
Subject: Re: 5.6 goodies, R.I.P. REDUCE

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Ben Tupper wrote:

> I think the documentation team at RSI deserves a well earned pat on
> the back, too. I certainly appreciate their efforts. I have found
> the new online help system a breath of fresh air. It's nice to have
> everything in one place and I ****really**** like the links to the
> KEYWORDS, SEE ALSO, etc. at the top of each reference page where they
> belong. The documentation of VERSION HISTORY which includes the
> history of some keywords is going to be wonderfully useful.

I also applaud the addition of VERSION HISTORY in the documentation -- it is a real benefit to those of us who need to write software to work on different IDL versions.

On a somewhat related note, I had a recent need to determine the release dates of the new IDL versions, to help decide what should be the minimum IDL version our software package should (guarantee) support. By looking at the first discussion of the version in the comp.lang.idl-pvwave archives, I came up with the following table. --Wayne Landsman

V5.6	November 2002
V5.5	September 2001
V5.4	December 2000
V5.3	January 2000
V5.2	December 1998
V5.1	May 1998
V5.0	June 1997