McIDAS V: the Long View

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Over the Long Run

• Protect User Investments

• Flexibility strength pays off

Performance weakness decreases

Flexibility

- Java for network environment
- Object oriented design
- Data and display models
- Customizable user interface, scripting
- NO ROAD BLOCKS

Performance

• 64-bit addresses finally, \$15/GB

• Exploit multi-core

• Flexibility \rightarrow targeted optimizations

• Much improved since 1996

Community

• Open source

• Collaborate with Unidata, BOM, etc

Good support

• Increase development funding

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Lessons learned

• Bridge

• Team with long term commitment