Subject: Re: IDL 8.2 is available
Posted by BillO on Fri, 25 May 2012 21:36:39 GMT
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On May 24, 8:10 am, Very Old IDL User <jtmari...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Tuesday, May 22, 2012 6:39:52 PM UTC-4, BillO wrote:
>> IDL 8.2 is now available for download from the Exelis VIS website at
>> www.exelisvis.com
>
> And even when you can download it, they make life interesting by once again changing the default install directory on the Mac. It would be great if they could settle on one folder name and stick with it.

I hear your pain regarding the directory name and path changes. Part
of the change was to correct what was admittedly a bad decision in IDL
8.1, as Mike Galloy points out in his review of IDL 8.2 posted on this
newsgroup:

> For example, on my Mac IDL 8.2 installs into
> /Applications/exelis/idl82
> instead of the more complicated path in IDL 8.1
> /Applications/itt/idl/idl81
> I suppose this is mostly unavoidable and for the better, but my CMake scripts to find IDL installations just added another level of complexity.

Unfortunately the directory structure has other complications, much
like most things in life today. We cannot just name the top level
folder "idl" because that is confusing to those customers who only use
ENVI, which is distributed on IDL. And naming the top level folder
"foo" or "software" is not appropriate for us as a software vendor
either. If you have a great suggestion, I am all ears. I could
probably talk about this for an hour or more…

Bill