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Subject: Re: release plans of idl  
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I rarely post here, but proactively follow the IDL community. I must say I agree with David's overall take on the IDL situation, as judged from his current posts on the VM and the current release plans IDL 8.

I have recently been developing a commercial application with partners in the EU, and let me tell you that this is a PAIN! Having them download any IDL from outside the US has been difficult (the website is a mess), the licensing has been obtuse at best, and support from the sales department is...well lacking.

ITTTVIS does a very poor job in general at explaining the differences and pricing options of run-time licensing vs embedded etc. I wish someone could explain it all to me. Not to mention, I wish IDL would REALLY focus on cross-platform compatibility. Suffice to say, I hope IDL 8.0 at least makes an attempt to address the issues so many of us seem to have.

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