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Subject: Hearsay and rumors about IDL 5.0  
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Some stuff I heard recently:

- IDL 5.0 will be released in 4th quarter 1996
- It will include a point-and-click interface for beginners
- Printing will be simplified, more along the lines of WYSIWYG
- There will be some kind of database interface
- It will use OpenGL for 3D graphics (will use hardware if available)
- Mapping support will be improved
- Manuals will be revised
- A book on IDL is in the works

That's all I know. Remember, it's all just hearsay.

Cheers,  
Liam.

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RSI was talking about database interfaces before the release of 4.0.  
Hopefully ODBC client support will be included, since most databases support that standard regardless of what platform they run on.

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