
Subject: Limitations in IDL 5.4

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thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov (William Thompson) writes:

> It's possible to have the current version and older versions of IDL installed
> on the same computer simultaneously. I often use this, to make sure my
> software will work on older versions, and most recently to get around some of
> the limitations of version 5.4 for batch jobs.

Just to satisfy everybody's curiosity, the limitation I was referring to was that IDL 5.4 doesn't properly flush standard output. For example, try this simple script with the command "at -c -f testfile now"

```
#!/bin/csh
idl << done
print,'Hello'
done
```

You won't get any output at all with IDL 5.4. RSI is aware of this problem.

William Thompson
