
Subject: Re: idl for OS/2

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Phil Kaaret (kaaret@carmen.phys.columbia.edu) wrote:

> I am very interested in obtaining IDL for OS/2. I currently
> run IDL on windows and on a Sun. The environment for windows
> is nice, but I am constantly plagued by out of memory errors,
> particularly having to do with editing files. These error
> include a limit on the length of text in each file, a limit
> on the number of files currently open, and also there seems
> to be a problem with the total number of files opened and
> closed in a single session.

None of the problems you mention has anything to do with IDL. If you're out of memory, buy more memory or get more swap space. On Suns, the number of open files and the swap space is set in the kernel and can be reconfigured. I know that the GENERIC_SMALL kernel is inadequate. I run the GENERIC kernel on my SPARC 10 and I have no problems with IDL.

I know of no limit on the length of files other than the size of the disk. If you're editing large files, then you might need more memory or swap space.

> Memory is better managed under OS/2 so that these problems
> would probably go away. Also, an OS/2 version would allow
> me to run long calculations in the background.

"Memory is better managed under OS/2"? Why do you say that?

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"Now about those pictures..."

"I can explain! I was young! I needed the money!.."

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