
Subject: Re: IDL Virtual Machine Woes

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I agree with your gripes. A VM is not a VM if it only supports one .sav file - it's just part of an executable. If they wanted to do it that way, it would have been preferable to package the whole lot into a single executable (or one for each platform). Since this is not a current possibility, I think the only way to keep both yourself and your users sane is to have them install the full VM. Otherwise, I just can't imagine how to cope with explaining what to do with an update, or yet worse - how to revert to a previous version. Do that to someone just once, and from then on you'll hear curses about anything that whiffs of IDL. The VM ought to be more easily accessible - perhaps they don't realise how much of a disincentive the registration process is. Although I believe, for those fortunate to live beyond the thrills of 1978, there's no reason you shouldn't distribute it yourself.

cheers,
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