

Subject: Dual Installation of IDL 4 and IDL 5
Posted by [Troy Richards](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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Sorry if this is a FAO

Thanks for the help, Troy

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Subject: Re: Dual Installation of IDL 4 and IDL 5
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We are able to run both versions here (Solaris 2.5), but unlike the letter which accompanies your CD-ROM disk indicates, version 5 *will* try to access the license manager if you have an old version of IDL installed. One must unset LM_LICENSE_FILE *before* invoking version 5, or one will be placed in 7 minute demo mode!

We have had compatibility problems with `map_set` because of a bug in specifying `lon>180`, but that will be fixed in the final release. Otherwise I think you should do fine with version 5. For the kind of programming I do version 5 isn't such a major release, but for

others it may address problems they have been having with version 4.01b.

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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us
with
sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use."
-Galileo
