
Subject: Re: Alpha/UNIX rehosting question

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Liam Gumley wrote:

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> wbiagiot@suffolk.lib.ny.us wrote:

>> In the near term, I might be faced with porting my IDL application from
>> a Win95/98 platform over to an Alpha/UNIX combination. I would like to
>> ask if anyone is currently using IDL in this configuration and if there
>> are any outstanding problems/inconsistencies or anything that I should
>> know. A couple of years ago, I was a Sun Solaris user but have lost my
>> edge after being numbed with MS Windows.

>

> A few things to watch out for:

[suggestions deleted]

One item I forgot to mention. It's possible that Alpha/Unix will use vector fonts of a different size than Windows. To ensure that vector fonts are the same size on both platforms:

First, on Windows:

```
IDL> xsize = !d.x_ch_size
```

```
IDL> ysize = !d.y_ch_size
```

```
IDL> print, xsize, ysize
```

Then on UNIX (using the xsize and ysize values from Windows):

```
IDL> device, set_character_size=[xsize, ysize]
```

I prefer to enter the following command in the IDL startup file on whatever platform I'm using:

```
device, set_character_size=[10, 12]
```

Cheers,

Liam.

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