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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0B5 comments?

Posted by [brian.jackel](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <3332B0C7.5851@ssec.wisc.edu> Liam Gumley <liam.gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> writes:

> Does anyone have any comments on the IDL 5.0B5 pre-release?

Sure. I've been trying to keep track of my complaints/compliments, my notes so far can be found in

[http://zippy.physics.uwo.ca/idl/notes/idl50\\_preview.html](http://zippy.physics.uwo.ca/idl/notes/idl50_preview.html)

Please note that many of the comments are Windows95 specific, although there are notes which will be of general interest. Also, this are just my initial reactions, not a detailed test of every feature.

Brian Jackel

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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0B5 comments?

Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Liam Gumley wrote:

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> Does anyone have any comments on the IDL 5.0B5 pre-release?

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> Cheers,

> Liam.

yeah, it does not look much different in terms of capabilities from v.4.

At least (most for me) the long file names is available on windows95

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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0B5 comments?

Posted by [Jack Saba](#) on Mon, 24 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Liam Gumley wrote:

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> Does anyone have any comments on the IDL 5.0B5 pre-release?

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> Cheers,  
> Liam.

In the Jan 1997 !News, David Stern is quoted:

...IDL 5.0 must be backward-compatible with earlier IDL programs.  
We are taking extra steps during development to ensure  
compatibility with IDL 4.0.1 applications.

Unfortunately, our initial testing shows some things that are not  
compatible. The most glaring is a graphics application in which the map  
comes out upside down in IDL 5.

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