
Subject: Re: status of HDF5 *writing* support in IDL
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> Along with many I am sure, I have been waiting patiently for any word on
> support for *writing* HDF5 files in IDL. A major project has been delayed
> in hopes that full HDF5 support would be forthcoming. This issue has come
> up more than a few times in the past week or so as we realize that we can
> delay no longer and now I am getting pissed.

You say this like you think that RSI actually adds useful features to IDL. I'm still waiting for command line arguments and nice-looking fonts in direct graphics. And those aren't the only things missing. At least I can "fix" the command line argument with a nice little Python wrapper.

As far as HDF5 writing goes, RSI did not mention it at all in their last newsletter (<http://www.rsinc.com/newsletter/#idlbeta>) which listed some of the new features in IDL 6.1. The only thing I know to do is get the HDF5 C library and write a DLM for the functions you need. Why RSI can't do this themselves is beyond me.

-Mike
