
Subject: Re: Origins of the species
Posted by [pcp2g](#) on Thu, 11 Jul 1991 00:15:32 GMT
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In article <1991Jul10.201202.9420@colorado.edu> ali@cs.Colorado.EDU (Ali Bahrami) writes:
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> PV~WAVE.

In what way was PVWave enhanced over IDL? We have IDL here, and there will be a demonstration of PV this weekend that I plan on attending. I like IDL, and I imagine our department will keep getting it as it is updated, but I'd like to know about PV also. Do they keep track of each other; that is, if PV comes up with some cool command, will IDL figure it out too (and vica-versa, too!)?

Subject: Re: Origins of the species
Posted by [thomsen](#) on Thu, 11 Jul 1991 01:57:54 GMT
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Ali Bahrami writes
... an excellent text on origin of IDL, PV-Wave, and NCAR Graphics.

Thanks for the info. The demo I saw was a guy at U. Texas who used IDL for years and years. Appreciate the name - David Stern rings the bell. I can also see how NCAR Graphics got into the loop; was aware of the Boulder colocality; there is some similarity, enough to wonder (without the misleading reference I got) about some genetic sharing back in the musty past.

Mark R. Thomsen

Subject: Re: Origins of the species
Posted by [churchill](#) on Fri, 12 Jul 1991 00:44:52 GMT
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- > PV~WAVE. In September of last year, they exercised an option
- > in that agreement that resulted in the following:
- > - They received a copy of the IDL source code as it existed
- > in September 1990 in return for a one time payment to RSI.
- > - The connection between RSI and PVI was severed. We do not
- > give them code updates, enhancements, or bug fixes of any
- > kind, and they do their own support and development.
- > IDL and PV~WAVE are now on separate development tracks.

Thanks Ali for the history. Now for the future. The split is very sad and unfortunate to some of us who use both packages. Does it mean this group will have to split too?

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