
Subject: Re: removing old IDL versions

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Phillip David <phillip_david@xontech.com> writes:

> David Fanning wrote:

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>> Harald von der Osten-Woldenburg (hvdosten@lb.netic.de) writes:

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>>> now I have IDL 5.0, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 installed on my workstation. I would

>>> like to remove the older versions. But - before doing this - is this

>>> possible without any problems? Or should I take care of some libraries

>>> or so?

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>> Don't do this!

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> Or if you decide to, at least keep the help around. We discovered that,

> some time between IDL 5.2 and IDL 5.4, the documentation for deprecated

> routines changed. In 5.2, the details of deprecated routines were given

> in the help. By the time 5.4 came along, all it said was something to

> the effect of "This routine has been deprecated. Use XXXX instead."

> This is all good and well if you're writing NEW code, but when you want

> to look up the details and figure out exactly what someone was doing

> with a HANDLE_CREATE call, it's not much use!

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> So keep that old documentation around, because RSI isn't doing it for

> you any more. :(

And, it may be worth keeping the GIF libraries from older versions of IDL around for your architecture. Some people have gotten them to work under newer versions of IDL.

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