completely unaware that IDL exists. All they wanted was Envi to complement their surveillance business, I doubt if there are a dozen people in Harris who can problem 'hello world' in IDL.

The best thing would be for the IDL parts of exelis to be spun off into their own business. Eventually someone at Harris is going to say, "What is this IDL crap, never heard of it. Doesn't make any money. Shut it down".

Subject: Re: Harris seems to be deemphasizing IDL
Posted by [astroboy.20000](#) on Wed, 17 May 2017 20:03:06 GMT
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I mean, the work Harris does has absolutely no relation to the work that 99% of IDL users do. It's no wonder it's being ignored.
