Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 Stability
Posted by noymer on Sun, 12 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

I have not used 5.4, but don't forget what
a major pain it must be to come out with software
that runs on Win, Mac, VMS, and N flavors of Unix.

To quote Danny Thorpe of Borland (you remember Turbo
Pascal, don't you?):

"Proper testing of Win32 applications today
 should include testing on the following distinct
 platforms: 'virgin' Windows 95, Windows 95 OSR2,
 Windows 95 with IE4, Windows 95 with IE5,
 Windows 95 with DCOM, Windows 98, Windows 98 Second Edition,
 Windows 98 with IE5, Windows NT 4.0 SP3,
 Windows NT 4.0 with IE5, and Windows 2000"

And he forgot Windows ME...

I don't know if the Win/IE interactions are relevant
to IDL, but it's still a lot of work.

Platform-specific instability is less of an
indictment than overall instability.

-- Andrew

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