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Subject: Re: IDL problem under Mandrake Linux  
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Nick Bower wrote:

> so what version of glibc does 7.2 use? (7.1 uses 2.1.3 of course).  
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> i'm glad I saw this - I'm a 7.1 user and won't upgrade now.  
>

Feel free to upgrade. Mandrake 7.2 is compatible with IDL 5.21, 5.3 and 5.4 in

medium security mode, but not in high security mode. High security mode uses libsafe to protect against exploits in such libc routines as gets() and scanf().

Apparently there's an incompatibility which renders IDL incapable of parsing integer constants typed into the command line.

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> BTW - did you have font problems using 7.1? I've had to put:  
>  
> widget\_control, default\_font = \$  
> '-adobe-helvetica-medium-r-\*-\*\*-\*\*-\*-\*-\*-\*-\*'  
>  
> in an IDL startup file and  
>  
> Idl\*fontList: -adobe-helvetica-medium-r-\*-\*\*-\*\*-\*-\*-\*-\*-\*  
>  
> in .Xdefaults since the generic 13x7 fonts weren't available in the 7.1 font  
> server.  
>

Nope, no font problems for me in Mandrake 7.1 or 7.2. But then again, I almost never use IDLDE, being much more comfortable with the excellent idlwave-mode for emacs

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