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Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 <-> IDL 6.0 compatible ?

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> i asked our sysadmin about an update to IDL6.0, and he is worrying  
> about the backwards compability to 5.4.  
> So i'd like to ask here, if anyone had problems with the conversion to  
> 6.0 ?

An upgrade to 6.0 doesn't necessarily mean that you'd have to remove 5.4. During transition periods, we will typically have multiple IDL installs (5.4, 5.5, 6.0) as people migrate up to the next version. There's no change to the licensing since a license for 6.0 will work on 6.0 or any previous version of IDL.

As for your specific question, the only problem we had around here was that RSI changed the way arctan worked. Actually it was all of the arc functions. If memory serves it had something to do with the format of imaginary numbers.

If you really want to know all the differences, take a look at the "What's New" manual for IDL 5.5 and IDL 6.0.

-Mike

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