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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0 observations  
Posted by [jackel\[1\]](#) on Thu, 29 May 1997 07:00:00 GMT  
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In article <338DA740.7018@LaRC.NASA.gov> Joseph M Zawodny  
<J.M.Zawodny@LaRC.NASA.gov> writes:

> Early "leaks" or announcements of IDL V5 included a statement to the  
> effect that there would be "multithreading" (at least of some sort)  
> which would allow continuous access to the command line while other  
> IDL "things" were happening. Well this is not true, When IDL is  
> busy it is busy period - no response to the command line - can't even  
> type to it.

To be fair, that was referring to Widgets, which can now be run in  
non-blocking mode (or whatever it's called), so that the command line  
works while your snazzy data analysis widget is on screen. It's nice  
to have something like Xpalette running on the side while interactively  
messing around with loading images.

As for your other comments, it's true that the widget behavior has  
changed in several cases, but v4.0.1 was less than perfect under  
Win95, and some changes would be welcome. I'll reserve further  
comments until I get the "final" v5.0 (any day now?)

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