## Subject: Re: will RSI support HDF5?
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 10 Sep 2001 15:39:25 GMT

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Jason Li (jylimd@yahoo.com) writes:

> Does anyone has inside scoop on RSI's support of the new HDF5?

I don't have any inside scoop. But here is
a little tutorial for you on the subject:

 1. Will RSI support HDF5?

   Of course. RSI is in the data visualization business.
   A huge amount of data is in HDF format. They have no
   choice but to support it.

 2. When will such support be in IDL?

   About 6 months after you wanted it.

 3. Why will support be delayed like this? My thesis
    is due Tuesday!

   Incorporating other people's software into your own
   is a dirty, painful business. Mostly because that
   software is shamefully under-documented and full of bugs.
   It takes a certain amount of time and a great deal of
   effort to sort through everything. And you have to
   blend that effort with your own release schedule. It
   all takes time. Usually more time than you hoped. And
   you can bet more time than your customers wanted.

Cheers,

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