
Subject: Re: should I get Mac IDL 4 or 5?

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In article <344AEE8F.4B47@shapley.colorado.edu>, Mark Fardal
<fardal@shapley.colorado.edu> wrote:

> Hi,

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> I want to get IDL for the Mac, since it's cheap for CU students.

> Now, I can only get one release, either IDL 4 or 5. And some

> people have complained about the stability of IDL5 for the

> Mac--tends to crash machines (even with OS8) and so forth. I'm

> not really using the new features of IDL5 right now, although in

> theory it would be nice to have 5 for consistency with the unix boxes

> at work. So are the complaints justified? Does RSI ever release bug

> fixes? And which version should I get?

Yes, RSI does fix bugs, which is why the current release is 5.0.2.
I have not put it through a lot of hoop son the PowerMac, but it does what
I need it to do without crashes, on both a PowerBook and a desktop
machine.

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