Getting your own copy of IDL

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Download the IDL 8.2 software from

http://www.exelisvis.com/Downloads/ProductDownloads.aspx

which requires that you create an account on that page and then follow up. The company (Exelis VS) will send you an email of confirmation with a web link that you need to click.

If you don't seem to get that Exelis email, it is usually because your email program mistakenly routed it to your "Junk" or "Spam" mailbox; you should check those mailboxes.

After confirming the new Exelis account from that email, it takes from 2 to 72 hours (depending on time of day, weekends, holidays, and planetary alignment) for the new account to be approved and become active. At that point, it is possible to log on (again) to the above site and actually be able to use the "Download IDL" link.

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Once IDL is downloaded & installed on a computer, you can use it to determine the computer's unique "host ID" which is needed for generating a license file. Instructions about this will be sent to each student.

You should have received the following e-mail:

For use with ASTR 2600, OIT is waiving the usual \$15 fee so that you can get a free IDL license for your computer. See

http://spot.colorado.edu/~sitelic/idl/request/2600/ *NOTE: You must request a license by October 5th*

for instructions about how to download the software onto your personal computer, and for a simple request form for a license.

The size of the IDL 8.2 package you must download is about 500MB.

When I get your request, I use the information (hostID, OS, hostname) to generate and email a special license file. You can copy/paste the text of the license into the IDL License Wizard window, and start using IDL.

- Bruce Fast Site Licensing, OIT sitelic@colorado.edu, 303-492-8995