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Subject: Re: IDL 5.3 here

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In article <383B19AA.756AD0DC@astro.cornell.edu>,

"J.D. Smith" <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:

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> In case you haven't seen it, IDL 5.3 has been officially

> announced. Among the

> most interesting new features:

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> \*.RESET\_SESSION command to eliminate the frequent restarts required by

> heavy-duty programmers. Yeah!

This command is *very* useful. I've been using it quite a bit with the 5.3 beta version. It's one of those things (like POINTERS) that makes you think "how did we get along without this for so long?"

> It seems for those Linux users that older versions are no longer supported --

> RedHat 6.0 is baselined as the minimum OS (which basically means glibc>2.1 for

> those non-RH Linux users out there). I confirmed this with a segfault on my

> RH5.2 (glibc 2.0.7) machine. Time to upgrade.

If you are upgrading, I would suggest the SuSE Linux distribution ([www.suse.com](http://www.suse.com)). IDL works fine with SuSE 6.1, and it's much better than Redhat in my opinion.

Regards,

-bob

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