
Subject: 64-bit without IDL_IDLBridge vs. 32-bit with IDL_IDLBridge

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I am trying to decide what version of IDL to buy (I had been using 6.1), and whilst reading through the documentation, I noticed that IDL_IDLBridge is not supported in 64-bit Linux operating systems. I was wondering if those of you more knowledgeable than I had any opinions what is the best choice? I use IDL mostly for automated processing of large sets of satellite data. When I ran 6.1 on Windows it was annoying how my gui would freeze up while the data processing was ongoing (which usually took more than a day to complete) so the IDL_IDLBridge feature is very attractive. At the same time though, due to the large amounts of data being analyzed, having 64-bit support for those large arrays would be nice also.

I would greatly appreciate any thoughts. I am Linux noob and liked the idea of 64-bit OS, but maybe I am expecting too much? I guess I could get the 64-bit versions of Windows, but I'm trying to work on a budget.

Thanks in advance
