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Posted by [Pirmin Kaufmann](#) on Tue, 14 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT  
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The 8.3 filename restriction was the reason why we finally got IDL for Unix instead of for Windows 95. You're not alone and may not even be in the minority!

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The partition is NTFS as you guessed. Well, this is great news! All I have to do now is move all the code I have archived away (waiting for IDL V5.0) to an NTFS partition and I can run it again. I was waiting rather than editing the code because I would have had to edit virtually every procedure. I am probably in the minority, but I like long procedure names, like WIDGET\_SELECT\_PRINTER and WIDGET\_SELECT\_FILE. These two would be represented as WIDGET\_S.PRO in a 8.3 bound FAT partition. Hence the major editing job required to fix what can only

be described as a lack of foresight and a botched release of IDL for Windows by RSI. I can only hope V5.0 will happily digest my heritage code.

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No, I was referring to the IDL V5.0 release.

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As to when will NT 5.0 be released, the answer is probably "when MS Marketing Department sees a good sales reason to make the next incremental release a major version number"... ;-)

Pete.

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What is NTFS? Can this be made to work on windows95?

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