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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 25 Jul 2011 18:09:27 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDL on Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion)

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 15 Aug 2011 19:34:08 GMT

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In article <k-bowman-9C559D.13092725072011@news.tamu.edu>, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bowman@null.edu> wrote:

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Subject: Re: IDL on Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion)

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 15 Aug 2011 20:09:14 GMT

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I installed Lion onto a system that already had IDL 8.1 on it.

I have had your problem for previous installs. I have been able to manually install, i.e., copying the idl81 directory from an IDL 8.1 installation on a different Mac. I don't think 8.1 had a UNIX installer for Mac OS X, but if it did, that might work. Not sure if this would work in this case, but might be worth a try.

Mike

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