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Subject: Re: Alpha/UNIX rehosting question  
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Bill Biagiot ([wbiagiot@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:wbiagiot@suffolk.lib.ny.us)) writes:

> 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.  
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> I realize that IDL is supposed to be platform independent, but it would  
> appear to be a neat trick to have \*everything\* work on all platforms.

Well, there are only about 2 million variables. Perhaps  
"everything" is overly optimistic. :-)

But I would say you can get darn close pretty easily  
with IDL if you have taken some care in how you have  
written your program to begin with. People who struggle  
with this -- most of the time -- have not been particularly  
careful with filenames, the sine qua non for writing  
portable code. But if you have taken care of this, then  
any "fudging" you have to do can usually be handled  
in about 10-15 minutes.

Cheers,

David

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