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Subject: Re: TeXtoIDL is back, and updated!  
Posted by [Kenneth Mankoff](#) on Thu, 18 Jan 2001 01:32:25 GMT  
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Hi Craig,

I like TeX, and i love IDL.

Your message below, nor your webpage, mention \*anything\* about what TeXtoIDL actually is!?!

Is it some zen-thingey, where i knew what it was until i asked this question? Is it a secret club? If so, can i join?

Please give some info. I might very well become another user. Anyone else feel free to answer since Craig says he won't check the newsgroup much...

thanks,

ken mankoff

On Tue, 16 Jan 2001, Matt Craig wrote:

> Hi everybody,  
>  
> Sorry about the loss of the old server for the TeXtoIDL software, and my  
> prolonged absence from this newsgroup. Realistically, I probably won't  
> have time to read it regularly (tenure is still 3 years away), but will  
> try to be better about dropping by to keep an eye on the package.  
>  
> Thanks to those who have contacted me recently (and not so recently)  
> about the discussion of TeXtoIDL here, and to Liam Gumley, whose phone  
> call finally got me moving.  
>  
> The new home for TeXtoIDL is:  
>  
> <http://physweb.mnstate.edu/mcraig/TeXtoIDL/>  
>  
> The version there works with IDL 5.3; I have renamed strtok (whose name  
> I stole from the C function that does the same thing). There are a  
> couple of symbols that have been added too, I think.  
>  
> I have changed the copyright restrictions to make it more clear that it  
> is fine to mirror the software, and loosened the restrictions about  
> distributing modified versions. In particular, anybody has permission  
> to distribute a modified version if they let me know about it and I dont  
> get back to them within two weeks. This should make it easier to avoid

> situations like what happened when IDL 5.3 came out.  
>  
> Thanks to everyone for respecting the original copyright notice; in  
> retrospect I think it was too strict.  
>  
> Distributing the software as part of a commercial package (on a CD, in a  
> book) still requires explicit permission, but I expect that I'll grant  
> it in almost all cases.  
>  
> If you have trouble downloading the new version, please let me know  
> ASAP. The beginning of the semester, before I'm buried in grading, is  
> the best time to take care of any problems.  
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> Matt Craig  
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> PS It would be useful for me to know roughly how many people use  
> TeXtoIDL; if you use it, and could reply by email to this message (no  
> need to write a message unless you want) I'd appreciate it!  
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> --  
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