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Subject: Re: Hearsay and rumors about IDL 5.0  
Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 1996 07:00:00 GMT  
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Liam Gumley wrote:

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- > Some stuff I heard recently:
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- > - IDL 5.0 will be released in 4th quarter 1996
- > - It will include a point-and-click interface for beginners
- > - Printing will be simplified, more along the lines of WYSIWYG
- > - There will be some kind of database interface
- > - It will use OpenGL for 3D graphics (will use hardware if available)
- > - Mapping support will be improved
- > - Manuals will be revised
- > - A book on IDL is in the works

I have heard some of these.

'Never heard that a book is in the works,  
or that a database interface is being considered.

For me personally, it would be great if  
global mapping really was improved, but  
I am skeptical after 5 frustrating years  
using map\_set and a broken contour program.

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