
Subject: Re: Which Operating System Am I On?
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In article <3ij0iq\$998@newsstand.cit.cornell.edu>, patterso@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu (Tim Patterson) writes:

> I am writing a tool that needs to work on a variety of operating Systems
> (e.g. Unix, OSF/1, Ultrix, VMS, etc.). If I can find out through IDL
> which system I am on, I could use some IF structures to chose when I have
> machine specific commands to perform (like SPAWNS). Is there any way to
> get this information. None of the system variables seem to store it?
>

Use the system variable !VERSION

IDL> help, /structure, !VERSION

** Structure !VERSION, 3 tags, length=24:

```
ARCH      STRING  'alpha'
OS         STRING  'vms'
RELEASE    STRING  '3.6.1a'
```

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