
Subject: Re: IDL for Solaris 2.5?
Posted by [gennari](#) on Tue, 30 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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Debra L. Wilkes (dlwilkes@gamera.syr.edu) wrote:
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: to run IDL on this machine. But IDL only runs under
: Solaris 2.3. Do any of you have experience with this?
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Deb,

I am running IDLv4.0.1/ENVlv2.0 on a SPARC 20 under Solaris 2.5
with no apparent glitches.

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Subject: Re: IDL for Solaris 2.5?
Posted by [mday](#) on Wed, 31 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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Peter Clinch <p.j.clinch@dundee.ac.uk> writes:

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> Summary: no problem running IDL or Wave on an Ultra 1.

Since you mention CDE, has anyone else noticed that the IDL pickfile()
function seems to have a problem with CDE? On all of our 2.5 and
2.5.1 hosts, if an IDL program uses pickfile with a filter, and there
are no matching files in the directory that it is started in, the

"Files" field gets into weird state and won't properly display *any* filenames when you navigate into a directory with matching files. Setting the current directory to one with files that match the filter cures the problem.

I haven't submitted a bug report, because it was my experience when running IDL on 2.4, that anytime I had a display problem RSI would feel the need to inform me that 2.4 wasn't a supported OS. Since we adopted 2.5 and CDE fairly early on, I didn't need the aggravation of hearing this message again. Perhaps now there are enough 2.5 (and CDE?) users that RSI might address the problem.

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Some time ago a representative from Research Systems posted an announcement that IDL had been tested under Solaris 2.5 . We currently use IDL under 2.3 and 2.5, with no problems.

Dave Foster
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The reference to Solaris 2.3 for IDL (and Solaris 2.4 for PV~Wave) doesn't mean they won't run on other releases, but that was the release the version was developed on.

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regards, Pete.

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