
Subject: Re: IDL for Solaris 2.5?

Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Wed, 31 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Debra L. Wilkes wrote:

- > I'm looking at buying a Sun Ultra 1 that will only
- > run the Solaris 2.5 operating system. I'd like
- > to run IDL on this machine. But IDL only runs under
- > Solaris 2.3. Do any of you have experience with this?
- > Am I out of luck or will IDL run on this operating system?

The reference to Solaris 2.3 for IDL (and Solaris 2.4 for PV-Wave) doesn't mean they won't run on other releases, but that was the release the version was developed on.

To cover their backs, software vendors describe these as "supported releases" where they can reasonably guarantee that the code they wrote will do what they say. It *should* also work on subsequent releases, and in the case of Solaris, does. Solaris 2.5 is superior to 2.3 in just about every way: it's kernel is smaller, faster and more reliable, you get the CDE windowing system, NFS 3.0 rather than 2.0. etc. etc. etc.

Summary: no problem running IDL or Wave on an Ultra 1.

regards, Pete.

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