
Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 questions

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 27 Jul 2010 17:37:12 GMT

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Paulo Penteado wrote:

> On Jul 27, 11:51 am, Paul van Delst <paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:

>> Chris Torrence wrote:

>>> This will be fixed in the next available IDL update.

>> Any info on when that will be? I've need to give our sysadmins here enough warning about an additional install in the

>> future for the 8.0 bug fix update.

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> The eternal unresponsiveness of sysadmins in academic environments...

> Is there anywhere this does not happen? Where they keep software

> updated and fully functional (instead of, say, just command-line IDL

> 6.4)?

This is off-topic, but I feel I have to come to the defense of my overworked sysadmin colleagues!
:o)

I've never found any sysadmins I've ever worked with to be unresponsive at all - in my previous academic environment or in my current non-academic one. My experience has been quite the opposite: in all cases the sysadmins have been **very** responsive. They may not be able to do all that I might ask them to do, but that is nearly always due to policy issues (out of their control) or, much much more rarely, simple lack of enough warm bodies to do all that is asked of them on top of what they are already required to do.

My comment about "enough warning" was to allow our sysadmins to insert the necessary work ticket into their schedules such that nobody has to feel bad when they knock off at end-of-day.

> Even worse, when all they have to keep is a license server, it is up
> to the users to keep the IDL installation, they still cannot be
> bothered to replace the license file when a new version comes. Which
> is why I argued that license files should not be version-specific.

That's never really been an issue for me. The licensing system IDL uses is generic enough. We use the same license manager for several licensed products, not just IDL.

Anyway....

cheers,

paulv
