
Subject: Re: No 8.4.1 or 8.5 release announcement

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On Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 8:41:28 AM UTC-6, Niklas Keck wrote:

> That's exactly what I thought. Especially since the python bridge is a really good feature in my eyes since the implementation is so seamless. I think they should give the developers more credit by advertising the new idl version. Maybe it has something to do with the acquisition by Harris and some related restructuring..

Hi all,

Chris Torrence here. Just to clear up any speculation or confusion, there were some contractual reasons why we needed to release IDL 8.5 and ENVI 5.3 now. But the "official" release will actually be in September, and that's when we'll make an announcement and send out emails to everyone.

So just think of this as a perk for those of you who are reading our blogs and on the newsgroup. It's like being in on the kickstarter before anyone else. ;-)

As far as the docs, that has an even simpler explanation - Eduardo is our web docs guru, and he's currently on vacation. So those should be up soon.

Regarding new features, IDL 8.5 has a lot of cool stuff, including function pointers and dynamic methods, a wget function, updates to some of the new graphics, and last but not least, the IDL Python bridge! I've talked about the Python bridge before, but basically, it allows you to call PYthon code from within IDL and IDL code from within Python. It also comes with an IPython notebook kernel so you can run IDL within your web browser. It takes a bit of configuration to get it going (just like any python module) and we'll actually have some updated config information on the web page once the docs get updated.

Thanks, and enjoy!

-Chris
