Subject: Re: removing old IDL versions
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 26 Nov 2001 22:15:28 GMT

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

> now I have ID 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?

Don't do this!

I decided to "tidy up" when I got my new machine.
Now, I regret it. (I historically regret it when
I tidy up, but that's another story, entirely,
and has to do with my "toss first, ask questions
later" philosophy of order. Let's just say that
when I announce I will be "cleaning up in 10
minutes", there is a general flurry of pick-up
activity from all hands.)

Anyway, now I find I can't waste away an afternoon
answering any of those "this doesn't work in IDL
5.1" questions. And the very first programming
project I got after I cleaned up was a nifty little
number that looked sharp in object graphics. I
was really proud of it as I handed it over.

  "Dave, this program doesn't compile. By the
way, did I mention I'm running IDL 4.0?"

  "Uh, no. I don't believe you mentioned that," I said. :-(

What you *don't* want to do is install IDL 4.0 *after*
you have installed 5.5. It just doesn't work very well.

Cheers,

David
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