Subject: IDL 8.2.1 released
Posted by Mark Piper on Wed, 03 Oct 2012 16:59:40 GMT
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IDL 8.2.1 is now available for download from our website, www.exelisvis.com. I've listed what's new here:

   http://idldatapoint.com/2012/10/03/idl-8-2-1-released/

and included a link to download a set of example programs.

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Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 18:07:27 GMT
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bad day, today! :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.1 released
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 18:12:36 GMT
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David Fanning writes:

> P.S. Alas, I was all set to send this message. I only had
> to confirm that getting back to my original set-up solved
> the problem. But, IDL is now hanging in trying to make the
> coyote project from the right directory. Sigh...

OK, finally got this thing unstuck and IDL restarted. I
confirm that the previous problem with Class Heirarchies
was my own damn fault! Sorry for wasting all the band width
today. :-(

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Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.1 released
Posted by Bruce Bowler on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 19:09:36 GMT

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On Thu, 04 Oct 2012 12:07:27 -0600, David Fanning wrote:

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Bruce

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Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 19:18:08 GMT

Bruce Bowler writes:

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That's what Coyote has been telling me all morning. I guess
he'll get the beer while I go out to find a new hard drive. :-(

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Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.1 released
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 05 Oct 2012 00:05:44 GMT

Mark Piper writes:

> Here's a updated version of colortable.pro:
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>   ftp://download.exelisvis.com/groups/esg/dropoff/colortable.p ro
>
> You can drop this into the lib/graphics directory of your IDL distribution.

Well, here's the problem. On Windows 7 computers, I
can't write into those directories, because I don't
own them, even though I am nominally the "administrator"
of my machine. (This is an honorary title Windows bestows
on chumps who believe they know how to manage a computer.)
I'll have to investigate how to change the file permissions,
but I believe it involves giving up claim to your first-born
son. :-(

I can, of course, save the file in a local directory

and make sure that directory is found before the IDL
lib directory is found. But, you and I both know
well enough that solutions that require users
to userstand their IDL path are not exactly
what most people refer to as "robust"! ;-)

Thanks for this!

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.1 released
Posted by Jim Pendleton on Sun, 14 Oct 2012 00:17:38 GMT
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On Thursday, October 4, 2012 6:05:52 PM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:
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If you've downloaded the file with, say, a browser that you didn't start with Admin privileges it's simple to copy the file using a Windows Explorer instance that you've started with Admin privileges.

In the most general case, go to Start/All Programs/Accessories. Right-click on the Windows Explorer icon and select "Run as administrator". You should be able to copy the downloaded file into the protected directory.

Depending on how you access the FTP site (for example through Firefox or IE), you would start up that application with admin privileges instead and you'd have write access directly.

There may be instances when you'll want to start IDL or ENVI using the same technique on Win7.

I've found this feature of Win7 to be quite useful, simple to use, and not overly egregious.