
Subject: Re: Announcing GDL 0.8, now with netCDF support
Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Tue, 04 May 2004 13:25:22 GMT
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On Tue, 04 May 2004 15:36:24 +0900, Marc Schellens put fingers to keyboard and said:

- > GDL - GNU Data Language, an IDL 6.0 compatible incremental compiler.
- > Version: 0.8
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- > The netCDF file format is now fully supported (thanks to Christopher Lee).
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- > Several library functions were added.
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- > Along with some necessary internal changes to the compiler/interpreter
- > several bugs were fixed, output (formatted and unformatted) has
- > improved. See the ChangeLog file for details.
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- > The installation procedure is now more straight forward (thanks to Craig
- > Markwardt). Please see the README file for more details and installation
- > instructions.

[snip]

I was able to build 0.7 on my machine without issue. 0.8 won't build because it requires automake 1.4 (which was released in 2000). My machine has 1.6 and I see that 1.8 is now (within the last week) available.

I'm not an "automake" expert by ANY stretch of the imagination, nor do I feel it's "right" to criticize free software, but I certainly would have hoped that new software would use relatively modern tools.

Bruce

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