
Subject: Re: What's New in IDL 8.4

Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2014 22:04:01 GMT

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On Friday, October 31, 2014 10:03:43 PM UTC+1, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
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> I just watched Beau Legeer's new screencast on what is new with IDL 8.4.
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> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_umxrSAEWis
>
> All I can say is, "Wow!" I had no idea so many people were clamoring for
> Big Integers (you know, 2^400, printed on your display), and I plan to
> use the Prime and NextPrime static functions almost daily.
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> It sure would be fun to be a fly on the wall in the meeting in which
> customer requests were prioritized for the next version of IDL. I have a
> feeling I would be absolutely shocked at how out of touch I am with the
> tools programmers need to do their jobs.
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> Cheers,
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> David
> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

There are priorities. The parallel processing API for IDL 8.4 was thrown out. BigInt is much more important.

<https://groups.google.com/d/msg/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/bEr8Bh5iLrI/60o6nJRNGdkJ>

regards,
Lajos
