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Subject: Relative strengths: IDL vs. PV-Wave ?

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Dear All,

I am planning to acquire IDL or PV-Wave, and I was looking for information about their respective strengths. The FAQ avoids this issue, so I was hoping you could enlighten me, while being fair to both parties.

The following things are very important in my work:

- . image and video processing
- . machine learning and neural nets
- . rich programming language (batch processing)
- . linking with C/C++ code (under Windows NT, but also perhaps Linux)
- . speed (including speed of the IDL language)
- . many active users

How do the products compare in the above regards?

What product has the largest active user community?

From IDL and PV-Wave's Web pages, I get the impression that PV-Wave sells more different commercial components/toolboxes (signal processing, beta image processing)

What are your thoughts?

Thank you,

Martin Szummer

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