
Subject: Re: Breakdown after 10 min: IDL + WinNT
Posted by [Andy Bristow](#) on Wed, 15 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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Nigel Wade wrote:

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> David Fanning wrote:
>> [a typical Windows experience...]
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>> AAAAAAuuuuuughhhh!
>> Cheers,
>> David
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> Don't you just love Windows (What would you like to re-install today?).
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>> P.S. Let's just say I'm reading Linux books even as
>> we speak. :-(

Forget the books. Grab RedHat 6.1 and go. You won't regret it.

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> Ah, you like resolving the problems of running libc5 executables on a
> libc6 system? Interesting (in a Chinese sort of way).

How about avoiding such problems by never running libc5 exes on a libc6 system? IDL works just fine. I've not found a problem with anything else I use.

> Linux also has it's own little quirks. Like trying to find the correct
> monitor/video settings to get X to run in 24 bit colour on an LCD
> panel...

X setup on a non-standard machine (e.g. laptop) can occaisinally be "not for the faint-hearted". Mostly, I've not had problems, especially with newer distributions.

And I'm more than happy to trade in a little set-up time for a stable, reliable platform, that doesn't require a reboot every 10*RANDOMU(seed) hours.

Andy
