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Subject: Re: IDL on Mac Funning Yosemite?  
Posted by [nerdzoo](#) on Sat, 18 Oct 2014 12:11:35 GMT  
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On Friday, October 17, 2014 11:11:53 PM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,  
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> I got an e-mail today from someone who claims he can't get either IDL  
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> 7.1 or IDL 8.2 to run on the Yosemite version of OS X. Is there any  
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> truth to this? Is there a trick to installing IDL on this OS?  
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I can confirm that IDL 8.2 fails to run in Yosemite with the following error message:

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nerdzoo:/usr/local/exelis/idl82/bin$ idl
dyld: Library not loaded: /usr/X11/lib/libfreetype.6.dylib
  Referenced from: /usr/local/exelis/idl82/bin/bin.darwin.x86_64/libidl.8.2.dyl ib
  Reason: image not found
Trace/BPT trap: 5
```

idlde also does not run, but prints out a longer report that can be sent to Apple.

IDL 8.3 and 8.4 are ok. With 8.4 on Yosemite, however, firing up idlde the first time complained about need to install "legacy Java SE 6 runtime." You're directed to Apple's download site. After installation, idlde works okay.

-Caesar

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> This person claims the problem is with libPNG. Can anyone fill me in on  
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> what he is talking about. :-(  
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> Thanks,  
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> David

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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