
Subject: Which Operating System Am I On?
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Thanks

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In article <3ij0iq\$998@newsstand.cit.cornell.edu>, patterso@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu (Tim Patterson) writes:

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Use the system variable !VERSION

IDL> help, /structure, !VERSION

** Structure !VERSION, 3 tags, length=24:

```
ARCH      STRING  'alpha'
OS        STRING  'vms'
RELEASE   STRING  '3.6.1a'
```

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