Subject: Re: IDL 8.2 is available
Posted by penteado on Sat, 26 May 2012 17:15:13 GMT

On May 25, 6:46 pm, BillO <bill.ok...@exelisvis.com> wrote:
> Yikes tell me how we resolve this! On the one hand there is a small
> group of IDL users who for several years now want IDL to "seamlessly"
> support GPU accelerated graphics. And IDL is also expected to support
> "an old ATI card, which no longer has drivers that work on a recent
> OS". At least IDL has a software rendering option!

In this case the problem is not in IDL. ATI is to blame, as they only
keep making drivers for very recent models, and do not release the
source code or documentation necessary for the open source driver to
do everything. Even for the recent models, their linux drivers are
full of problems. I spent years having to patch every new driver ATI
released, as they kept ignoring the fix I had posted (even when it was
in very trivial places, like the installer).

Which is one of the two reasons I decided to only use Nvidia now. I
never had those issues with the Nvidia drivers. Even for much older
hardware. The other reason I have to use Nvidia is CUDA.