Subject: Re: LINUX version of IDL

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YES!! I agree. I discussed this with some of the tech support and other RSI contacts. The basic response that I received was that if enough people request it, then they will extend to that platform. At the time (a few months back) a couple of people that I talked with mentioned that they had a few requests.

Regarding the stability of Linux: We have had an installation running continuously for around 65 days (as of today, and it keeps ticking:-)

From my experience of porting software to Linux I can't imagine too much difficulty in the process (and I do physics by trade :-). The only real question that RSI should have in front of them at the moment re: IDL and Linux is the cost of support for an additional version.

Personally I would prefer a Pentium 90 running Linux over a Sparc 5 any day- but only if I had IDL for Linux installed on it.

Regards, -Steve Stephen L. Mahan phone- 615-974-7847 Graduate Research Fellow fax- 615-974-7843 Department of Physics and Astronomy email- smahan@utk.edu University of Tennessee, Knoxville : Yes! : Since starting to work with Linux, that was something I had in my mind. : Meanwhile Linux is definitely stable enough, and other companies are : starting to port their software (e.g. Maple V). Maybe that will persuade : RSI to do the port? : I only see one major Problem: IDL's pricings are quite high, and a lot of : the Linux users prefer cheap or free software. (Maple has a special-priced : offer for a limited time. Would be a good idea for IDL, too). On the other : hand, a lot of intitutes are starting to switch to Pentium-based Linux : workstations, so I would assume a big upcomming market from that side. : And, at last, I would be willing to buy an Linux-IDL, as I do nearly : everything with it here at work. Peter ------ Peter 'PIT' Suetterlin ------

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