
Subject: Notice on IDL Alpha/Tru64 Support

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As first announced in the Platform Support FAQ in our January Developments newsletter, RSI is discontinuing IDL support for Tru64 UNIX starting with the release of IDL 6.1, due out this summer. Although Alpha/Tru64 is an excellent platform, its vendor long ago discontinued both hardware and operating system development. We have postponed this decision for some time, but the time now seems right. Our user numbers on this platform are dwindling, and the aging operating system platform is becoming an issue for ongoing development.

Many of you may remember that we made an attempt to drop this platform two years ago when Compaq/HP announced the cancellation. In hopes of handling the situation better now than we did then, we are taking the following steps: a Tru64 version of IDL will no longer be included on the IDL CD, and will not be officially supported. However, we will build and test on this platform for IDL 6.1 so that we can provide those IDL users who have current maintenance contracts with a working version to see them through their transition to another supported platform. We will be happy to provide you with a copy of IDL 6.1 for Tru64 Unix if you request it after IDL 6.1 ships. And of course, your older existing versions of IDL will continue to work. This should be sufficient to allow you to extract the maximum remaining life from your existing Alpha systems.

The supported platforms for IDL 6.1 are listed on the platform support FAQ on our Web site:

<http://www.rsinc.com/services/techtip.asp?tid=3635>

If there is anything we can do to help you transition to another platform, please don't hesitate to contact RSI. Thank you for your continued support of IDL!

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