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Subject: Re: Windows XP survey

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I couldn't help myself from pointing out the fact that with IDL 8.3 support for RedHat EL 5 was dropped despite the fact its supported until 2017, and with my objections to the support ending [1] which has 40 upvotes on the Exelis blog, the blog post is also constantly listed under most popular posts.

For the record I was also reassured at the time that IDL would still run under RedHat EL 5 "I should be careful with what I've written above. RHEL 6 is now the version of Linux on which we build and test IDL. This doesn't mean that IDL won't run on older versions of RHEL, or on SUSE or Xubuntu or CentOS." [2]. But it turned out that that statement was incorrect [3].

Anyway I just think its odd that Exelis are worried about pulling support for an OS that reached end of life almost a year ago but dropped support for one that is still supported.

[1] <http://www.exelisvis.com/Company/PressRoom/Blogs/IDLDatapointDetail/TabId/902/ArtMID/2926/ArticleID/13534/Linux-support-in-IDL-83.aspx>

[2] <https://idldatapoint.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/linux-support-in-idl-8-3/#comments>

[3] <http://www.exelisvis.com/Support/HelpArticles/TabId/185/ArtMID/800/ArticleID/13759/IDL-fails-to-install-on-Linux-What-to-do.aspx>

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