
Subject: should I get Mac IDL 4 or 5?

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Hi,

I want to get IDL for the Mac, since it's cheap for CU students. Now, I can only get one release, either IDL 4 or 5. And some people have complained about the stability of IDL5 for the Mac--tends to crash machines (even with OS8) and so forth. I'm not really using the new features of IDL5 right now, although in theory it would be nice to have 5 for consistency with the unix boxes at work. So are the complaints justified? Does RSI ever release bug fixes? And which version should I get?

Thanks for your comments,
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