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Posted by [Joe\[2\]](#) on Wed, 06 May 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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The problem is that IDL has a slightly more common translation to  
Interface Definition Language and comp.lang.idl is taken by those  
folks. We could always start a group under the alt... hierarchy, but  
I doubt there is neither the need nor motivation to moderate or  
close this group down.

JMZ

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In article <6iqbds\$bql\$1@canopus.cc.umanitoba.ca>, [roberson@ibd.nrc.ca](mailto:roberson@ibd.nrc.ca) (Walter Roberson)  
writes:

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On the one hand, if they don't have enough use to warrant their own news group, they shouldn't have their own news group. On the other hand, if the volume is so low, does it really get in the way of IDL users? On the third hand (I grew up near three mile island :-), if we rename it to comp.lang.idl and have the charter "allow" pvwave questions, it will make it more "logical" for those of us who use IDL but not pvwave without totally disenfranchizing the pvwave users.

On balance, as an IDL user who can barely spell pvwave, I'd vote to change the name, but let them stay.

Bruce

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I was the respondant. The previous exchanges can be found via  
[www.altavista.digital.com](http://www.altavista.digital.com) or [www.dejanews.com](http://www.dejanews.com) .

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In article

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Hi All,

I'm familiar with PVWAVE but am currently working with IDL  
(RSI Interactive Data Language) I read the comp.lang.idl-pvwave newsgroup  
regularly. The number of new messages per day is reasonable, less than 10 on  
average. (I use deja news to read messages) The address is a little awkward  
but once I got used to the dash between idl-pvwave, it was no problem. I  
do not see a need to change it now, nor do I feel it necessary to separate out  
the PV-Wave users. The comp.lang.idl newsgroup looks like it has had some  
mail from IDL/PVWAVE users, so there is some confusion. But  
I think with a little searching, the relevant newsgroup can be found.

Rose

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